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Houses for Wattville

By Mzikayise Edom
AN ACCOMMODATION problem in Wattville, near Benoni could be solved within the next two years if all goes according to plan.

At present there are about 400 families on the housing waiting list in the area and there is no land to build any new houses. No new houses have been erected in Wattville since 1955

Mr J M Moalafi, deputy chairman of the Wattville Community Council, said yesterday that for the past three

years, they have been negotiating with Erab and the Government to obtain the land on the eastern side of the township to build 200 new houses and a men's hostel, but so far, there has been no progress

Mr Moalafi also said that they approached, as a last resort the Daveyton Community Council for help and that they have sent them their housing waiting list for assistance regarding accommodation

Mr Thom Boya, chairman of the Davey-

ton Community Council, said that they were, at present, busy studying the Wattville Council's request. He said that, if all goes well, all the 400 families who are on the waiting list in Wattville, would be accommodated on the 6 400 sites the council recently obtained from the Government

He said the council was busy developing the sites and that, if all goes according to plan, the site and service scheme would be introduced early next year

Barry to be

By MZIKAYISE EDM

THE Barry Marais Drive, also known as the "Vosloorus death road," which has claimed more than 20 lives in the past two years, will be reconstructed within the next few weeks and this is definite.

The East Rand Administration Board (Erab) announced yesterday that they were now definitely going to



Plan for (127) Tsakane

THE EAST Rand Administration Board (Erab) will start accommodating the first fifty families living in the shanty town on the outskirts of Tsakane, near Brakpan, before the end of the year.

About 400 families are presently living in the shanty town known as Kwavezi. Erab had evidently told them earlier this year, that the earliest the board could provide them with their own houses was in 1984.

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JEWELLERS AND GOLDSMITHS UNION

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for tenants

DEBRA CLEVELAND explains why their building will be demolished

THE 50 tenants of Irol Mansions in central Johannesburg are still blissfully unaware that their block is to be demolished to make way for Southern Sun's mammoth new R100-million hotel, shopping and parking complex

Because of the critical shortage of accommodation in the city, they may have to join the almost endless queues outside letting agents' offices

However Federated Property Trust, which now owns the property, has given an

assurance that none of them will be left homeless

Managing director Mr Noel Mills said "This a long-term plan and the building will not be demolished for a couple of years yet."

Asked for a more specific date, he said Irol Mansions would be demolished when the "time is ripe", but residents would have at least another year before being told their time was up

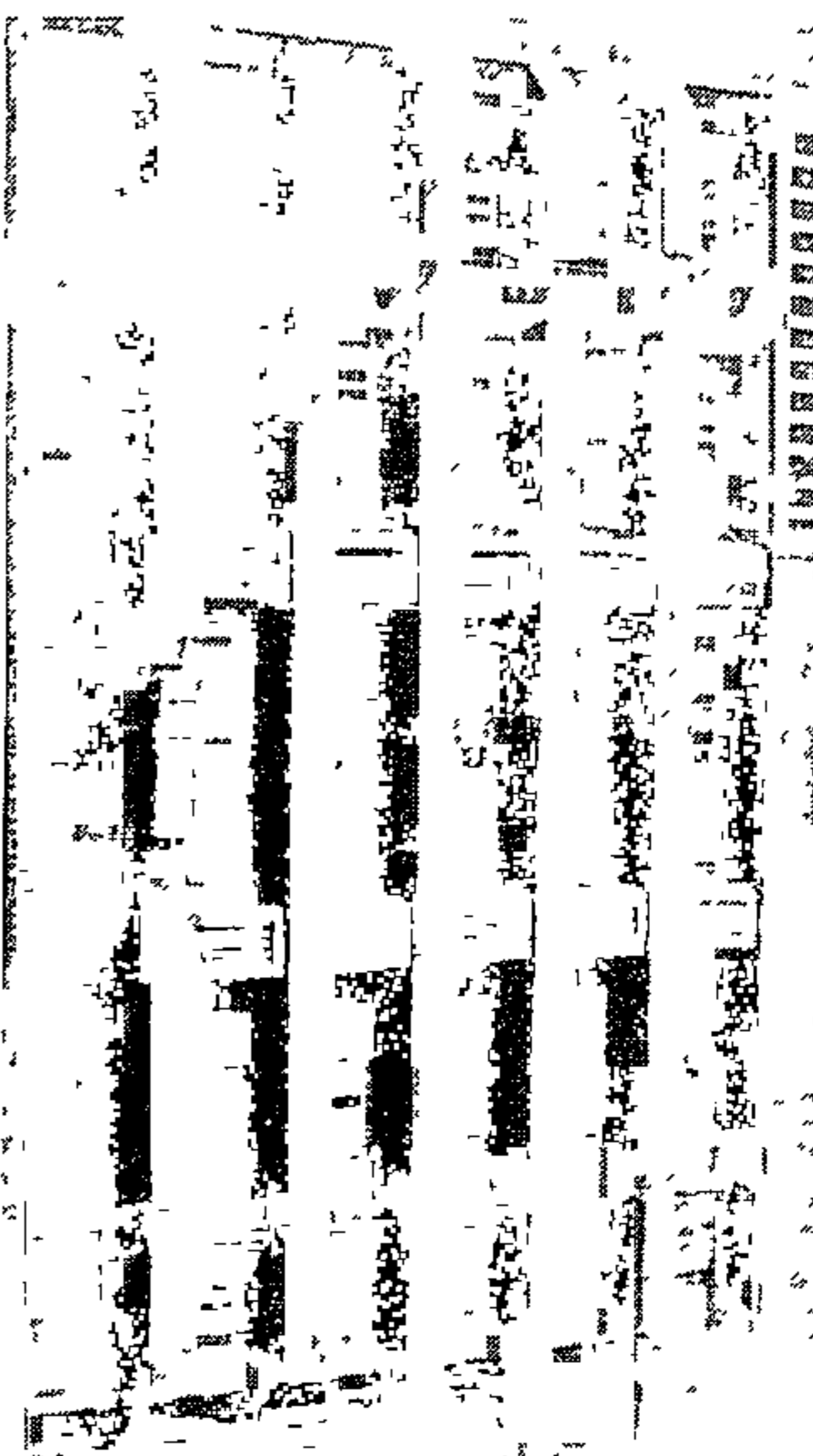
"I can give a firm undertaking that we will look after the tenants. Our firm controls a number of blocks of flats, and we have business friends who do the same, so

other accommodation will be provided"

Asked if the alternative accommodation would be at similar rentals, he replied "We have not given all that much attention to detail because it is still years away, but I promise that nobody will be left in the street"

He said the Irol Mansions deal involved about R450 000

The massive new complex, complete with a lake, was a secret project until it was revealed in the Sunday Express just over a month ago. It will be an extension to Towers Hotel, run by



The doomed Irol Mansions to be demolished in a few years to make way for the R100-million Southern Sun Hotels flagship in the city centre
Picture by GREG ENGLISH

Southern Sun, and will include a hotel tower with 700 rooms and an extra 5 000m² for restaurants conference rooms and public facilities

Southern Sun plans to start building early in 1983, and the project will take three years to complete

The Johannesburg City Council turned down two major schemes for the redevelopment of the defunct Von Brandis parking garage

A multimillion-rand office, shop and parking com-

plex financed by the Finanskongrupp in conjunction with a garage-operating company, Motorpark

The complex was to have had underground parking for 330 cars and ground-level shops

Above these were to be six stores of offices, and then another six floors of luxury apartments

A multimillion-rand office and parking development, mainly for the Johannesburg Society of Advocates and its members

forward by a Johannesburg architect on behalf of influential consortium of investors, was to have included parking for 780 cars in the basement and on four upper levels

Johannesburg City Councilor Les Dinsay, who has been pressing for the redevelopment of the site for some time, said the Southern Sun project was obviously the best choice for bringing people back to the city centre

Hoteliers want to attract the holidaying families

A NEW scheme is being considered to entice families back to holidaying at hotels — the non-licensed type of establishment like the pensions in Europe

The idea was raised at the Federated Hotel Associations of South Africa (Fedhasa) annual meeting at Port Elizabeth last month. She was only meant to go to America for a few months but she now wants to stay. I think simply won't hear of it.

But Charmaine's father, Mr Freddie Gale, United States, will have to convince her family that she should return to the US after holidaying in South Africa.

to a one-star hotel without a liquor licence

"Taking away the licence will make it

Sunday Express Reporter

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Sowetan

More homes for Alex

By NKOPANE
MAKOBANE

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THE BUILDING of the first 79 sub-economic houses in Alexandra is to start any day from now.

Mr Gert Steyn the chief township manager

last week told **The SO-WETAN** that the houses were part of the first phase of a plan to redevelop the area. He said it is hoped they would be complete by the end of August.

He gave assurance that people living in the

area between 10th and 12th Avenues would not be forced to move out because of the planned erection of a school and sports complex in the area.

If we do remove them we must find a place for

them that is why we are building these houses he said.

Mr Steyn said the erection of a new high school and the sports complex would start as soon as the people have been moved to the new houses.

Loans may combat overcrowding

**By SINNAH KUNENE
OVERCROWDED** families living in two- or three-roomed houses in Soweto can apply for loans from the West Rand Administration Board to extend their houses.

When interviewed by The SOWETAN on the problem of overcrowding in relation to the demolition of shacks in the township chairman of the Soweto Council Mr David Thebehali said last week it was not necessary for residents to resort to shacks.

Mr Thebehali warned that the City Health Department may clamp

down on any form of building that has not been made of bricks. He added that even the tidy looking 'zozos' made of asbestos or hardboard were an illegal construction.

Other families have built tin and corrugated iron shacks in the backyard with more than three families sharing a tap and toilet he went on.

He revealed that the council needs R170-million for building 15 000 new houses. It has, however, embarked on a new scheme involving the conversion of the present matchbox

houses into bigger houses. Already 10 houses in Orlando East are in the pipeline.

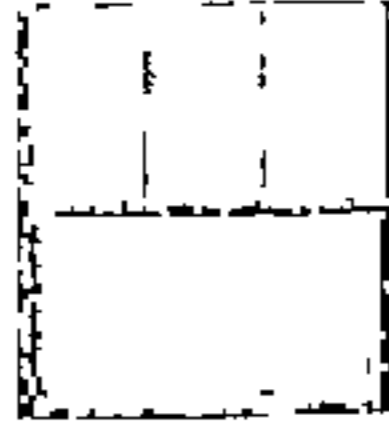
Mr Thebehali added that it was also possible to convert a two-roomed into a three-roomed house in that area.

Asked about big poverty-stricken families, Mr Thebehali said they could be attended to, if they reported to the chamber. He gave an example of a family of 45 which we allocated into three separate houses.

"In fact, we have since discovered that most of the people who lived in the shacks were

not legal tenants. Some are hostel inmates who have moved in with their families. Our investigation also discovered that people were being exploited some paying up to R100 rental for a backyard shack. In Orlando the number of landlords was on the increase, as they put up shacks for rental and share the money with the pensioned tenants.

Twenty-five Soweto families have already occupied the new houses in Chiawelo Extension despite the fact that the rent is still unknown.



ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTION A tidy looking "zozo".

Interdict sought to prevent evictions

By MZIKAYISE EDOM
THE Wattville Development Project (WDP) is seeking an urgent court interdict stopping the East Rand Administration Board from evicting 48 inmates of the Wattville men's hostel and turning their rooms into police barracks.

A spokesman for WDP said last week that they have already approached lawyers in Johannesburg with the intention of applying for a court interdict preventing the board from evicting the inmates and housing their policemen

in the rooms. Some few months back, the board sent out notices to the 48 inmates living in four cottages informing them that they will have to move out of their rooms and make way for about 50 policemen working for the board.

They were also informed that they will be squeezed into other rooms in the hostel. The 48 inmates have vowed that they will not move an inch until alternative accommodation has been found for all of them. The organisation's

spokesman said that a few weeks ago, its organisation met Erab officials and discussed the eviction of the inmates. But the officials were "tough on their stand" that they were going ahead with the proposed police barracks and that the inmates have to move out at the end of the month.

He said: "We tried to reason with the officials that the hostel was presently overcrowded and that squeezing the 48 into the already overcrowded rooms was risking turning the place into a health hazard."

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KwaThema residents demand more houses

THE newly formed KwaThema Home Seekers and Lodgers Permit Holders' Union will submit a memorandum to the East Rand Administration Board (Erab) within the next few weeks, demanding the immediate building of new houses in the area.

This decision was taken at a meeting held at the KwaThema Civic Centre at the weekend. The meeting was called by homeless families in the area to discuss the

acute shortage of houses in the township.

More than 500 residents will ask the board to be allowed to erect backyard shacks in the area as an alternative form of accommodation.

The residents also decided not to consult the KwaThema Community Council on any matters affecting housing until a new community council was elected in September.

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Bleak future for family of 10

A TEMBISA family of ten face a bleak future as the house they had occupied for 17 years was recently put on auction sale.

The Runqus at 48 Wela Molapo Section will today spend their fifth night in the open following an eviction on Sunday by a local businessman who claimed ownership of the house.

According to the tenant, Mrs Andrinah Runqu, 56, the businessman raided her home accompanied by a group of knobkierie-wielding men and threw out some of her furniture.

The same man is reported to have locked the house two weeks ago, but the Runqu family daringly forced

By SINNAH KUNENE

their way back in. They told The SOWETAN that the mystery of their home started a few months ago, when they received an arrears letter from the administration board offices.

"The superintendent refused to take our payment on several occasions, and the rental had since accumulated to R160," Mrs Runqu said.

The Chief Director of the East Rand Administration Board (Erab), Mr F E Marx told The SOWETAN the house



HOME: Two of the Runqu children in the mother's "bed-room" — a table covered with corrugated iron and heavy blankets.

Bid (127)

to SOWETAN scrap rent hike

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By MZIKAYISE
EDOM

THE THEMBISA branch of the Inkatha Movement hopes to meet the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, next month in a bid to have the R1 rent increase, which was introduced in April, scrapped.

Rent in the area was increased by R1 on April 1 by the Thembisa Community Council. Announcing the increase, Mr L E Nhlapo, the deputy chairman of the Thembisa Council, said rents in the township had to be increased because the council had embarked on a five-year electricity master plan which would be completed in 1986 — if all went according to plan.

Mr Nhlapo had told The SOWETAN that, in order to cover costs of the electricity project, the council had no alternative but to increase the rent by R1. He also said that for the next four years rent in the township would be increased by R1 a year and that there was no way the council could avoid the increases because this would adversely affect the electricity project.

Mr Andries Kheswa, chairman of the Thembisa branch of Inkatha, said yesterday that they had tried on many occasions in the past to meet the council and discuss the increases, but the council had failed to meet them, stating that they were not prepared to meet a body like Inkatha to discuss any matters affecting the residents.

He said: "We have asked Dr Koornhof to meet us next month to discuss the possibility of having this year's rent increase and the planned rent increases in future years to be scrapped. We are only prepared to have rent increases on condition that the standard of our living is improved, because, presently, our streets are bad, we have no street lights and this contributes a lot to the present high rate of crime in the area."

Mr Kheswa said that if their plan to meet Dr Koornhof failed the matter could end in court.

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*7 Mr S P BARNARD asked the Minister of Transport Affairs †

Whether the South African Transport Services recently provided accommodation to Black employees on its site at Sentrand, if so (a) to how many Black



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employees and (b) what is the cost of the accommodation per person?

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

No, but a hostel to accommodate approximately 1 300 Black employees is at present being built and should be completed by 31 January 1983

Chiawelo rentals ⁽¹²⁷⁾ Sowetan 11/6/82 decision pending

The Soweto Council has not yet decided on the rent for the 800 low-cost houses in Chiawelo Extension 3, although the township's residents have already started paying a suggested R185 monthly rental.

Mr J G Jacobs, the council's deputy chief executive officer, told The SOWETAN this week that his council was still waiting for a final decision from the Department of Co-operation and Development.

"We haven't reached a final decision as yet although the residents are expected to pay R185 a month rent. They will be refunded should we decide on a rent lesser than the present one," Mr Jacobs added.

The Soweto Council sparked controversy last month when it announced that monthly rentals for the five-roomed houses would be R185, excluding electricity and water charges. It said the escalation of building costs was the cause of the high rent.

Meanwhile residents interviewed by The SOWETAN said they had started paying their rent, "although we are hoping that the council will reverse their decision."

One resident said council officials had told her the houses would be sold in the near future and that the R185 monthly rental was temporary. In addition, she said, she was required to pay water bills.

Erab fails to honour promise

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THE East Rand Administration Board (ERAB) has not erected a single house on the East Rand during the current financial year, despite the substantial amount of capital they received from the Department of Community Development two months ago.

The board had applied to the Department of Community Development last year for funds to build about 16 000 new houses on the East Rand, estimated to cost about R33-m. Early in April the board was granted a substantial amount by the Department to build more houses in the area.

The chief director of the board, Mr F E Marx, has been promising for the past two months that the executive committee of the board would meet to discuss how the money should be distributed to all the 14 townships in the area. But this has not happened, and residents have threatened to build backyard shacks as alternative accommodation.

Recently the board also succeeded in obtaining about R10-m from two leading commercial banks in the country to build houses on the East Rand, to strengthen the present electricity current in Davyton and Vosloorus and to electrify Katlehong, KwaThema and Tembisa. To date, the board has not yet distributed any money to these townships.

Last month, Mr Marx promised that the board would start building new houses early this month. Nothing has happened. He declined to reveal how much the board had been granted by the Department of Community Development, but he said they had received a substantial amount — enough to build more than 10 000 houses —

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People

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sleeping

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● Petra Erasmus and two of her children — Mark, five, and Albie, six — in their tiny central Johannesburg room shared by her husband and other two children
Picture: DENIS FARRELL

ONE ROOM, TWO BEDS FOR MUM, DAD AND FOUR CHILDREN

BY DEBRA CLEVELAND

THE Erasmus family sleeps in relays because the only home they can find is a single room in central Johannesburg.

Aubrey Erasmus and his three schoolgoing children sleep by night. His wife Petra and their youngest child sleep by day.

Aubrey and Petra and

their children have lived in this small room for the past two months. They've tried almost every letting agent in town — but can't find a flat.

"Aubrey and the three older children sleep from about 9pm to 6am then Mark, five, and I sleep from noon until the kids get back from school," Petra said this week.

The family eats, sleeps and washes in the same room — part of a block called Mitherd Court in Kerk Street which has 49 rooms and communal bathrooms at the end of the passages.

The two beds are crammed into the room, as well as a table holding a two-plate cooker, milk, food and

all the plates, pots and pans the family owns.

With only one communal bathroom for the ground floor, the Erasmuses do all their washing at the room's hand-basin, the only privacy being a cupboard pushed in front of it.

The youngest child never goes outside except when the family is together at weekends. Neither does Petra, who spends all her time inside the tiny room sleeping, cooking the family's meals and doing the washing which is hung up on lines stretching across the room.

"It's terrible living here — there is no room to do anything. You can't move because it's too small and the kids fight far more now than they used to."

"You can't live here at weekends because everyone gets drunk and rowdy. They sound as if they're breaking the building up," Petra said. Compared to the Erasmuses' previous home — their mother-in-law's house in Vereeniging which was sold a few months ago — living in their tiny room is hell, especially as they can afford to live somewhere better.

Aubrey Erasmus is a fitter and, according to his wife, earns about R600 a month. At present they pay R48 a month for their room.

Petra says she can sleep even while the two youngest children are playing and chattering in the daytime and through all the noise from other residents who are at home during normal working hours.

When we arrived to interview her she was sleeping although the two small boys — one of whom had chickenpox — were playing and listening to music from the TV

and people were constantly walking along the passage, talking loudly and using the bathroom which is next to the Erasmuses' room.

"I'm so used to it now that I can sleep through anything but I don't know how much longer we can live like this. We have been looking for a flat in central Johannesburg because it is cheaper but would be glad of accommodation anywhere."

"All the landlords we have seen so far have refused us because of the children. Nobody seems to want so many children in flats now."

Councillor (27)
14/6/82
lives in home
Sowetan
after eviction

A COUNCILLOR who has, on several occasions, "saved" a Tembisa family from being evicted has now occupied the house.

Councillor S Siyotula of Jyane Section told The SOWETAN that he bought the house at an auction conducted in September last year.

The Runqu family, who were tenants for 17 years, were last week evicted by the councillor.

Mr Siyotula said he had bought the house not as a councillor but as anybody who wanted a house. He claimed the family had been in arrears with their rent and had made no effort to pay.

UBS brings luxury homes to Vosloorus

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By JIM CANE

THE UBS Development Corporation, in conjunction with Bester Woningen (Edms) Bpk, has completed 54 of 100 houses in the black township of Vosloorus, near Boksburg

The homes at Vosloorus have been built on land supplied by the East Rand Administration Board, and the prices, R18 500 to R27 000, include the costs of all connections and incidental expenses such as valuation fees and legal expenses.

Building at Vosloorus only started in January and the remainder of the 100 homes should be finished by the end of June, Mr Piet Fourie, a general manager of the society said

Mr Fourie said a total of 844 building sites throughout the country had already been allocated to the Development Corporation by administration boards, 420 homes had been built and another 180 were in the course of construction

The homes at Vosloorus are being built to a high standard, although the stands are rather small

They have a lounge, up to four bedrooms, a kitchen and a bathroom with toilet. Some have separate dining rooms

All rooms, except for the kitchens and bathrooms which have vinyl tiles, are carpeted. Electric stoves and hot water geysers have been installed.

All the houses have tiled roofs and are fully fenced.

Yesterday two Vosloorus policemen and their families proudly showed us their new homes.

Detective-Sergeant Francis Mofokeng and his wife Maria were busy hanging curtains but Warrant-Officer Government Marasela had already moved in with his wife Theodora and their six children.

W/O Marasela said he was very proud that

the police, like other State employers, had made it possible for their employees to own their own homes

He issued a challenge to public sector employers to do the same for their staff

Many of the families who have moved to Vosloorus have bought their homes with loans of higher than the normal maximum of 80% of valuation, with the help of guarantees from their employers

As required by the Building Societies' Act of 1965 (as amended), a deposit with the society of 50% of the amount over the normal maximum has to be made by the employer

Private companies, except where well known to the society, must normally make a deposit of the whole amount over the normal maximum advance

Government departments, though, help their employees by merely guaranteeing the loan

These facilities are also available to suitable white applicants, a UBS spokesman said yesterday

A recent change of legislation has enabled the building societies' development corporations to obtain land in black areas on which they can have homes erected for sale at a later date

Although the legislation is not yet in force, special permission was given to the UBS and will be considered for other bodies, the spokesman said

Permission was given by the Director General of Cooperation and Development

The land, though, must first be subdivided and designated for home building under the 99-year leasehold scheme

Mr Fourie said "The UBS Development Corporation is actively seeking more building sites so as to continue expanding its operations in this field"



Workers erect a fence round one of the big new houses in Vosloorus township

Company loses ⁽¹²⁷⁾ thousands in ^{Soweto} Soweto housing scheme

By JOSHUA
RABOROKO

THE South African Permanent Development Corporation is to lose more than R100 000 on the 24 houses it has built in Soweto's Pimville, Zone Seven.

The corporation's assistant manager, Mr Johan Billman, told The SOWETAN yesterday the reason for this "substantial loss" could be attributed to the failure to make proper surveys before embarking on the project

The houses were initially priced between R36 000 for small ones and R46 000 for larger ones, but following large-scale reluctance to buy from would-be-homeowners the prices were brought down to R8 000 and R10 000 respectively

Since the slashing of the prices, only five of the cluster-form units have been occupied since last year

He also explained the corporation had thought that blacks would like the idea of the townhouses, but "it has become clear to us that blacks are not ready for townhouses and we have learnt a lesson."

The corporation, a property-development division of the SA Permanent Society, had inherited the township project from the Urban Foundation

We are going to embark on a new project and we hope to exhibit five different types of units," Mr Billman said

The corporation would probably learn from a questionnaire about the sort of houses that blacks wanted and once this had been completed "we shall build more homes in Soweto "

A spokesman for the West Rand Administration Board said residents were not in favour of the houses, probably because of the high prices

However, Mr Billman said in future they would first have to do research before building any sort of houses in black residential areas

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Hostel inmates angered by power failure

By MONK NKOMO

ABOUT 1 000 Saulsville hostel inmates, who suffered a major electrical-power failure on Monday night, have threatened to smash all the windows of the buildings should the incident occur again. The SOWETAN was told yesterday.

About 1 000 men staying in blocks W1, W2, W3 and Y confronted the local administration board police after a power failure at about 6 o'clock on Monday night. Their representative, councillor H Nchabeleng, said the men had just started cooking when the light went off

He added "They were angry and demanded an explanation from the police. They threatened to smash all the windows should there be another power failure in future. The men were fed up because some of them had just put mealie-meal in their pots when the incident occurred".

At the council's monthly meeting yesterday, Mr Tshabalala warned "Let them just break one window and they are all gone. The whole township is experiencing constant power failures and that does not give the hostel inmates a licence to threaten us".

Asked how they would alleviate the problem

of power cuts, community council leaders said a substantial amount of money had already been set aside to develop the present electricity network.

- In another move, a delegation of three community councillors has been appointed to meet with the local South African Police following the reign of terror conducted by the notorious Zebra Gang. The meeting followed a letter of complaint from the director of business undertakings, who feared that the gang might eventually "harm the image of our product, Zebra Beer, because of the name they have adopted".

Kids hack e to death

17-year-old form four student Collen Motlamme, who died at Baragwanath Hospital this week after he was stabbed.

The students had earlier attacked another man from the same zone who they claimed had been directly responsible for the death. But the man was rescued by police patrolling the area before the mob could assault him.

Miss Ellen Kgama, the dead man's sister, said her brother, well-known in social circles as a member of the Amica stockvel group, died because he expelled Collen after he had taken shelter in a house in which they were holding a party.

Makgotla evict Jabavu family



KICKED OUT: Mrs Margaret Ntuli, (in black jersey) and sympathisers.

DAVID Thebehali's All Nation Party evicted a divorcee out of house number 977A White City Jabavu last Sunday.

Mrs Margaret Ntuli (60), who divorced her husband five years ago, will today spend her sixth night in the biting cold, with her four children and two grandchildren.

Mrs Ntuli told The SOWETAN that makgotla men threw them out of the house at

about 7:30am. She claims to have lost R135, a radio and other valuables during the raid.

She was given no reasons, she said, and added that she was not in arrears with her rent.

Mrs Ntuli said her husband left for Natal five years ago after their divorce. He came back last year and wanted to move into the house, but she reported him to the superintendent's office.

"I never heard from him until Sunday when I was thrown out of the house I occupied for so many years."

The chairman of the Soweto Council, Mr David Thebehali yesterday told The SOWETAN that his makgotla men were carrying out instructions from the "legal tenant of the house, Mr Joseph Ntuli."

"The council allocated the house to him long ago, and it made it clear to her in February this year that she had to vacate the house."

Soweto man given the boot

By SELLO RABOTHATA

A SOWETO family was yesterday evicted from the house they have been occupying for the past eleven years, because the rightful owner died nine years ago.

Mr Sipho Sukazi said he arrived at his 1228a Zola North house after work and found all his belongings outside and the house locked.

Mr Sukazi, who claims a local community councillor, Mr Mthembu, is behind the move to evict him, said "I lived with my uncle as a lodger until his death and I have been paying rent in his name all this time. I was told to fix my qualification to enable me to live here and now that I have done it they have evicted me."

Mr Sukazi said after he had fixed his qualifications the councillor and the superintendent were no longer interested in giving him the house as they had promised. He said he had never owed rent.

"I am taking legal action against these men because I was not even served with an eviction order. All they did was take all my belongings out in my absence. My lawyers said they could do nothing until an order was served. In the meantime I am going to defy these men and stay on in the house."

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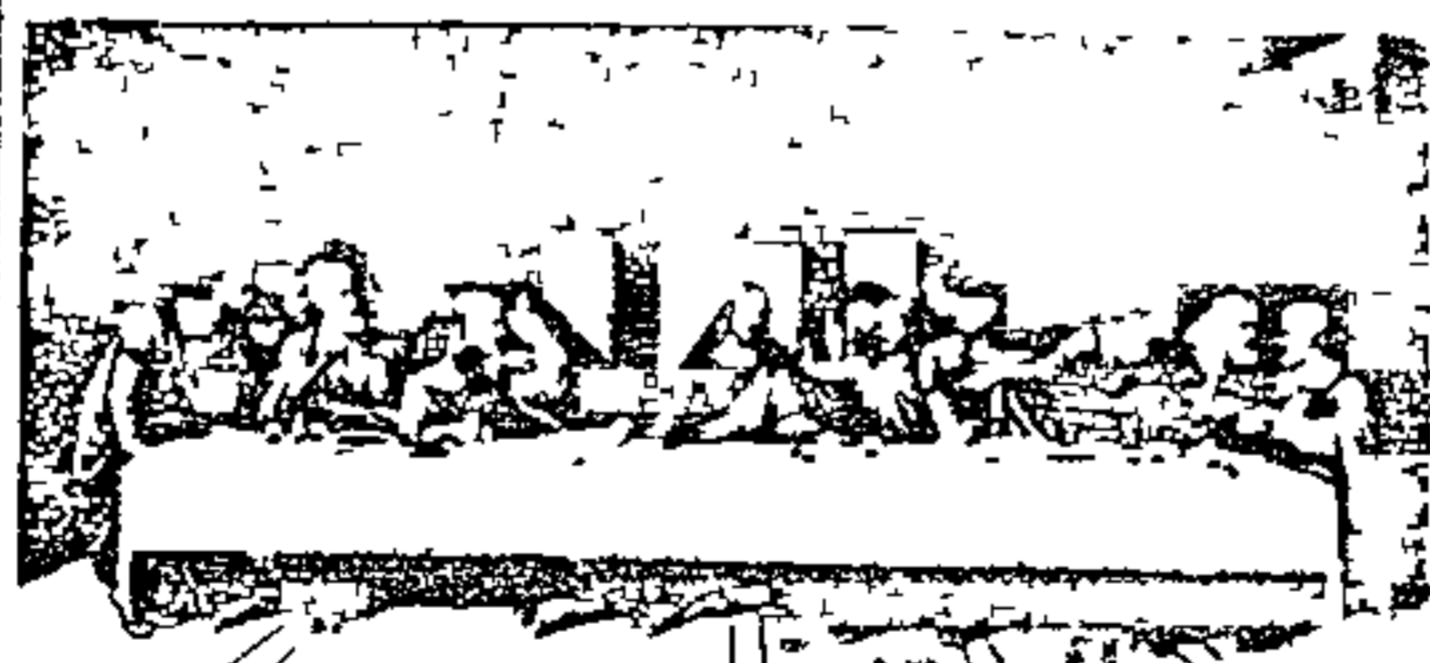
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Pageview and Fordsburg, once the home of Johannesburg's Indian community is now in the process of being transformed into a low-cost white housing project under the banner of the Department of Community Development.

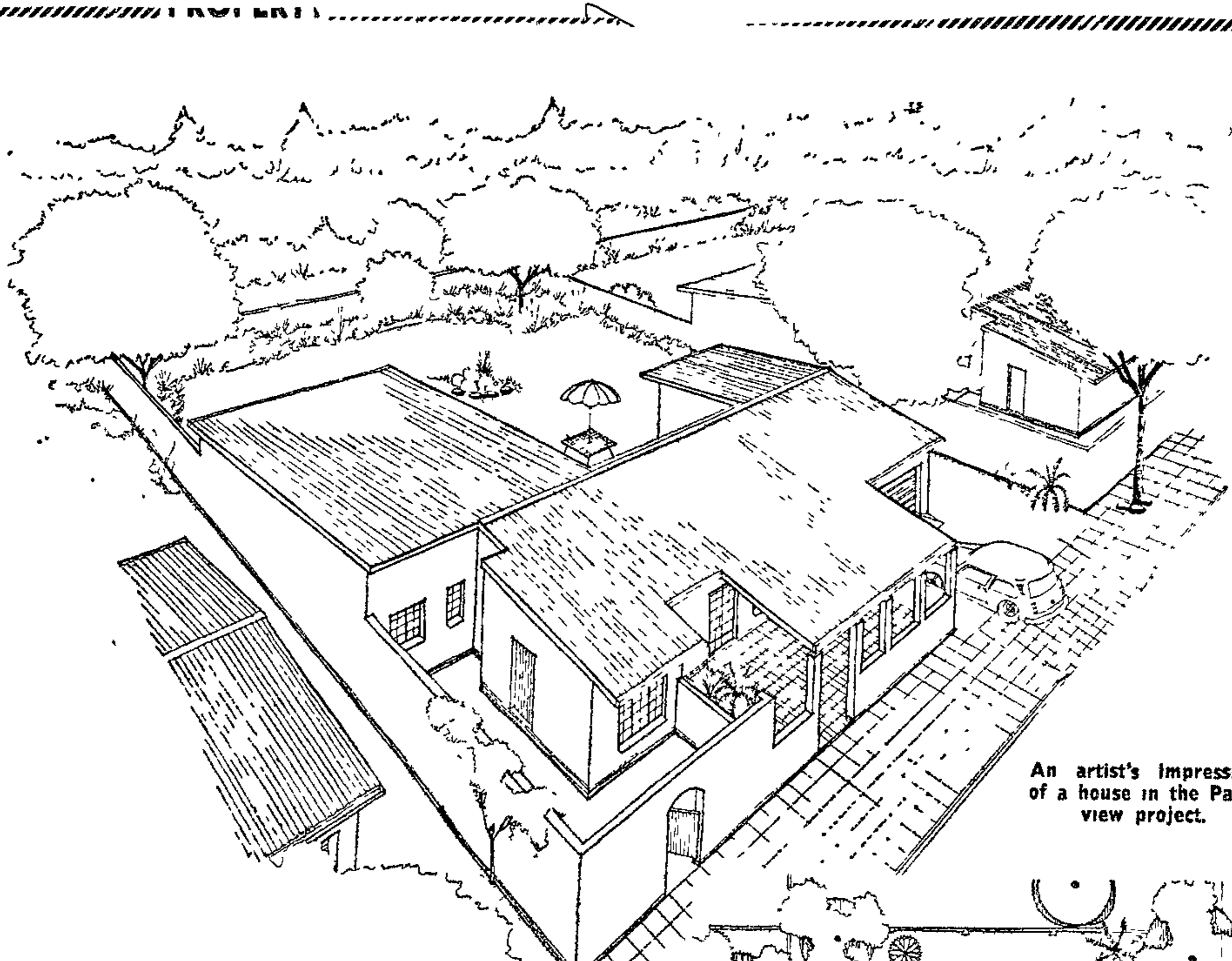
The first phase of the development is now under way with the Schachat Cullum group building 46 homes at a total contract cost of R1,5 million, or R34 300 each. The homes are in a variety of styles and the area is being earmarked for a further 145

houses under the department's programme for the area

Six months ago, the remaining 90 families in Pageview were given notice

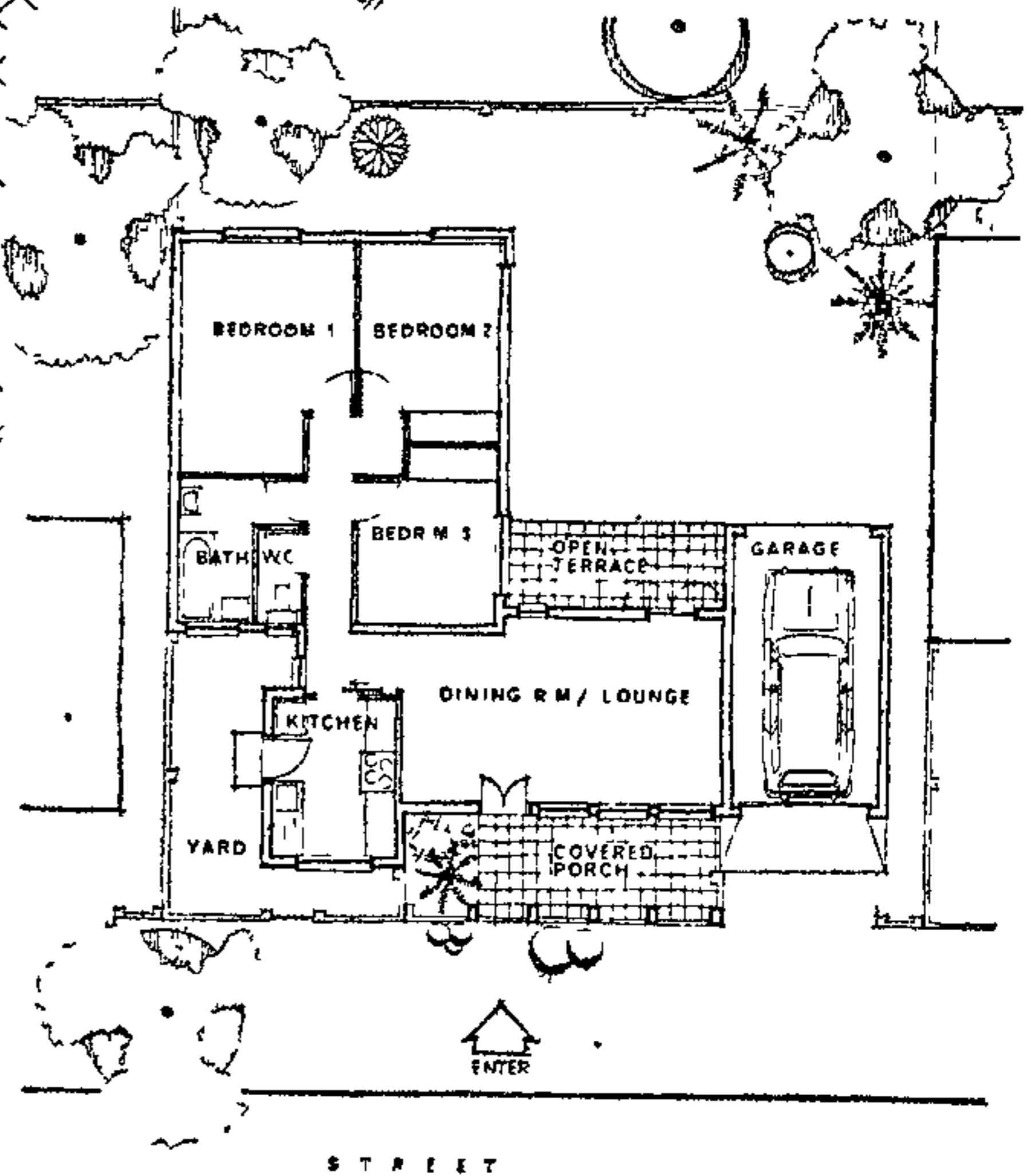
to quit by the end of February and a department spokesman emphasised that homes elsewhere had been provided

Last year the department offered Pageview residents more than 100 homes in Lenasia, 35 km south of Johannesburg



An artist's impression of a house in the Pageview project.

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'Stop rent increase' plea turned down

Pretoria Bureau

THE Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr George V de Morrison, has turned down a plea by the Mamelodi Community Council on increased rents in the township

Mr W M Aphane, chairman of the council, said the meeting last week between the council and Dr de Morrison was fruitless

The Government increased monthly house rentals in Mamelodi by R16 a month. The first phase of the increase came into effect in April while the second is to be implemented in October

"As a council we were told we have no case. We were told that the residents were paying the increased rents and there was no trouble," Mr Aphane said

"Dr Morrison told us there was no point in seeing the Minister, Dr Piet Koornhof. We were told there was nothing the Government could do"

After the announcement the council submitted a memorandum to the Government pleading that rents should not be increased

The council pointed out the new rents were implemented without its consent

In protest the council decided to boycott all meetings with officials of the Administration Board for the Central Transvaal

Last week the council broke off the boycott

Mr Aphane said the Government had also refused to accede to a request by the Mamelodi Council for additional land. It is the biggest black township in Pretoria

"However the Government has not completely closed the doors. We have been asked to submit a memo to motivate our request," Mr Aphane said

The council is asking for land to accommodate more than 3 000 people who are on the waiting list for houses in the township

Mr Aphane said the additional land would provide space for a sports stadium, garages, shopping centres and houses

The Government has already provided the Mamelodi Council with land in Mamelodi East for 789 residential sites

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Rents ¹²⁷ cause *Soweto town* row in *29/6/82* 'Spruit

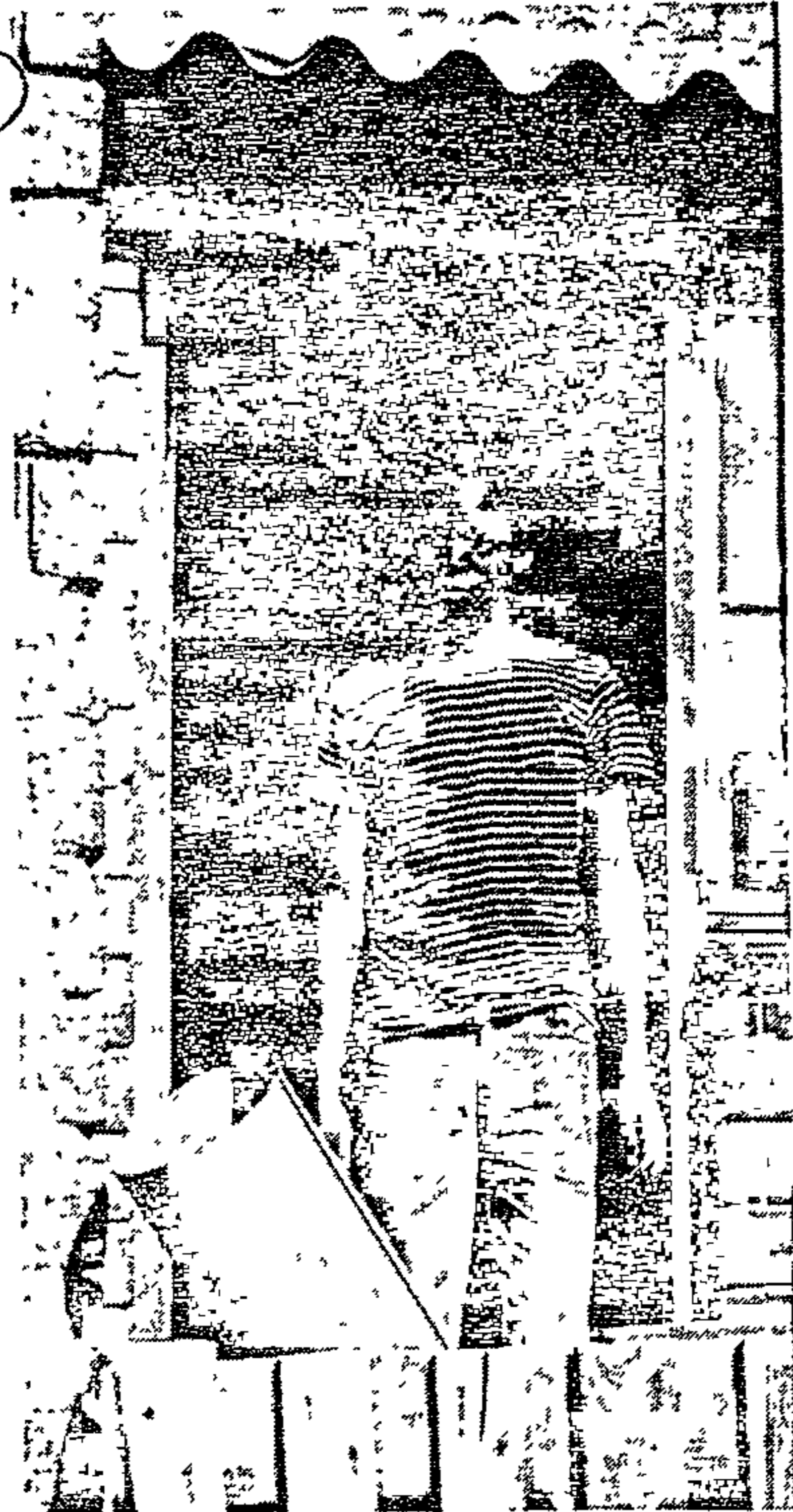
RESIDENTS staying in two-room houses in Klipspruit are up in arms over the rent they are paying — which is almost equal to that of four-room houses

Angry residents told The SOWETAN yesterday that their R37.10 rent — which is about R1 less than that of a four-room house — was too high and that they had complained to the Soweto Council but were told only that the matter would be investigated

We are being ripped off. How can we pay almost the same rent to people who occupy bigger houses? These tiny bungalows do not warrant such high rent, one resident said

But Mr J J Oosthuizen, the council's director of housing, said yesterday the main portion of rent consisted of service charges and that all residents paid the same amount for this. He said rent did not depend on the size of the house

"The slight difference in their rent is caused by the fact that these houses were originally built as low-cost units. The house rent — which excludes service charges — was worked out on the actual cost of the house when it was erected. Mr Oosthuizen



HOME A two-room house in Klipspruit

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Residents occupying two- or four-room houses built five years ago or earlier pay almost the same rent. It does not mean that if a resident occupies a two-room house his rent should be half of what the one staying in a four-room house is paying

Residents interviewed by The SOWETAN said they were going to elect a delegation to meet the council again on the matter. Some said they were paying rent as high as R43

Mr Piet Kwamane, who shares his two-room house with five other people, said the rent was too much and that he intended leaving the house for a larger one

A councillor Mrs Martha Taylor, said the council would this week discuss ways of improving the two-room houses by adding more rooms

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Row breaks over backyard dwellers

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By WILLIE BOKALA

A STORM is brewing in Thokoza, Alberton, civic politics over the local community council's decision to impose an extra R5 rent levy on backyard-room dwellers in the area.

The Thokoza Progressive Association, which for the past week has been involved in bitter clashes with the council over the issue, is now challenging the council and its chairman, Mr Gerald Mamabolo, to a

public debate

The R5 rentals were imposed last month, meaning that shack dwellers were being required to pay the normal fee charged by stand owners or legal residents, including the extra R5 that is payable to the council

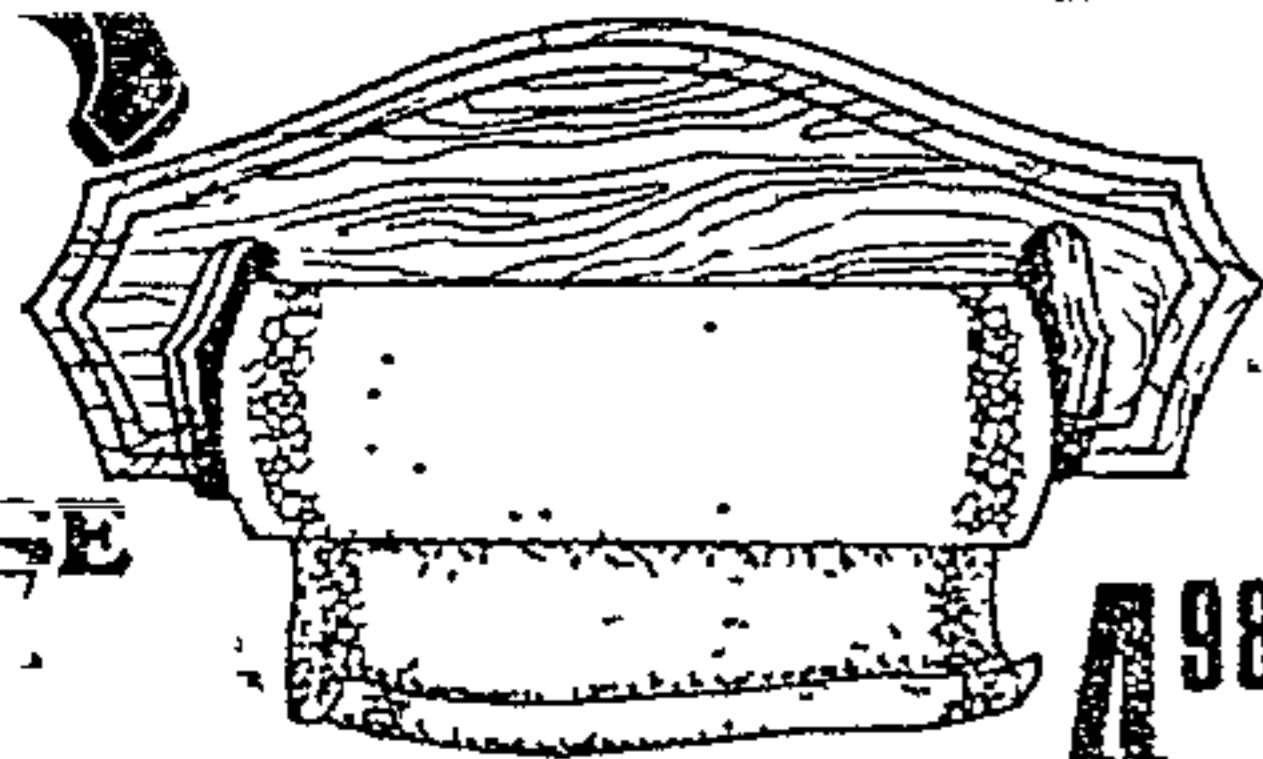
The TPA says it is calling a public meeting, inviting the councillors to attend, so that they can explain to residents why an extra R5 should be charged

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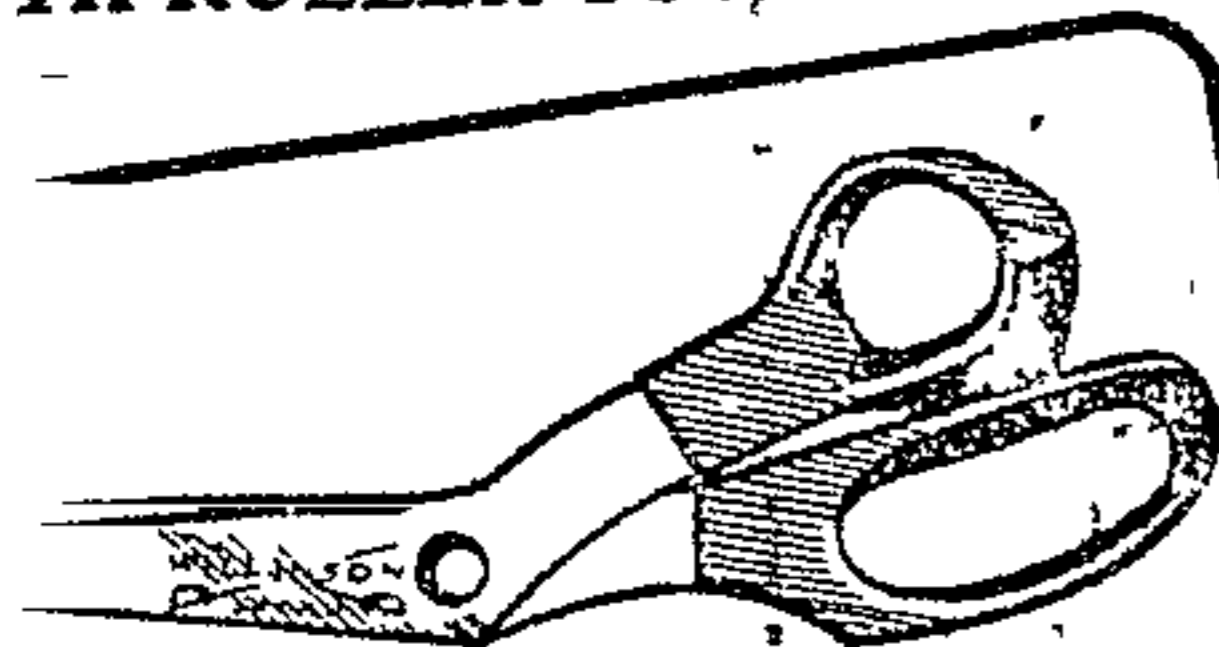
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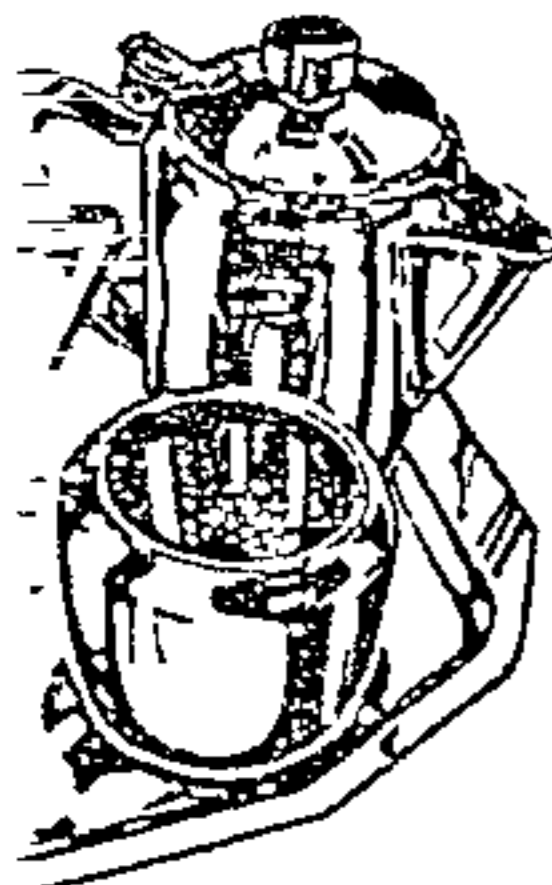


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Evicted 2 sleep on the pavement

A young mother and her five-year-old daughter have been sleeping out in the cold, guarding their furniture after being evicted from their home last week

Mrs Evonne Studdard (23) and her daughter Estelle were evicted by city council officials from the Eldorado Park home in which they have lived for the past two years

Standing by her furniture on the pavement, Mrs Studdard said she had been on the waiting list for a house for the past year but had not been allocated one

"This is the second time we have been evicted," she said "The first time, a month ago, a councillor from Eldorado Park interceded and we were granted a reprieve. Now we're out on the street. I don't know what we'll do"

Mrs Studdard said her daughter, who is now living with her mother, had deve-

loped a severe cough after sleeping in the cold.

"I can't leave my furniture on the pavement. Recently I bought new furniture worth R2500. The rain has damaged it but I'll have to stay here until I've found another place," she said

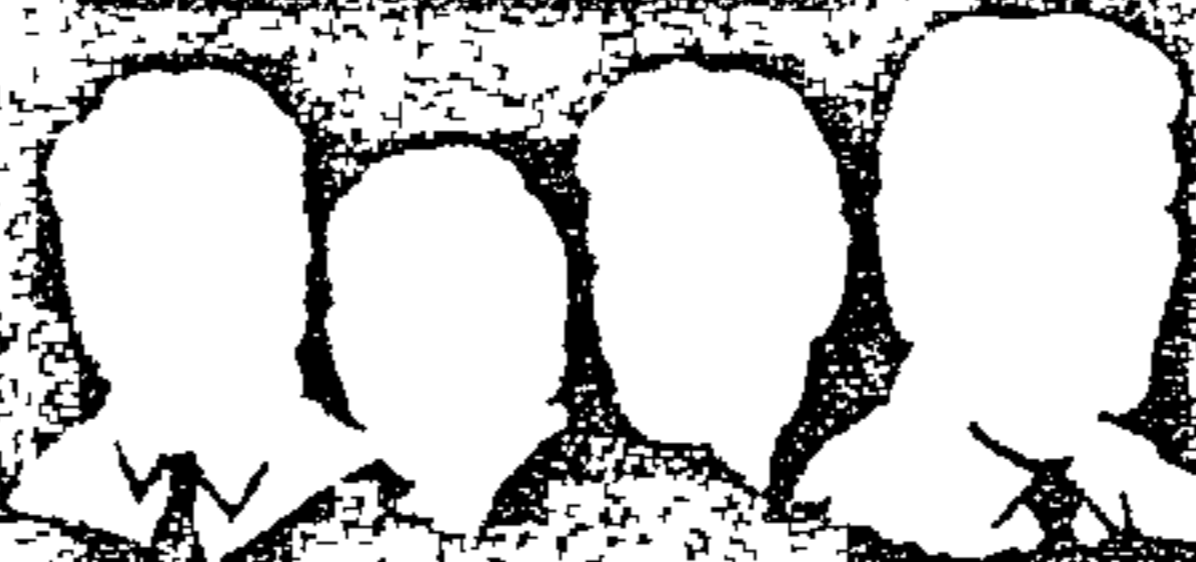
There are 5000 coloured families on the waiting list for houses

A member of the Johannesburg Coloured Management Committee, Mr Mohammed Dangor, said it was tragic that the two had to sleep in the cold

A spokesman for the city's housing department said the council had arranged a month ago that the registered tenant of the house would provide Mrs Studdard with alternative accommodation

The council therefore had no alternative but to demolish the house, the spokesman said. The vacant ground would be used for a recreation park

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Indians get a new township

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By Eugene Saldanha

After waiting more than seven decades for a place of their 'own' the Indian community of Germiston has been awarded Palmridge outside the city.

The Germiston City Council at its monthly meeting with the Germiston Indian Consultative Committee, announced that the Department of Community Development had made available R663 000 for building houses and R3,28 mil-

lion for essential services at Palmridge

The Asiatic Bazaar — in which Germiston's 600 Indian families are housed — was established in 1912 to provide "temporary" accommodation for the city's Indian communi-

ty developed because of a lack of funds

The chairman of Germiston's Indian Consultative Committee Mr A E Lambert, said residents in the Asiatic Bazaar were so frustrated with conditions in the area that the move to Palmridge was welcome

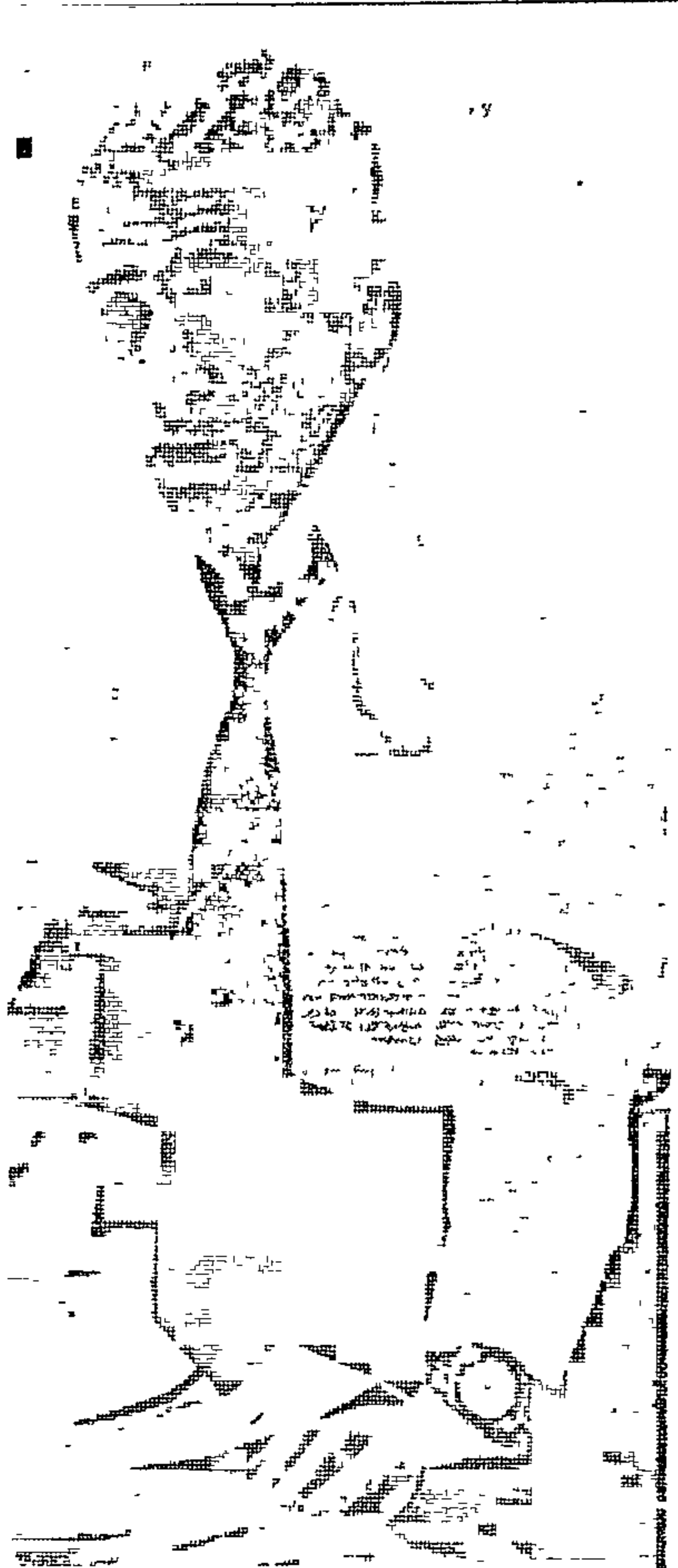
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Over the years repeated calls by the Indian community for an alternative residential area were unsuccessful

Seven years ago Palmridge was proclaimed an Indian area, but could not be deve-

loped because of a lack of funds. He said the wood-and-iron buildings in which residents were living were a danger, and six people had already died in fires

A spokesman for the council's housing department said tenders for the development of Palmridge would be called in November



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Blood feud beyond Sowetan control

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By ELLIOT
TSHINGWALA

HOSTELS on the Reef have been turned into virtual slaughter houses as a blood feud between rival Zulu clans rages on unabated.

Suprisingly, no-one from the police to the tribal chiefs seems to be able to put a stop to the wholesale killing.

Hundreds have died since rival Msinga tribesmen took to arms after a squabble over land some years ago.

Backyard factories have been started and, with sheer ingenuity, harmless pellet guns are being turned into lethal shotguns. The fight spread to Johannesburg and other cities when the tribesmen came to work. It started with isolated incidents but soon developed into full-scale battles.

A week ago, two men were shot dead after they were attacked by a group of balaclava-clad gunmen.

Recently, the faction fighters have found a way of sifting their enemies. They first ask for the victim's reference book and, if the victim is registered under a rival chief, he is 'executed'. Head of the Soweto CID Brigadier J J Viktor confirmed that this system had become a typical modus operandi of the killers.

Brigadier Viktor said that the police were doing their best to prevent more of these killings.

"We do regular patrols at the hostels, especially during the weekends. We have also confiscated a lot of firearms during raids on the men's sleeping quarters and I believe we have foiled many would-be murders but we just could not prevent some of the shootings", he said.

Brigadier Viktor said it was very difficult to investigate such murders as the Zulu tribesmen involved used numerous clever methods to evade detection.

Chiefs and indunas have tried to settle the quarrels but have not been successful. In 1977, when the wholesale shooting reached its peak, chiefs from all over Zululand were called upon to settle the disputes. The tribesmen subsequently promised that the fighting would stop.

There was an uneasy truce for a few days after the meeting, but, as soon as their tracks were covered, the killings started again.

Evaton replan won't force second houses

By CHARLES MOGALE

THE Evaton replanning scheme will not force

township residents to allow the building of second homes on their properties, according to Mr D C Ganz, Chief Director of the Orange-Vaal Administration Board.

The scheme will merely allow those stand owners who wish to build a second house to do so

Mr Ganz's assurances come in response to fears expressed by Evaton residents, where plot owners are worried that the replanning scheme could cut their plots in half

In a telex to The SO-WETAN, Mr Ganz said "Nobody is going to force the private owner to replan his stand"

"The original township development regulations provide for the building of only one house. This is no longer practical and provision must be made to amend this to entitle proper development by any private owner who wishes to do so — and there are many"

Asked what the new R10 monthly permit payment was for, Mr Ganz said it was a contribution towards the costs of services such as water, and maintenance of roads, and cemetery administration, to finance certain capital

projects such as the tarring of roads, and to meet the costs of health services and administration

Evaton is to get a health clinic, three crèches, one library, sewerage for 478 properties and three high-mast lights by the end of the year

see said two men had died at the Grootvlei mine after being wounded by police fire

Another two were shot dead at West Driefontein, a fifth was found dead from stab wounds in a beerhall and a sixth was found dead on nearby land, he said

At least 300 miners have been arrested and a number have appeared in court. Well over 200 have been sacked, and an unknown number have ended their contracts rather than work under new pay scales

London

Later this month Miss Starr will stage what has become an annual birthday charity night in aid of the London taxi-drivers' Fund for Underprivileged Children. Last year she raised more than R12 000 — Own Correspondent.

SUSPECT VACCINE?

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She is one of the lucky ones in the emergency polio ward — until two months ago Letaba Hospital's maternity ward — because although paralysed by polio, she is regaining use of her legs. But she will never walk without a limp

But why the inoculation drops she received did not work is not clear

Letaba Hospital superintendent Dr Gerhard Pretorius said it was "very possible" that anti-polio vaccine given to children in the area in the past had been useless because it had been allowed to reach temperatures which "killed" it

The vaccine — produced from "wild" strains of polio virus at the National Institute of Virology in Johannesburg — retains its potency for more than two years if kept at below-freezing temperatures. But, subjected to higher daytime temperatures, it can die within hours

Dr Pretorius pointed out a number of points where the "cold chain" could have broken

down

"The vaccine is sent from Johannesburg overnight, packed in ice, and when it arrives at Tzaneen the railways should call us. But maybe they don't always call immediately"

After storage at Letaba Hospital in freezers, he said, it was transported by truck to outlying clinics, where it was stored in gas refrigerators

"And if the gas runs out for a while after the batch arrives, who's ever going to know?"

He said the hospital was investigating whether the the 10 already-inoculated paralysis cases had been caused by a break in the "cold chain"

Professor Barry Schubb, head of the Institute of Virology, said that, where a "cold-chain" break was "more than a possibility," it was lack of general immunisation that caused the epidemic

If 70 percent or more children had been vaccinated, he said, there would have been no epidemic

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Hostel inmates ruled with terror in Katlehong

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By MZIKAYISE EDOM

The recent reign of terror by Xhosa tribesmen in Motsamai Section, Katlehong, near Germiston, resulting in the death of two people, could be caused by the lack of facilities at the hostel.

The tribesmen, who are employed by the East Rand Administration Board to remove refuse in the township, live at the Development Compound, also known as Lindela hostel, about 50 metres from Motsamai Section. A few weeks back, residents in the area had claimed that the men were responsible for the death of a form-three student, Peter Musi, and another resident, Mr Ambrose Mofokeng.

The residents claim that the tribesmen come into the township during the day and drink in nearby shebeens, and, when they go back to the hostel in the evening, they assault anyone they come across with knobkerries and other weapons.

Mr A P Khumalo, chairman of the Katle-

hong Council, said in an interview yesterday that the council met recently to discuss the cause of the recent reign of terror and that it was established that, as a result of the lack of facilities, such as shops and recreation centres at the hostel, the tribesmen were forced to come into the township to entertain themselves, and most of the time they ended up clashing with residents.

He said "At the moment there is only one grocery shop at the hostel and the council is working on plans to build more shops to serve all the needs of the inmates. Because of lack of facilities, the inmates are forced to come into the township and most of the time they pick fights with youngsters lingering around the shops and in revenge the Bacas beat up any innocent people they come across on their way to the hostel."

So far, nobody has been arrested in connection with the death of Mofokeng and Musi, and police in Katlehong are still continuing with investigations.

Couple killed in blaze

By NORMAN
NGALE

A CONTRACT worker and his girlfriend died as a result of serious burns after the tiny room in which they had been sleeping caught fire and trapped both of them inside.

Mr Joseph Mofokeng (30), of Brits, and his girlfriend, who is known only as Poppy, were burnt to death after rescuers failed to force open the door leading into the room at a plot in Monavoni, Wierde Bridge, south of Pretoria.

Brig H A du Plessis, head of the Northern Transvaal CID, said that apparently the fire started after the couple had fallen asleep, and left their candle burning.

The incident happened on Sunday at 4am, according to Mr John Majola, Mr Mofokeng's colleague.

"We were awoken by screams and we rushed to help but could not get through the door because it seemed one of the deceased had fallen against it, making it difficult for us to open," he said.

He said that when the police had ultimately broken the door down at about 8am the couple were already burnt beyond recognition. On arrival at the scene, The SOWETAN found that the bed as well as the blankets in which the couple had slept had been completely destroyed by the fire.

Mr Majola said Mr Mofokeng, who had brought along his girlfriend on his return from Marabastad in Pretoria, had sat with her in the room and enjoyed drinks until late on Saturday night and that had been the last time he had seen them alive.

He said Mr Mofokeng, whose mother also died in a fire tragedy in Johannesburg a year ago, had joined the construction company six months back and had come to stay at Monavoni, where the company was planning to build them a hostel.

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INFANTS DIE IN FIRE

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A FOUR-MONTH-OLD baby was burnt to death in Katlehong when a house and eight backyard tin shacks were destroyed by fire.

Thandeka Nkosana, of 557 Skhosana Section, was asleep in the house when a fire, which started in a shack and later spread to seven other shacks, including the house, destroyed all the furniture and clothing, causing damage estimated at

started, I rushed outside to get water to put it out. By the time I returned with a bucket of water, the house and three shacks were already on fire. The heat was so fierce that I was forced to retreat.

By yesterday afternoon, families and the fire

neighbours were still busy clearing the debris, while other members of the family were busy collecting material to erect new shacks. Most of the families have now been accommodated in the three shacks that were not destroyed by the fire.

BY MZIKAYISE EDOM

'cardboard walls' of the shack, setting it alight.

He said "Immediately after the fire had



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With her in the house was her sickly grandfather, who was also asleep but managed to escape unhurt.

The charred remains of Thandeka, who will be buried today at the Katlehong cemetery near Germiston, was removed from the house, only after the fire had been put out. Mr Wilson Msiki, owner of the shack where the fire started, told The SOWETAN yesterday that the fire had been caused by a spark from a bracket in the shack early this week. The spark had fallen on one of the

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Space for people, office hours only

AT THE end of August 1979, L K Jacobs estate agency had 500 bachelor flats and 200 one-bedroomed flats vacant for letting. Last month they had fewer than seven vacancies in the CBD, seven in Hillbrow and one in Joubert Park.

The figures are not entirely comparable because last year the firm gave up about one-third of their business in the "less favourable" areas of the CBD. But smaller agencies picked up some of those buildings, and still the cardboard notices stuck up in the foyers read "Sorry, no flats."

Partly because of the changing face of the city the Mail has been describing, partly because of economics, the number of flats for rental is growing less and less. Demolition — remember Lucerne Mansions, Plintor, Downing? — or renovation as more expensive furnished apartments or for sale under Sectional Title, has reduced the supply of older, cheaper accommodation. No new flats for rent have been built, nor will they be built, because developers can get a higher return on other forms of investment. Now what's left is being eaten up by conversion into offices.

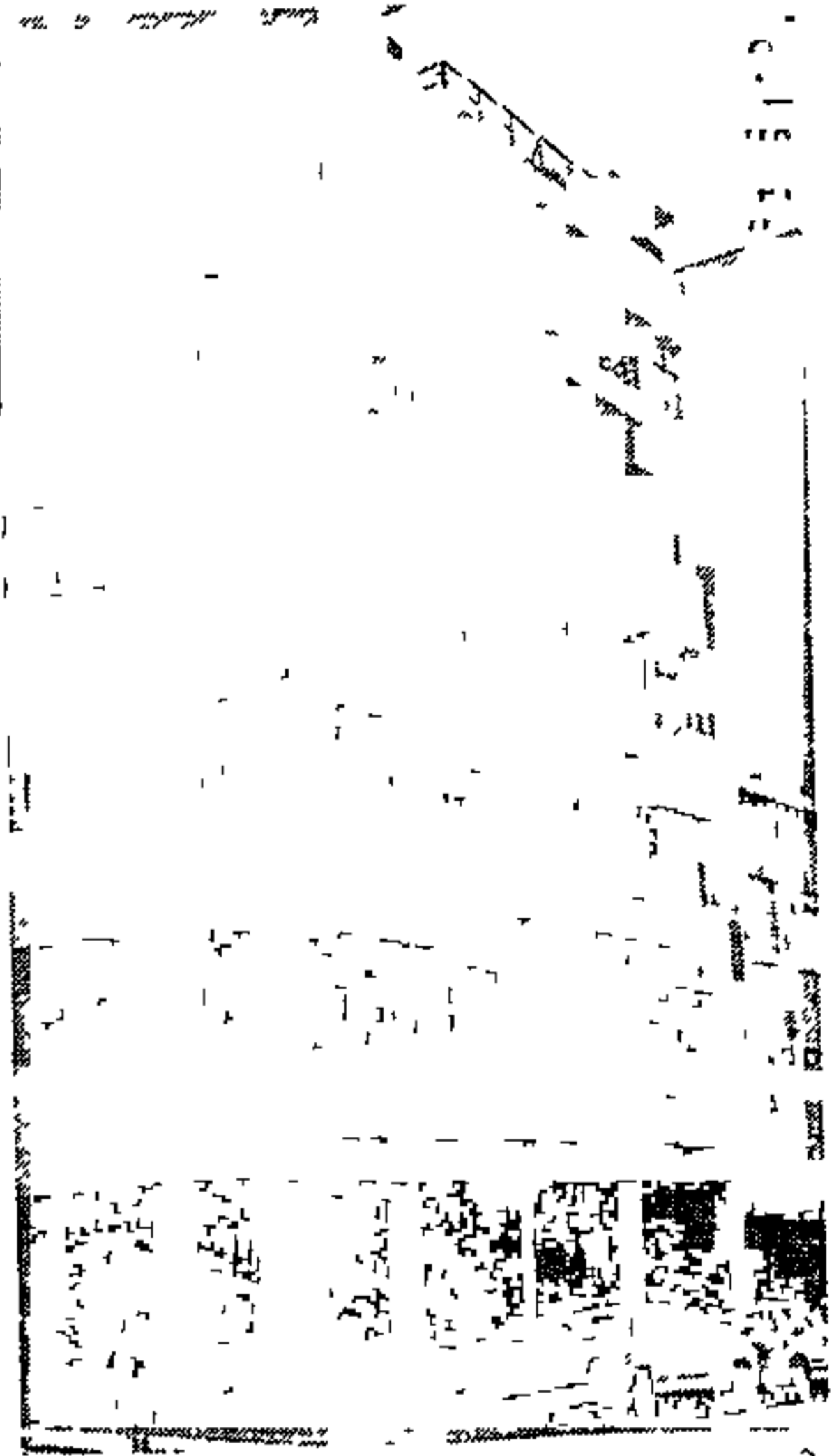
Queen's Court in Bree Street is now pink-painted offices. What used to be Redan Mansions in Pritchard Street is now MP House — offices. Castle Mansions in Eloff Street, long a mixture of flats and offices, is entirely offices, for SATS, the South African Transport Services.

Quentin Court is Colourmatch House, Sylvester Mansions made way for a parking garage, Bognor House is going, New York Mansions and Ashby are used for storage, Bernash is being reconditioned as Export House, Chester House has been offices for years.

Tenants are gone and renovation is under way at Rembrandt Court in Claim Street, Tower Building and Hi-Riagan in Plein Street, Belvista in Loveday Street. Orion Court in Bree Street has given tenants notice, Irol will make way for a new hotel. Atlantic Court in Polly Street is to become offices but the agents told an inquirer to ask the landlady for a flat because it would be quite some time before the whole block was renovated.

Nearer Joubert Park, Ivanhoe is being renovated and Ardenlee has been emptied. Opposite Hillbrow Hospital all seven floors of Ursula Mansions remain locked and empty. According to the City Councillor for Hospital, Mr Mike Sutherland, the building belongs to the Provincial Administration.

Vacant Longwood in Hospital Street has been closed up, at Mr Sutherland's behest, because it was being occupied by vandals. He hopes the City Council will buy the building,



Redan Mansions is now MP House, an office block

and two other vacant blocks, to house pensioners.

Arop House opposite John Orr's building — the name African Russian Oil and Petrol goes back nearly 50 years — has only six flats left, the rest of the block is for business. Temple Court, recently sold, is already partly offices. Crossley Mansions has five floors of offices, including a tombstone business.

A newly panelled entrance for Tudor Mansions is a give away — there are offices now on the first and second floors. Tower House has offices on the first three floors and Edinburgh Court has offices on the first five. Manners Mansions has doctors, jewellers, beauticians and electrical contractors on the lower floors. Croydon has a black photographic studio and a guitar school. And so on.

Landlords and owners have their reasons for changing flats to offices — but more of that next week. The fact is that thousands of "homes" are being lost to the aged, the poor and the single — and the young people of colour who now work in the city.

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Row looms over R5 levy on tin shacks

By MZILAYISE EDOM
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 THE THOKOZA Progressive Association (TPA) intends taking legal action against the Thokoza Community Council if they continue charging homeowners an extra R5 monthly rent for their backyard tin shacks.

The council last month introduced a R5 levy on homeowners for their backyard shacks.

Mr L G Mamabolo chairman of the Thokoza Council said yesterday the council had to introduce the levy to raise money for a scheme to build about 1 300 new houses early next year — if all went according to plan.

He said If the TPA feels that the introduc-

tion of this levy is not necessary and that they can do better than the council we are prepared to scrap the levy on condition that the TPA comes forward with suggestions on how to raise the money to build the proposed 1 300 houses.

Mr Mamabolo also criticised the TPA for misleading the residents and promising them heaven and earth but in the end doing nothing for them.

Mr Benjamin Tshabalala secretary of the TPA said yesterday This R5 levy is uncalled for and if our demands are ignored and the council continues charging the homeowners this R5 levy, the matter may end up in court.

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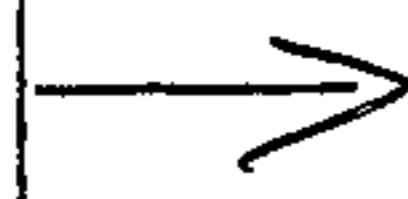
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11 days of defiance ^{9/7/82}

By SINNAH KUNENE
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AN ELDORADO Park family have defiantly spent 11 days in the open, following an eviction from the house they occupied for 18 months

The Studdards of 82 Extension 6 had their furniture moved out of the house by the City Council on June 29. They were told by the council that the house had to be demolished as it was in a park area

But Mrs Yvonne Studdard (23) and her

husband Shane have since decided to squat next to the partly demolished house "until the City Council gives us alternative accommodation

They have put up two tents next to the house irrespective of a threatening swarm of bees which came from underground when the house was demolished

Apart from fighting the biting cold the family claims they have been a target of hooli-

gans. They had to seek police protection on Friday, after a group of men tried to loot some of their belongings

Mrs Studdard said the thugs played another dirty trick on Wednesday morning her brother's car had all its wheels stabbed

Mrs Studdard took over the house from her parents 18 months ago. She states that the council has declared her application for a house as still new

Soweto backyard tenants being ripped off

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SOWETO sub-tenants who live in backyard rooms are being ripped off by paying rents ranging from R30 to R50, plus an additional amount for electricity, water and telephone calls.

This emerged from an investigation by **The SOWETAN** in Phiri township, Mapetla, Dube and Mofolo, where legal residents hire out garages and outside rooms to desperate accommodation seekers

The investigation followed complaints from backyard occupants who claimed that their landlords were "just exploiting the situation because we are desperate and have no alternative but to stay and pay"

One backroom occupant, who did not wish his name to be published for fear of being evicted, told **The SOWETAN** that he was staying in a backroom and at the same time looking for a house "because

By NHLANHLA MBATHA

the money I am paying for the backroom is even more than what I would be paying for a four-room house"

Some backyard occupants in Mofolo told **The SOWETAN** that they were made to pay bills for telephone calls "even when we receive calls" They said "Some of our landlords are making a profit out of us"

It was also revealed to **The SOWETAN** that those who were occupying garages were paying up to R60 a month

Mr Oosthuizen of the Soweto Council said that, according to the building by-laws, nobody was allowed to live in outside rooms. He also said the Council was aware of the situation and could not do anything about the overcharging of the sub-tenants, but "we will be taking action against that"

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Woman (58) forced to wait in cold

Council raids anger Jabavu

THE actions of Soweto Community Council policemen who raid people at night for rent arrears have angered social workers and residents of White City.

In what has been described as a "heartless and inhuman action" by social workers a sickly White City pensioner was raided in the early hours of Tuesday morning and kept at the local council office until midday for owing rent

Mrs Sabinah Mkhwanazi (58), shown above, was released only after social workers had come to her rescue and had had the Maggie Mugabe Trust Fund pay her R51,85 arrears

Mrs Maggie Nkwe, a member of the fund said the policemen acted heartlessly "We want to find out from the authorities whether this is their way of celebrating the year of the aged"

She said the sickly

pensioner was "taken out of her house into the cold, then into a cold police van and later made to sit for long hours in a cold room at the council offices"

Complaints have been received from other residents in the area claiming that policemen have forced them out of their beds in the early hours of the morning and taken them away even if only for them to prove that they were not in ar-

rears

Mrs Nkwe said what was more annoying about the raids was that in the case of Mrs Mkhwanazi, the council policemen did not care about minor children who were left alone when they took the pensioner

"As a result the children were just confused and had to run around trying to organise the rent and did not even go to school," she said

PROPERTY

Anglo American Property Services is shrugging off the downturn talk and is building up a land bank nearly 500 ha of prime property for housing in the Sandton area

The land, with estimated proclamation dates this year, is earmarked for homes and townhouse developments and involved a capital outlay of more than R32,5 million. Expected return for Amaprop is R55 million.

About 136 ha of township sites in the Sandton area will eventually bring on to the market 366 new houses and 19 townhouse projects.

One scheme will centre on Norscot Slopes, next to Amaprop's Fourways township, which was a big draw in The Star's Homes Exhibition in association with Anglo four years ago. The top price here is R38 000 for 1 500 sq m.

Nearly 100 erven will be set aside there for houses and four for townhouses.

- At Sunninghill Ext 2, there are 179 erven for homes.

- At Lyme Park Ext 4, homes will be developed on 76 erven plus two more for a townhouse project.

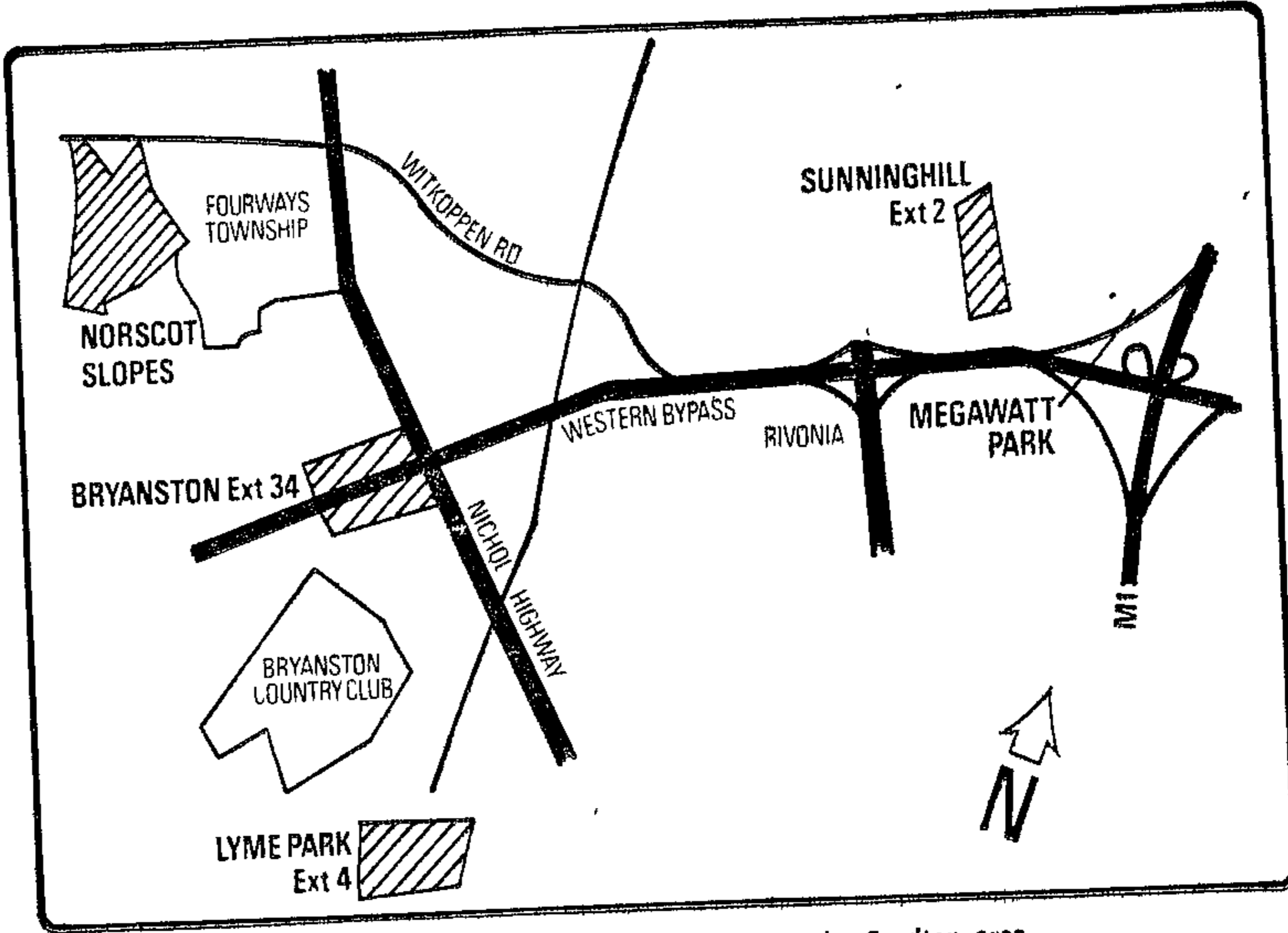
- At Bryanston Ext 34, homes and townhouses under the SA Townships banner will be built on a total of 25 erven.

Amaprop townships are spreading as far as Natal where at Dovehouse in the Kloof area, homes and townhouses will cover 233 erven.

Mr Peter Gardiner, Amaprop's director of estate development and marketing, says "If the location is right then demand is consistent

Massive housing plans for Sandton

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The spread of Amaprop townships in the Sandton area.

We have no qualms about the future."

Certainly, with the building boom over for the time being, contractors are getting hungry for work and the opening up of these townships should guarantee sustained activity during the downturn.

"We are now getting the advantage of substantially reduced rates for installation and essential services compared with six months ago," says Mr Gardiner, "when it was difficult to find a contractor to do the work, let alone at a reasonable price." There is little doubt

that this is a good time to be at the servicing stage in the township application process. Over the past two years Amaprop and SA Townships, for which the former acts as consultants, have sold a total of 162 townhouse units with a combined value of R13 million,

spreading from Bryanston and Morningside to La Lucia north of Durban. Norscot Slopes is already a winner, with 67 of the 99 sites already sold only a week after land proclamation. The total sale value for Amaprop is more than R1.5 million.

Indians rap decision on Dawn Park

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Leaders of Actonville, the East Rand's largest Indian township, have strongly criticised the Department of Community Development's decision not to grant the suburb of Dawn Park in Boksburg to the Actonville community.

The Actonville Housing Committee chairman, Dr A S Carrim, whose committee met the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, this week, said the decision had come as a shock because of the desperate need for more houses in Actonville, which has been overcrowded for several years.

The housing committee has made several attempts to obtain more land for houses, Dr Carrim said. At least 4 000 more homes are needed.

"The Minister said his department wants to use Dawn Park to rehouse white families living in Delmore,

which was recently declared a coloured group area.

"We find this unacceptable, because while there are under a 100 families living in Delmore, there are 4 000 vacant plots in Dawn Park.

"For the past 12 years the Government has not built any new houses in Actonville. People are now living in garages. This community is facing a crisis," Dr Carrim said.

The chairman of the Actonville Anti-SAIC Committee, Dr Ismail Cachalia, said it had "heard with great disappointment that the Minister had refused Dawn Park for Indian housing and occupation despite such obvious needs."

Dr Cachalia said the Government spoke of change through the President's Council yet in the daily lives of people the opposite was taking place.

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Family of 17 homeless

A SOWETO family of 17 has been sleeping out in the cold for the past two weeks because the husband cannot own two houses, The SOWETAN learnt last week.

Mrs Edna Mngoma (60), her daughter, Mrs Letta Morwezi, and her children and grandchildren, including a four-month-old baby, were told to pack because Mrs Mngoma's husband had another wife and a house in Dhlamini

Mrs Mngoma told The SOWETAN that she had occupied house 1002 White City in 1974 as a lodger

The owners of the house had later left Soweto for the homelands and Mrs Mngoma had taken over payment of the house rent

She said: "During the students' upheavals in 1976 I contacted the township superintendent. He told me that we would have to wait and see if the pre-

vious owner would come back. After some time, I got married to my child's father because it was said I would not be able to get a house if I was single — I did not know that he was married to someone else at the time

"Two weeks ago, the West Rand Administration Board policemen arrived and told us we should move out because my husband could not have two houses."

TIME will show who has made the wiser investment, the building company which has sold Astor and Desroy Mansions to "upmarket" their image, or the man who paid R900 000 for them — for the sake of the busy trading corner on the ground floor

"Best site in town," said the man at Conrad's men's outfitters, gesturing at the mainly black flow of passers-by up Von Brandis Street and along Jeppe After 25 years' trading, he is closing up shop as a result of the sale of the buildings

The new owner probably didn't want the two old rent-controlled blocks, Astor and Desroy, but he does want the ground-floor corner for a large shoe shop, and he was prepared to pay a prime rate for it

There is no suggestion, yet, that the 86 flats in the two old flat blocks will have to go, but one suspects the fate of those white tenants now hangs on how popular the new owner's shoe shop will be with the black shopper majority.

There are lessons to be learnt from city buildings Les Weil, joint managing director of J H Isaacs, cites the 20th Century building in President Street

It used to be a cinema and office block, a prized architectural landmark When the cinema closed the owner wanted to convert the entire block to offices, but at the time the City Council disallowed parking in new buildings.

"Who wants an office if he can't have his car? The owner knocked down the building and replaced it with ground-floor shops," says Mr Weil

Today, parking is once more allowed in new CBD buildings, but the damage has been done. Big department stores have closed, and many small white businesses and their clientele have fled to the suburbs

At least shops pay the rates. J H Isaacs sold a 50-year-old seven-storey block of flats recently The single ground-floor shop provided 82% of the building's income

PEOPLE DON'T PAY,
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Sitters for change



A MAIL
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Sold for R900 000 — for the shopping.

Picture ABSOLOM MNISI

Eddie Wilson, a director of L K Jacobs, refers to old blocks such as Queen's Court and Belvista as "sitters for change" Their position has made them unsuitable for residential accommodation, which is why his firm has got rid of them

As for Ashby, used for storage by a trader in Troye Street, who would want to live there? The building has no parking and is off the public transport routes

You can see what he means

Belvista and Tower Building are on the uninhabited edge of town, near a park filled with working students and black and white hoboes and the station subway

Ashby is near picture framers and the TV2/3 building It has a tiny "halaal" take-away underneath which

closes when the workers go home

Queen's Court is surrounded by furniture, music, shoe and clothing shops pitched at black custom Scruffy old Chester House has discount clothing shops, a black take-away and a liquor off-sales for neighbours They're just not ideal for the decent and ageing poor

One flat-block owner has an interest in a busy ground-floor clothing shop in the same street That is why he doesn't "bother" with his seedy block of flats It shows

Of course conversion requires the permission of the Department of Community Development and the Johannesburg City Council Once the flats have become offices the owner can charge what he likes because the building

then falls outside rent control — still applicable to buildings erected before 1949 Owners had expected the Government to lift all rent control early in 1981 When it decided not to do so, the owner of Sandhurst and Sandringham in Olivia Road, Berea, was so angry he stopped his renovation programme there and then The buildings are still half-painted today

"Who is the Department of Community Development to refuse a landlord permission to convert his premises?" asks Mr Wilson "The landlord is not obliged to provide accommodation — or anything else"

The trouble is the Rent Act gives the owner 8½ percent return on the Rent Board valuation, and a year ago the Rent Board valuation was not even in sight of the mar-

ket valuation, says Mr Wilson And because there is no return, there is no renovation

Mr Weil says "It is economical to convert — space is used more economically by business We are a civic-minded company, in our 80th year now, but it is unfair to make a few landlords subsidise the larger body of people who want to be tenants But politicians, of course, take the role of tenants"

Premises in Manners Mansions, he says, command two or three times as much in rental for offices as they do for flats

Another agent cites Osbro House, on the corner of Anderson and Krus Streets The owner used to let out the rooms at R5 a month to fly-by-nights Now they are offices, rented out at R80 a month

"Of course it is going to be enormously expensive to replace the residential accommodation now being converted to offices," says Nigel Mandy, chairman of the Central Business District Association, "but if a man has a block of flats that is not giving much return and he is being rated on the office usage, how can you prevent conversion?"

Housing the aged, says Mr Mandy, is the problem of the authorities They must buy the blocks they want poor people to occupy, or subsidise the income of needy tenants in privately-owned blocks

The Rev Peter Storey of the Central Methodist Church agrees

"If you are going to both lift Rent Control and deal with the fears of the elderly, then you have got to forget capitalism and think in terms of subsidised assistance

"There is no reason why, say, a church should not acquire city buildings with Department of Community Development loans and secure and maintain them for the aged I think one could run a block of 50 flats on rental of R60 a month, but one would need initial capital to put the building to rights"

His church is doing just that

● Tomorrow: Spotted by the snooper.

Two escape death in house fire

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Mail Reporter

AN ELDERLY Johannes-
burg widow and her six-year-
old granddaughter narrowly
escaped death when a fire
destroyed their two bedroom
Coronationville house on Sat-
urday night

Mrs Anne Smith, a 68-year-
old pensioner, who has been
left destitute, is recovering
from shock at a neighbour's
home. She also suffered
facial burns when she tried to
extinguish the blaze, which
broke-out in a bedroom short-
ly after 8 30pm.

Her granddaughter, Shada
Smith, escaped unscathed

A neighbour, Miss Beryl
Kerr, called the fire brigade
when she saw smoke pouring
from Mrs Smith's home. But
by the time the firemen
arrived, the fire had spread
through the entire house

Home is just an illegal existence

THE acute shortage of houses throughout the country has forced thousands of families to erect tin shacks, and risk the possibility of being prosecuted

The families have vowed to continue erecting shacks as long as the Government refuses to build them houses. They say they would rather risk being prosecuted than sleep in the open, trying to play innocent and pleasing the authorities by not erecting the so-called "illegal structures".

There have been Crossroads and Nvanga squatters for example who defied Government orders to destroy their structures because they were "a health hazard and not fit for human habitation".

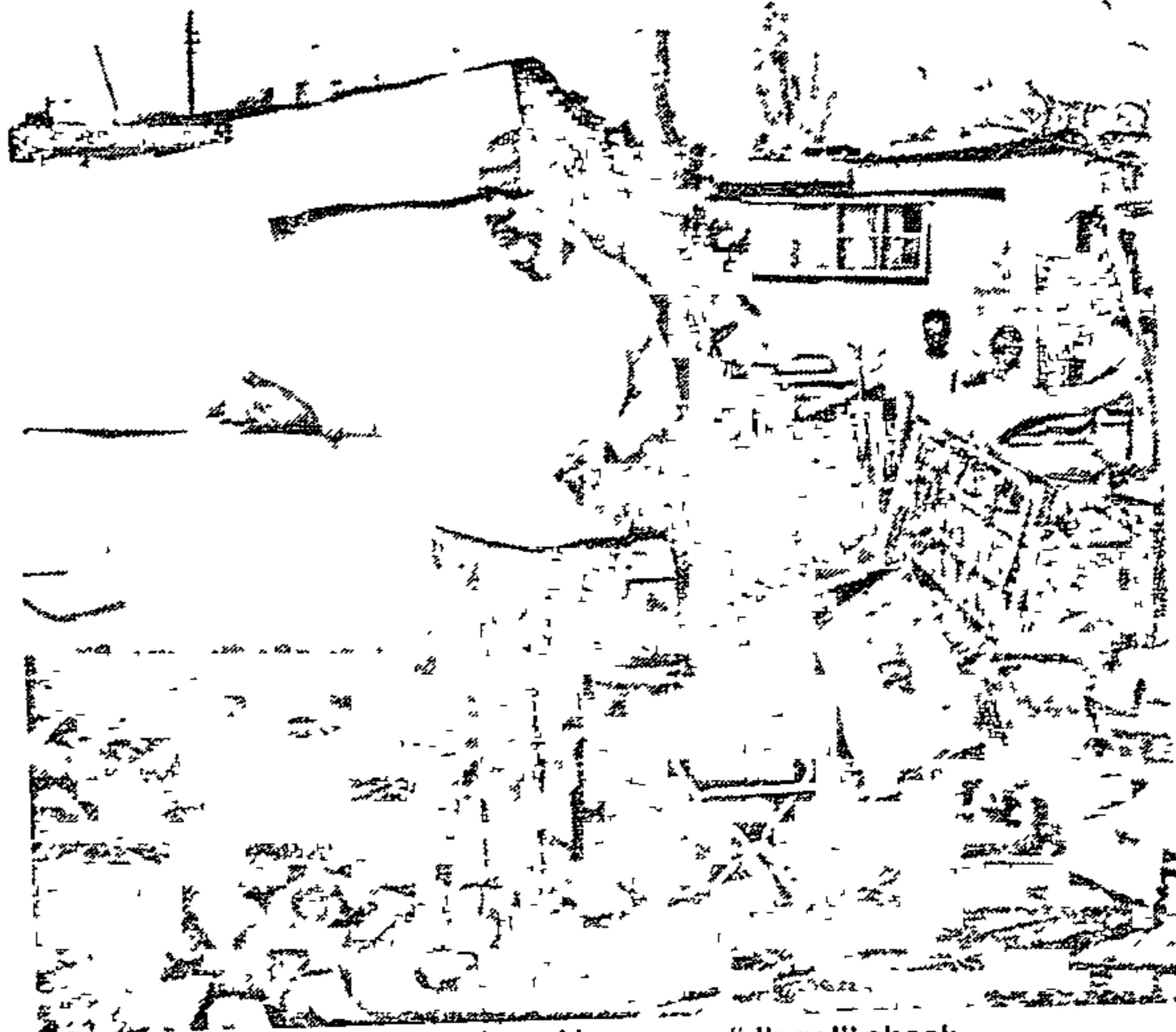
The Government had to use force and bulldoze their homes.

Meanwhile hundreds of tin shacks are mushrooming each and every day in the townships. In Soweto the Community Council has declared war on shack dwellers by proclaiming that all shacks be pulled down. But in other areas like Katlehong, Thokoza, Daveyton and many others local authorities

have turned a blind eye on prosecuting shack dwellers and residents who qualify to stay in that particular area have been allowed to erect the structures.

BY MZIKAYISE EDOM
Living in tin shacks is not the bed of roses most people may think and that at times up to ten members of a family

shack because most of the shacks are made of cardboard material corrugated iron and wood which easily catches fire.



JUST LOOK This is where I live in my "illegal" shack

Most shack dwellers interviewed by The SOWETAN claim that liv-

ing in tin shacks is not the bed of roses most people may think and that at times up to ten members of a family

have to share one small shack as a kitchen, diningroom and bedroom. The families also claim that there is absolutely no privacy at all with parents and children sharing one tiny room.

Some claim that because of the acute housing shortage they are victims of landlords who exploit them by charging exorbitant rents of up to R40 a month for a small tin shack.

In summer our shacks can easily be swept away by heavy rains, leaving the poor families without shelter and damaged their furniture.

Most of the shack dwellers interviewed by The SOWETAN expressed the same feeling as this dweller.

To make matters worse, the Government administration boards and local community councils recently announced that at the moment there are not sufficient funds to build enough houses to meet all housing requirements.

But in the meantime life must continue.

Rioting hostel dwellers burn cars

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Two cars were set alight and five others — among them a police car — were damaged when hostel inmates at Thokoza, Alberton, went on the rampage at the weekend after a hostel resident had been knocked down and injured by a car. Immediately after the accident at about 6

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pm the hostel inmates began to stone passing cars. Two cars were overturned and set alight and others were damaged.

Police were called and fired tear gas to disperse the rioters. A police car was damaged by stones.

A police spokesman said no one was injured in

the incident. No arrests had been made but police were continuing their investigations, he added.

The driver of the car which allegedly knocked down the Thokoza hostel man ran from the scene of the accident because he feared for his life. The police spokesman

said cars carrying women were stopped by the rioters and the women were dragged into the hostel but none of them had made any charges.

Six car owners have laid charges with the Katsieng police under whose jurisdiction Thokoza falls.



Mix-up over 'pension rent'

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A MAPETLA hostel pensioner has been threatened with eviction for owing five months rent despite the announcement last year by the chairman of the Soweto Council that pensioners were exempt from paying rent.

Mr Joseph Sekamo (63) of room 89 Block 4 Mapetla hostel said that on Saturday he was told that he would be evicted today.

"I pleaded with them because I will get my pension money tomorrow," he said. "The superintendent would not give me a chance and emphasised that I would be evicted today," he said.

News about pensioners being exempt from paying rent came late last year from the chairman of the Soweto Council, Mr David Thebehali.

Mr Nico Malan of the Soweto Council said: "I was not aware that this was the case and I will be making investigations." Mr Malan said that "only pensioners who had applied for their rents to be remitted are not paying."

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Wattville rents up

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By MZIKAYISE (27)

EDOM

RESIDENTS in Wattville, near Benoni, may be faced with another R3 rent increase as from the beginning of October.

This decision was taken by the Wattville Community Council and officials of the East Rand Administration Board at a special meeting held last month. Most of the residents interviewed by The

SOWETAN yesterday said they were totally against the increases and also issued a warning that should the council go ahead with the increases there would be trouble.

Residents are at present paying a monthly rent of R28,50, while hostel inmates pay R12 a month. Rent in Wattville was last increased last September from R3 and R4

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Family ⁽¹²⁷⁾ evicted without warning

A SOWETO family was thrown out of the house they have occupied for

five years by a messenger of the court on Tuesday morning.

They were evicted from their Mofolo home after being told by the

messenger that the house had been sold. Mr Steven Radebe (45) told **The SOWETAN** that he had learnt in December last year that his house had been sold by his stepmother.



THROWN OUT Mr Steven Radebe with his furniture outside his house.

"I went to the lawyers the matter was taken to court and I won the case. Mr Radebe said.

"I am very angry about this action. My furniture has been broken and I am going to have to bear the expenses," he said.

Mr Radebe said on his arrival his wife showed him a letter that had been left by the messenger of the court. "I immediately took the letter to my lawyer, who advised me to replace my furniture," he added.

The messenger of the court, a Mr Kruger, told **The SOWETAN** that he knew nothing about the background of the whole thing and that he had only received a "warrant directing me to remove people staying in that house."

Another housing story from Erab

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By MZIKAYISE
15/7/82 EDOM

THE East Rand Administration Board is expected to start with the building of an undisclosed number of new houses in the 14 townships on the East Rand within the next few weeks.

This was disclosed yesterday by Mr F E Marx, the chief director of the board who said that the only hold-up at the moment was the go-ahead from the Department of Community Development.

At present there are more than 30 000 people on the housing waiting list in the area. About 26 000 have erected back-yard shacks as alternative accommodation and many others have threatened to erect more shacks if the housing situation does not improve.

Early this year the board was granted a substantial amount by the Department of Community Development for the building of more houses after the board had applied to the Department last year for a loan to build about 15 000 new houses, estimated to cost about R33-million. The board also succeeded in obtaining about R10-million from two leading commercial banks in the country to start an electricity project in Tembisa and KwaThema, and to improve the present electricity network in Thokoza, Vosloorus and Daveyton.

Mr Marx said the board had been granted the substantial amount by the Department to build thousands of new houses in all the 14 townships on the East Rand, and that the board had already started with the electricity projects in Daveyton, Tembisa, Thokoza, Vosloorus and KwaThema.

He said "The executive committee of the board met last month and decided on how many new houses should be erected during this current financial year. All we are waiting for at the moment is the Department's approval on the executive committee's suggestions regarding the housing allocation. We hope to start within the next few weeks with the building of the houses."

Meanwhile, residents and community leaders on the East Rand have accused the board of applying delaying tactics by "investing the money and gaining a lot of interest."

Sinaba accused of house-cheating

A CONTROVERSIAL Daveyton councillor, Mr Shadrack Sinaba, has been accused of "cheating a pensioner of her house with the intention of giving it to his son".

According to documents in the possession of **The SOWETAN**, Mr Sinaba approached Mrs Dondo Catherine Zondi, of 8105 Maduna Street in Daveyton last year and "tricked her into signing some documents and a will, giving over her house to Mr Sinaba's son

According to an oath Mrs Zondi wrote and signed before a commissioner of oaths in January, she claims that "Mr Sinaba came to my place and misled

me to believe that I was going to be ejected from my house since I was not employed and I was an ordinary pensioner"

According to the new will and testament signed by Mrs Zondi she had given her house to Mr Sinaba of 3680 Shongwe Street, because of the R1 695.01 he had lent her to purchase the house from the East Rand Administration Board as "it is known to me that I will not be able to refund him the said amount"

The will further states "I nominate to appoint his son, Payne Mziwakhe Sinaba of 3680 Shongwe Street, Daveyton, to be the

sole heir of the residue of my estate, the house

At a special meeting held by the Daveyton Community Council on Wednesday afternoon to discuss this issue, the will that Mrs Zondi was made to sign by Mr Sinaba was cancelled Mr Sinaba was ordered to give back Mrs Zondi her house and to collect his money from Erab

In an interview with **The SOWETAN** yesterday, Mr Sinaba said he had decided to cancel the deal he had entered into with Mrs Zondi and he was prepared to give her back her house and to collect his money from the East Rand Administration Board

Home for this family is an ice-cold garage

By HELENE
ZAMPETAKIS

HOME for the Parsaad family of three is a cramped, icy-cold garage with a smoke-blackened ceiling — and a double bed.

That is where — for the past year — they have slept, cooked, washed and entertained

The garage is just one of hundreds of 'do-it-yourself' homes in Actonville, Benoni — a patchwork town where ramshackle extensions crowd every metre of ground.

Ironically, many of those living in shacks and garages can afford to buy their own homes but the Government has recently rejected residents' pleas to proclaim the nearby white suburb of Dawn Park as Indian

Dawn Park, with its 1 000 unsold stands and 40 houses, will go instead to whites affected by extensions to the overcrowded coloured township of Reiger Park

Mr Yussuf Parsaad pays R100 rent for the garage and shares an outside toilet with the 19 other people who live on the stand. The water supply is a tap in the yard

The landlord, who rents out a room in the yard to another family, controls the supply of electricity

If he discovers that tenants have used a heater, he switches off the electricity for the night.

This is the 'home' to which Mrs Ursha Parsaad returns exhausted by her hunt for decent accommodation

Perched on the edge of her bed with her 18-month-old son, Christopher, Mrs Parsaad recalled how relieved she and her husband were to find the garage

"For nearly two years we lived with my brother's family in a garage nearby. It was terrible," she said

"There were six of us in one room. We used a curtain to divide their space from ours"

The crowded garage is an all-purpose shelter and when the family washes, they must move the chair outside.

"We have been here for a year but I don't know how much longer we can live like this"

During the day the Parsaad family must keep within its own unofficial limits in the yard

But Mrs Parsaad counts herself lucky to have shelter. She knows of families who have spilled over into white areas and who live in constant fear of being caught

Mrs Parsaad moved out of her mother's council flat when she married. Now her

mother sub-lets a room in her flat to a family of four

Frustration is worse when families can afford their own houses. A new trend has begun — landlords are demanding R1 000 'goodwill' and a month's advance rent for letting a few rooms

Actonville residents are unhappy about the Government's decision to give them 800 stands in the smaller suburb of Kingsway

They point to the exorbitant fees landlords are

charging for patches of lawn to pitch tents and the tiny garages in which families like the Parsaads are forced to live

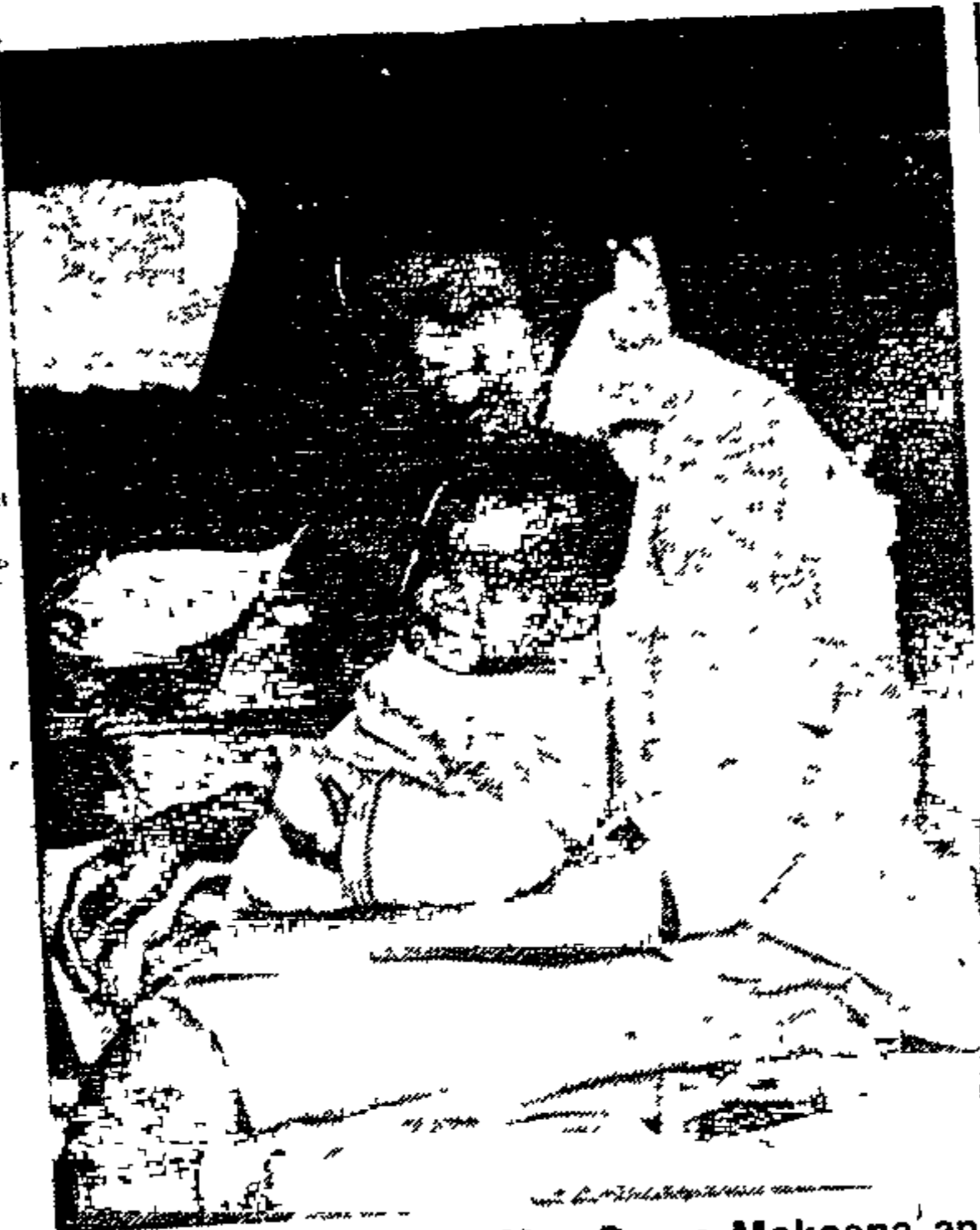
Dr A Carrim, chairman of the Actonville Housing Committee, said cramped living was creating massive social problems

The strain of overcrowding caused an increase in wife and baby battering, drug and alcohol abuse, early pregnancies and incest, he said

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SCRAPYARD FOLK: Mrs Grace Mokoena and her twelve-month-old baby.

Six destitute families living in a scrapyard

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SIX destitute families — one with a 12-month-old baby — are living in derelict cars in a scrapyard in Soweto.

The Soweto Council and the West Rand Administration Board say they already have a problem in housing the people of Soweto and that they have not yet had an opportunity to attend to this "additional problem"

Mr Willie Mokoena, who stays in a disused car with his wife, Grace, and their 12-month-old baby said he had been staying there for the past two years and is used to that although it is hard"

Mrs Emedy Mhloko, who is also staying there

with her husband and children said they had been staying there for the past few months

One derelict car dweller said "We feel insecure staying here because we are faced with many problems like heavy rains in summer and cold winters"

The chairman of the Soweto Committee of Ten, Dr Nthatho Motlana, said he was not surprised because "the Government wants it that way" He said he abhorred the statement that it was an additional problem

Inmates riot again

A LARGE contingent of policemen was called when irate Thokoza Hostel inmates again went on the rampage and damaged five cars near Alberton at the weekend.

A Katlehong police spokesman said that nobody had been injured during the fracas and motorists had been directed to use other streets far away from the hostel.

The incident, the second in the area within seven days, has sparked off anger among residents, who have made demands that the community council should close the hostel to avoid "unnecessary stoning during weekends."

A Thokoza Pumlantzi Residents' Committee spokesman said his committee would like to meet Erab officials to discuss the issue.

Thokoza Community Council chairman Mr L C Mamabolo said, "This is a very difficult and delicate issue and my council will discuss it during its next monthly meeting."

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Coloureds and Indians warn of housing backlash

Star

By Yussuf Nazeer

Coloured and Indian management committees today warned of serious repercussions if the Department of Community Development implemented its new plan to halt all future home building in coloured and Indian areas.

Management committees disclosed that they had received copies of a speech made by the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze.

The copy of the statement, issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Information at the request of the Ministry of Community Development, was shown to The Star.

It quoted Mr Kotze's statement made two weeks ago at a meeting in Benoni with town council and State officials there who met representatives of the East Rand Indian and coloured people.

Mr Kotze had said the Government had decided to have a "re-look" at the allocation of money in order to "make certain adjustments" to the methods

of financing low-cost housing.

He said all South African governments had always maintained that the individual was responsible for building his own home and it was up to employers, private enterprise and building societies to help build the homes.

The State might consider advancing loans to people earning less than R150 a month only after they could not get a building loan from any other source.

Mr Kotze said State funds would be used to service land sites where people would have to buy plots to

build their homes.

Private enterprise will therefore have to accept greater responsibility.

"And local authorities will have to ensure that sufficient building plots are available to cater for the needs of their communities."

The Government would also no longer build shopping centres but would provide sites to be developed by private enterprise.

Regarding community facilities, the State would provide only limited funds for this purpose, he said.

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Life savings ¹²⁷ lost by victims ^{Stow 21/7/82}

By June Bearzi,
Star Line

Many black potential homeowners have had their dreams shattered by unscrupulous housing firms.

Most have apparently lost their money and others believe that lengthy legal action taken on their behalf by law clinics to reclaim their money might not be successful.

Tower Properties, which was run by Mr M M MacArthur from a city centre building, took deposits ranging from R500 to R3 000 from black clients after promising houses and building sites in black townships on the Reef.

About a year after opening Mr MacArthur closed his offices and it is believed he has emigrated to Australia leaving scores of clients stripped of their savings

NO RIGHT

Mr Petrus Nkosi of Moroka said "I paid Tower Properties R2 000 for a site in Klipspruit and then found the company had no right to sell it"

Mr Nkosi said he and his family believed they had little chance of getting another lump sum together

Homeland Home Agents which was run by Mr Jack Gillman from Charter House, Rissik Street, with branches in Pretoria and Rustenburg has taken tens of thousands of rands from blacks who hoped to secure houses in the homelands

The company undertook, for an initial deposit and monthly payments, to arrange

Unscrupulous firms prey on black home buyers

for building contracts in areas such as the Ciskei, Transkei, Kwa-Zulu, Thaba Nchu in the Free State, Mafikeng, Sibasa and Lebowa

The company, which started operating in 1979, closed its doors two months ago leaving a Ferreirastown post box number on the windows

Star Line established that the box number is listed under the name J L Dreyer who, it was discovered, is a Johannesburg attorney

The Legal Resources Centre in Johannesburg, which offers free legal aid, is dealing with claims of more than R60 000 against Homeland Home Agents and the police are investigating the company's affairs

One of those affected by the company's activities is Mr Joseph Sigasa, a 67-year-old factory worker who earns R300 a month. He paid R1 500 to Homeland Home Agents to secure a house in Newcastle for his retirement years.

When he went to make a further payment to the firm he found the premises deserted and came to Star Line in a state of shock as the money constituted all his savings

Mr Gillman, who was traced to a flat at 72 Leonard Street, Turfontein, and his attorney,

Mr Dreyer, refused to discuss the complaints and threatened legal action if their names appeared in print

Mihoub Agencies and Private Estate, which was run by Mr J C Janse van Vuuren from the 8th Floor of the JBS Building in Commissioner Street Johannesburg, has also closed after taking money for property from blacks

Star Line established that there is little hope that any of the money can be recovered as Mr Janse van Vuuren has gone to Britain.

PBC Building Contractors of Soweto which is run by a Mr Thabethe of Diepkloof, has taken amounts ranging from R125 to R300 from hopeful homeowners but has not honoured its commitments. Dozens of people who were caught have had to seek legal advice

Hundreds of blacks have paid Impact Homes, run by Mr Mark Guthrie of Johannesburg, a R250 "management fee" on the understanding that the firm would apply for sites in the Soweto area, draw up plans and build houses for them

But a West Rand Administration Board official told Star Line that stands had not been made available to Mr Guthrie.

THE South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) employees housed in the luxury Diepkloof Extension area have nobody but themselves to blame if they stay in cramped conditions.

Mr Hennie Cloete a spokesman for the cor-

SABC homes 'misused'

poration yesterday told The SOWETAN that one house each had been provided for married couples and single males staying in one house were allocated a bedroom each

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According to a newspaper report last week employees were dissatisfied that they were overcrowded in three-bedroomed houses and that in

some cases married men were having to share rooms with single men That had nothing to do with the SABC Mr Cloete said

We have provided these people with modest homes and if they misuse them the SABC cannot be taken to task

He went on to say the SABC had not received any complaints about the houses

Shantytowners promised homes

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By MZIKAYISE EDOM 21/7/82

RESIDENTS of Silvertown, the shantytown outside Tsakane, near Brakpan, will all be housed before the end of next year, if all goes according to plan.

The shantytown was established last year when thousands of families were removed from Brakpan Old Location by the East Rand Administration Board to make way for a white suburb

HAZARD

At present workers from the board and the town council are busy

demolishing Brakpan Old Location which authorities have described as a health hazard and unfit for human habitation

The families regarded as 'legal squatters' by the board were only last year given a piece of land to build their shacks. About four families have to share

one toilet and a communal tap and residents in the shantytown have in the past complained that their shacks were small and so close to each other that it was impossible to even park a car between them

TEMPORARY

A few months ago Mr F E Marx chief director of Erab told

The SOWETAN the board had decided to provide families living in shacks in Brakpan Old Location with a temporary township in Tsakane where they could build their shacks until the board provided them with houses

In an interview yesterday Mr Marx said 'The board has succeeded in getting funds to build houses for families living in the shantytown. We had hoped to start building houses for these people between

now and the next two years. Now that funds are available we hope to have housed all the shantytown residents by the end of July next year

RENT

Mr Marx said about 2 000 houses were needed before the temporary township could be demolished

Presently shantytown residents are paying a monthly rent of about R12 and the board has promised that streets will be electrified soon

Council ⁽²⁷⁾ considers ^{few} option on 400 stands

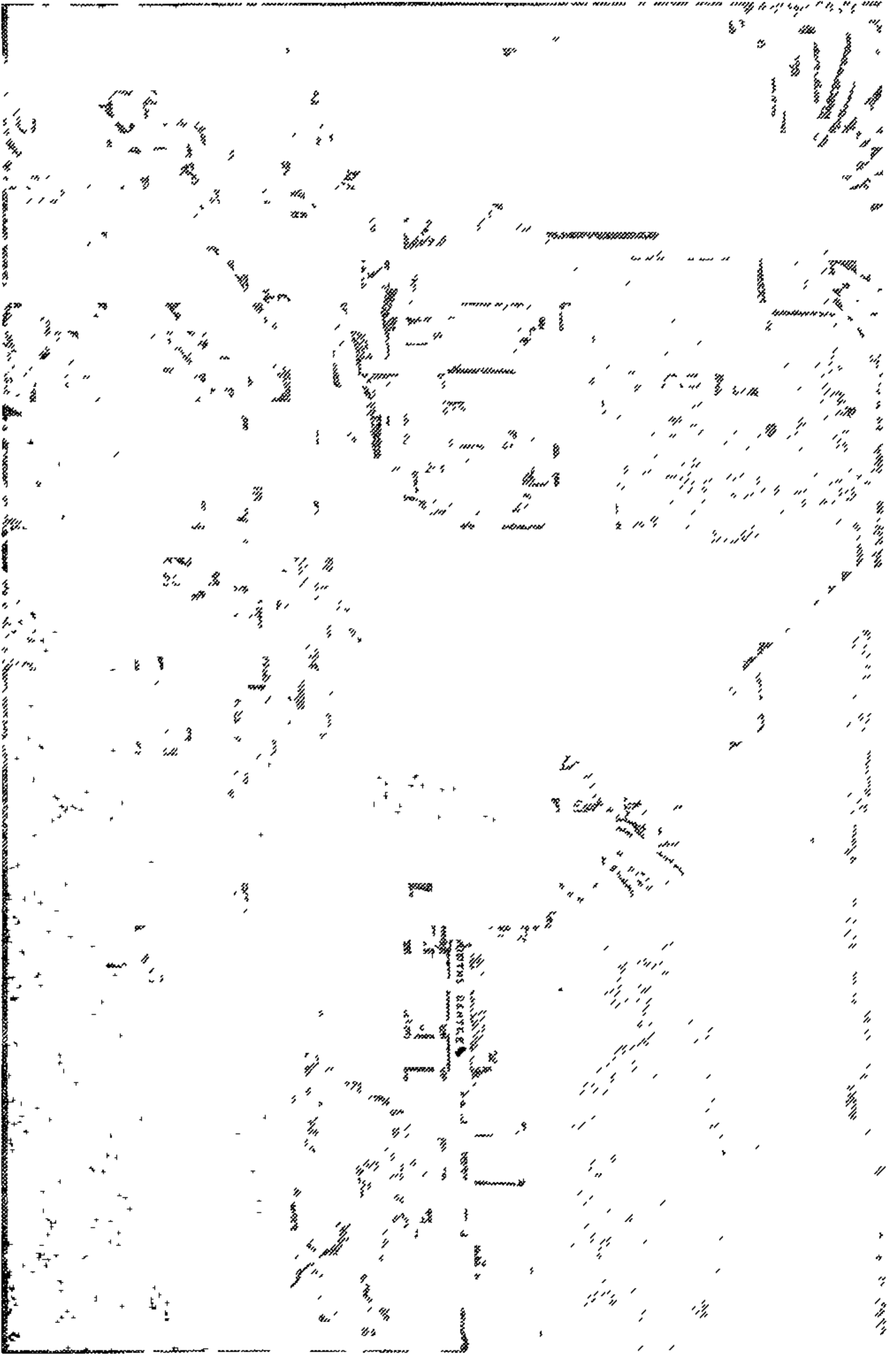
By Lucille McNamara
Municipal Reporter

The Government has made clear its decision to wash its hands of the Jeppe urban renewal scheme by offering 400 vacant stands in the area to the Johannesburg City Council.

The council's housing committee will meet on August 1 to discuss the offer. Recent comments by its chairman, Mr. Carel Venter, indicate it is likely the council will buy the properties.

This would end 15 years of uncertainty for residents of the Jeppe Fairview - Troyeville complex whose properties were frozen by the Department of Community Development when the urban renewal scheme was launched in 1967.

Mr. Venter travelled to Cape Town earlier this year to discuss the land offer with the Deputy Minister of Community Development, Mr. Pierre Cronje. "I said we would energetically help to



Piles of rubble, homes razed and evicted tenants is the legacy of the Department of Community Development's urban renewal scheme in Jeppe. But now the council has been offered 400 vacant stands which could restore the decaying eastern suburb.

find people to buy the stands and to build homes," he said.

Mr. Venter also made known the council's decision to submit a memorandum to a parliamentary select committee "to let the powers that be know we are serious about the housing plight in this city". The councillor for

the area, Mr. John Fossett, has described the department's handling of the failed urban renewal scheme as a disgrace.

He said that after freezing properties in the area the department had not had to pay assessment rates on the stands. This had deprived the council of a sorely-

needed source of income. "When homes were demolished, piles of rubble were left on the stands, attracting vagrants and rodents. In the end the council had to clean up the mess," he said.

Mr. Fossett also accused the department of frightening people out. Tenants were

evicted, the sale of properties halted and hundreds of houses were reduced to rubble. But the renewal scheme, planned to house 6,000 people, did not get off the ground.

City council officials have been instructed to investigate the land offer before the housing committee's meeting

on August 1. Although the asking price has not been revealed, it is understood to exceed R1 million.

If the council decides to take up the offer it could finance the purchase with portion of an R87 million loan which it is negotiating with a German finance company.

Sinaba in rent row again

By MZIKAYISE
EDOM

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A DAVEYTON, Benoni, woman claimed yesterday that a Daveyton councillor, Mr Shadrack Sinaba, "kicked" her out of her house, after she had refused to accommodate lodgers that Mr Sinaba had referred to her.

Mrs Priscilla Noponti Sithole, of 3189 Qesibe Street in Daveyton, told The SOWETAN that her problems started from she had separated from her husband last December. She said early this year Mr Sinaba had approached her twice and forced her to accommodate lodgers that he had brought to her house.

Last week, Mr Sinaba was accused by the Daveyton Community Council of "cheating a pensioner of her house with the intention of giving it to his son". According to documents in the possession of The SOWETAN, Mr Sinaba had approached Mrs Dondo Catherine Zondi last year and tricked her into signing some documents and a will, giving her house to Mr Sinaba's son, Payne Mziwakhe Sinaba.

Mrs Sithole claimed that Mr Sinaba had called her to his house and told her to move out of her house because her husband had approached him and asked him to "get rid of me and my brother, who was at the time staying with me" as her husband had bought the house from the board.

Since then the house has been standing empty as she has been staying with her parents. When asked for comment on the allegation yesterday, Mr Sinaba said he had no comment to make to the Press and further said The SOWETAN could write whatever story Mrs Sithole had told.



IN THE COLD: Mrs Edna Mngoma and her children.

17 sleep in the cold for 3 weeks

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A SOWETO family of 17 — including an eight-month-old baby — has now slept in the open for three weeks after having been locked out of their house.

Mrs Edna Mngoma (60), of White City told The SOWETAN yester-

day that West Rand Administration Board policemen came to her house on Tuesday and locked the house "to make sure nobody sneaks in during the night."

Mrs Mngoma, her daughter and her child-

ren, and her six grandchildren, have been staying out in the cold after they were told to move out because her husband had another wife and a house in Dlamini.

"It is very heartless of the officials to have done this to me. Where is an

old woman of my age expected to go with so many kids in her care?" Mrs Mngoma asked.

The superintendent of the area said he did not have a file on the case in question at his office. He referred The SOWETAN to the director of

housing, Mr J J Oosthuizen, who said it was the first time he heard of the case.

Mr Oosthuizen said the file could probably be with Mr Thebehali's office. —And Mr Thebehali is said to be overseas.

Residents will fight rent hike

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DOBSONVILLE residents, still reeling under last year's R8 blanket rent increase, may face a new R13 increase soon.

Dobsonville council officials have already confirmed the rent issue was under consideration although no firm stand had been taken

People opposing the rumoured R13 increase in the township are already forming themselves into protest groups to fight the issue. A meeting has been called for Sunday at the Dobsonville Hall near the Council offices at 8am.

The increase was discussed by the management committee of the council during their budget debate three weeks ago but Mr I B Mashao, deputy chairman of the council, told **THE SOWETAN** last week that the increase had not yet been approved

Mr Freddie Mohajane, an opposition member in the seven-man council, said yesterday that people in the township were very angry

We in the opposition do not know for certain whether the increase is a fact, but we have heard that this came up during

By WILLIE BOKALA

the management committee discussions," he said

The opposition, consisting of Mr Mohajane, Mr Steve Kgame and Mr Steve Nkatio, are pioneers of the Sunday meeting where they

hope to debate with residents and get a mandate on how to oppose the rents

Mr Mohajane said apart from the rent issue the meeting would also discuss the forthcoming elections



OPPOSITION: Kgame.

Ratanda tin shack question

THE RATANDA Community Council near Heidelberg will meet next month to decide whether or not to allow residents to erect tin shacks as alternative accommodation to permanent structures.

Mr L M Mohlomi, chairman of The Ratanda-Community Council said yesterday that at

the moment the families had been requested to pay a deposit of R650 for infra-structure services, and if the response from the families was good the site-and-service scheme would be introduced

At the moment there are about 450 families on the housing waiting list Mr Mohlomi also said the closing date for families to pay the money was July 31 and the council will meet on August 12 to make a fi-

nal decision on whether to go ahead with the proposed site-and-service scheme or to call it off

He said The council approached the East Rand Administration Board early this year for

funds to build more houses in the area, but were informed that at the present moment no funds were available for the building of the required houses As a result the council decided on this site-and-service

scheme Mr Mohlomi said that when Erab was informed by the council about the proposed scheme, they were reluctant and against the project, but when the council said that they

were prepared to call off the idea on condition that the board erected more houses in the area the council was readily allowed to go ahead with the scheme

Mr Mohlomi also said the council was attempting to raise other funds to build houses for those families who could not build their own houses

Meaning of "distort"

Feud over house prices

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By MZIKAYISE EDOM

A TUG of war is developing between the Wattville Community Council and the Department of Community Development over the selling price of houses in Wattville.

The Department and the East Rand Administration Board (Erab) are selling the houses for R2 756.59 but the community council says the price of the houses should be R748.43 — a difference of R2 008.16. The council has accused the Department and the Board of "daylight robbery and exploiting the residents" by demanding a lot of money for dilapidated and worn-out houses.

Presently there are 3 045 houses in Wattville. The first houses in Rookamp section were erected in 1942 and the last house was erected in 1955 and since then, the Board has not erected a single house in the area, claiming that there was no more land to build more houses.

Mr J M Moalasi, the deputy chairman of the Wattville Community Council, said yesterday that early this year the council sent a memorandum to the Department of Community Development protesting and refusing to allow the residents to be charged this exorbitant amount for their dilapidated houses. He also said the Department answered last month and demanded further details on why the council was refusing to sell the houses for R2 756.59.

Mr Moalasi also said the council held a special meeting on Tuesday afternoon, and had drafted another memorandum to be sent to the Department before the end of next week, giving reasons why they were refusing to toe the line with the Department on the selling prices of the houses.

● Tembisa executives own up to 20 houses each

Councillors keep families homeless

SOME Tembisa community councillors own as many as 20 four-roomed houses in the township while the housing waiting list keeps at least 3 000 exasperated families homeless.

By GOBA NDHLOVU

This was one of several startling revelations made by councillor Shadrack Songo at the Giyane Junior Secondary School at the weekend as the community council elections gathered momentum. He was speaking in support of the Mahanahobusoa

opposition leader Mr David Twala, who is contesting the Ntshonlanga-Mnonjaneni ward in Tembisa West.

Before the residents could recover from that surprise, Mr Songo added that for a period

of four weeks, 28 four-roomed houses remained unoccupied as local councillors knocked their heads against one another, unable to decide what to do with the much wanted accommodation

He also said that at the present moment votes are being canvassed by promising houses to local residents. He revealed that a certain family has been given a house inside Giyane Men's Hostel because the head of the family will assist certain councillors to get more votes.

Spilling more beans Mr Songo said the female hostel to be erected between Emoyeni and Isithame sections had been approved by the group led

by the community council chairman, Mr Lucas Mothiba, because it had certain advantages to them.

"As far as we are concerned, the female hostel will not reduce the waiting list which consists of married couples. This group wants to encourage the lowering of morals by building such a hostel," Mr Songo said.

In another revelation, Mr Songo said the reason why Endulwini section would not get sewerage is because the rent riots which took place last year started in that section. He said community councillors who sat and decided on which section was to get sewerage quickly had condemned Endulwini section residents for starting the rent protest. They claim members of the Azanian People's Organisation have been active in that section.

D-day for 'Mad' Mike Hoare

TODAY is judgment day for Colonel Mike Hoare and his 42 men.

It is almost exactly eight months since the Air India Boeing touched down at Durban Airport with the men who had tried to overthrow the Seychelles on board. Today the mercenaries will hear whether they are to be convicted or not on charges relating

to the Civil Aviation Offences Act.

If Natal's acting Judge President, Mr Justice James, follows his usual course the men will not know the verdict until after lunch. Lawyers expect his analysis of the mountain of evidence to take all morning.

He may, however, break with this practice and announce the verdict at the start of

the judgment.

Forty-three men are facing charges on four counts under the Civil Aviation Offences Act. The charges relate to unlawfully seizing the Air India Boeing and jeopardising the safety of it and its passengers. They are also charged with unlawfully bringing weapons on board the aircraft.

Ford workers in then out

MORE than 1 000 Ford workers of two Ford motor plants which are still closed because of a strike, returned to work early yesterday, but left again when the company would only allow a handful of workers in.

The crowd then left for Gelvandale Community Hall to have a meeting to decide on further action.

Meanwhile, two other strikes affected Ford plants were said to be working normally yesterday, although not yet on full production.

They are manned by members of the Motor Assemblers and Component Workers' Union, who had not been on strike, but who were sent home for a week because of the strike.

General Motors and Volkswagen were said to be back on full production yesterday after announcing re-opening schedules last week already on the basis of an assurance by a union leader that their workers

on strike with more than 10 000 motor industry workers.

Hundreds of workers had demonstrated their desire to return last week by arriving at the locked Ford gates in the morning.

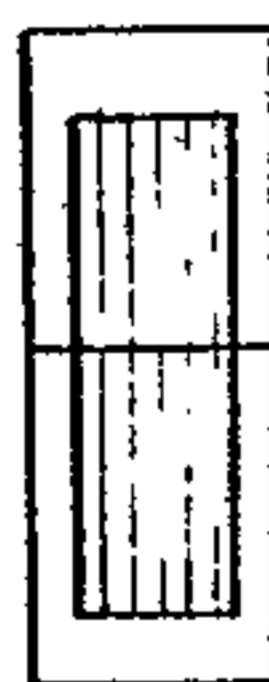
The Director of Public Relations at Ford, Mr Dunbar Bucknall, said yesterday that more workers than on any morning last week turned up at two closed Neave plants yesterday, which the company construed as enough indication that they wanted return.

The company decided to re-open the two Neave plants. But when company representatives explained to workers that only workers from the vital cut-and-sew department could be taken on yesterday to prepare the way for the return of the rest today, the workers insisted on everybody returning or nobody at all and eventually dispersed. The industrial council

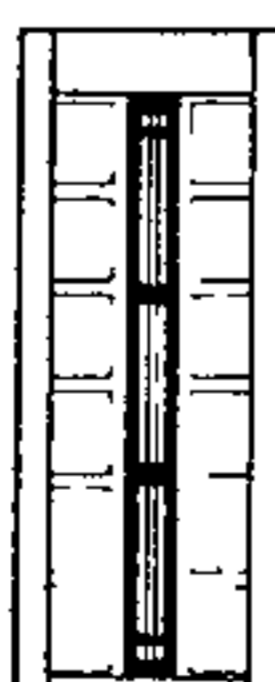
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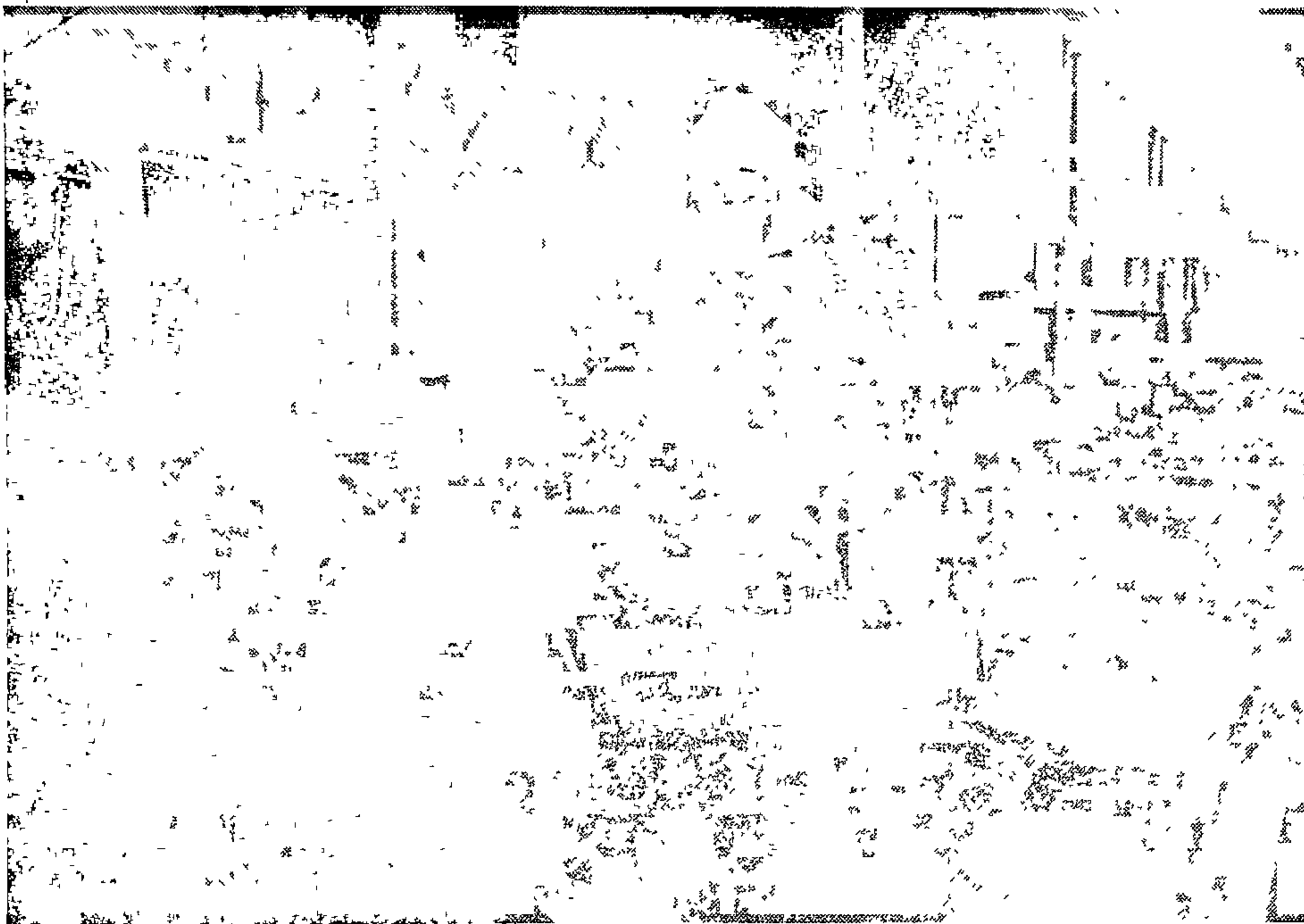
Schoolboy found hanged

WINDHOEK — A 12-year-old schoolboy was found hanged at the weekend in a garage at his parents' home in Kombat, northern Namibia, police reported in Windhoek yesterday.

The boy, Gerhardus Theo le Grange, is believed to have hanged himself with a rope suspended from a wooden rafter.

In another incident, an elderly Grootfontein woman, Mrs Erika Louw (56) died from a bullet wound in her head.

Police said the woman, who was held



Mrs Doris van Rooyen who lives with four children in a two-room stall, at one of the four taps the families use

● Picture by Trevor Samson

By Eugene Saldanha
After waiting for more than nine years, the 30 families living in Klip-town's market stalls will now be rehoused by the Johannesburg City Council's housing department

The families were told yesterday they would be given houses in the newly developed Klipspruit West area and in Eldorado Park

The Star this week highlighted the plight of the families, who were moved to the stalls as an emergency measure after floods in

Squalor of 'stalls' life to end — after 9 years

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the early '70s destroyed their homes

The families share a communal toilet and four taps

A member of Johannesburg's Coloured Management Committee, Mr R Pepper, said this week the stalls were unfit for human occupation.

Mr Pepper said the stalls were declared unfit for poultry by the medical officer of health in 1974, but people had been "temporarily" housed there for the past nine years

Residents interviewed at the stalls said they were delighted with the news they

would be given homes

"We've waited so long, it's hard to believe we'll have a place we can call our own," said Mrs Doris van Rooyen, who lives with her four children in a two-room stall.

"I'm so glad for the children's sake," said another resident

"These damp conditions were so unhealthy. At last we'll have our own bathrooms and toilets."

The vice-chairman of Actstop (Act to Stop Evictions), Mr Mohammed Dangor, who spearheaded the campaign to have the families rehoused, said he hoped the council would now demolish the stalls and not use them to accommodate the homeless.

A spokesman for the housing department was not available for comment

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PETITION Residents signing at the weekend

Dobsonville rents go up

By SELLO RABOTHATA

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This was announced yesterday by the chief executive officer of the Dobsonville Community Council, Mr A M Conn, who said the increases would come in two stages.

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COURT ACTION

The announcement has already met with protest from opposition members who maintain that if the hikes are implemented the matter will be taken to the Supreme Court. They maintained that the meeting did not form a quorum and therefore had no right to take decisions about rent increases.

The opposition spokesmen Mr Steve Kgame, Mr Freddy Mohajane and Mr Steve Nkatlo rejected all decisions made at two meetings — one on June 2 the other on June 29 — declaring them null and void.

They also rejected the decision of postponing elections. Now the councillors hope to get the proposed increases suspended and Mr Kgame made his court action threat at the council's monthly meeting on Tuesday.

Angry resident

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THREE members of a gang that has been terrorising residents in Brakpan's Tsakane Township were stopped by angry residents this week after being cornered.

The three were members of the notorious Ndofoya gang, two of whom have been identified.

They are Abel Khumalo and Alfred Sibanda (no ages and addresses given) while the third man has not yet been identified. A

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Policeman hurt in bomb blast

TWO people, one a policeman, were injured in a bomb blast in Port Elizabeth yesterday afternoon.

The Divisional Commissioner of Police in the Eastern Cape, Brigadier J van Rensburg, said the bomb exploded shortly after four o'clock at a police station in the New Law Courts building in

Main Street.

It had been discovered by a security guard in a corridor of the law courts. He took the paper packet containing the bomb to the charge office where policemen placed it outside the entrance to the building. It exploded shortly afterwards, SABC radio news reports. — Sapa.

Beware the ticket squad!

THAT "free" train ride costs the SAR in excess of R600-million a year. And in a move to curb this commuter piracy, you will pay a R2 spot fine if found without a ticket.

The standard penalty is irrespective of the distance travelled and this exercise means that a passenger may be fined R2 for a journey that might have cost him 10 cents if he had bought a ticket before boarding the train.

The facts were given

sands of people were commuting daily but evaded paying. In a bid to stop this practice the SAR introduced flying squad ticket collectors whose duty is to impose heavy fines on tricksters.

TRIPS

Our investigation follows complaints from commuters who say 'squad' collectors made them pay R2 for short-distance trips a journey that may cost you only 10 cents under normal

handcuff commuters who cannot pay the penalty.

The spokesman said this was part of the plan to recover losses suffered over the years.

The spokesman said: "Who knows that particular man might have been boarding the train a thousand times without a ticket, and not been caught. We have established that commuter piracy is out of habit. We impose the R2 to discourage them."

paid for it. We are now going full force to recover our losses.

We have made extensive investigations into these losses and their causes and we found that thousands of passengers of all races are not paying for their train journeys.

The official said commuters tend to skip buying a ticket from the station's office with the hope of a possible free ride if a conductor is not around. It is this sort of

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The opposition spokesmen, Mr Steve Kgame, Mr Freddy Mohajane and Mr Steve Nkatlo, rejected all decisions made at two meetings, one on June 2, the other on June 29, declaring them "null and void".

They also rejected the decision of postponing elections. Now the councillors hope to get the proposed increases suspended and Mr Kgame made his court action threat at the council's monthly meeting on Tuesday.

Chicken Stall People find homes



SQUALID Ms Doris van Rooyen shows the conditions they lived under for more than nine years

PRAYERS of 30 destitute families living in chicken stalls in Klipfontein have been answered. They are moving to new houses tomorrow.

The families, who for nine years have been struggling to get houses after their homes had been demolished, will move to Klipspruit West tomorrow.

"It is a breakthrough," said Klipfontein civic leader Mr Mohamed Dangor. "These people have suffered enough."

The "Chicken Stall People," as they have come to be known, were moved to the place after their homes

in old Klipfontein were demolished nine years ago. The stalls in which they were staying had been rejected by health authorities as undesirable for chicken and vegetable storage.

They were told they would be moved as soon as new houses were ready but what they did not know was that the wait would entail nine years of suffering.

They were charged R8,50 for two small rooms, just enough for a bed and a small table, said one resident. There are four taps and a communal toilet to serve more than a hundred people.



DETAINED

HARARE — The senior assistant editor of the Herald newspaper, Mr Aubrey McDowall, has joined the paper's crime reporter, Mr Bill Hipson, in detention here.

It is understood that the questioning will involve material that has appeared in the newspaper.

NO ARREST

POLICE have not made any arrest in connection with the death of three gangsters in Tsakane, near Brakpan, who were stoned and stabbed to death by angry residents this week.

The three — no ages and addresses were given — Alfred "Kapakapa" Sibande, Abel "Mashinga" Khumalo and Peter "Diamba" Msibi, believed to be the leader of the gang, were all members of the notorious Ndofoya gang.

PRICES GO UP

THE president of the SA Federation of Soft Drink Manufacturers, Mr H Viljoen, announced yesterday that the soft-drink industry had been compelled to raise the prices of soft drinks from today by between 1c a 300ml bottle to 5c a 1 000ml bottle.

FREEDOM

THE Appeal Court has set aside the convictions and sentences of Alfred Tshabalala for murder (death penalty) and robbery (10 years' imprisonment), but dismissed the appeal of Andrew Mphahlele against his convictions for murder and robbery, for which he was sentenced to 15 years and 10 years respectively to run concurrently. The charges arose from the death of Mr Lucas Tshabalala who was robbed and shot dead on October 23, 1980.

MID-EAST CRISIS

BEIRUT — The US special envoy, Mr Philip Habib, racing against time in his search for an

Detainee laughed at me - cop

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE
THE head of the interrogation personnel of the John Vorster Square Security Police yesterday told a

Johannesburg Magistrate that a political detainee had laughed at him and refused to say if she had been assaulted by his men.

Major A B Conwright was testifying at the trial of two Security Policemen Warrant Officer Johannes Deetlefs (32) and Lawrence Charles Phillip Prince (31) who have pleaded not guilty to charges of assault brought against them by Miss Barbara Hogan (30).

Miss Hogan is an awaiting-trial detainee who is to face charges of

treason in the Rand Supreme Court. She has been in detention for almost 10 months.

Major Conwright told the court that he had made it clear to Miss Hogan when he had inquired about the marks on her face that he had not been joking but had wanted to know what had happened.

At this stage Miss Hogan had told him that she was not going to tell him what had happened in her cell last night and was not prepared to talk about it.

He further said that at no time had she made any complaints of assault. Whenever there was an interrogation going on he usually checked if everything

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A home of his own means to break the law

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CASSIM Saloojee is an 'illegal' He and his family live in a house in Mayfair — a white suburb — and are thus liable to wake up one morning and find their furniture on the pavement and a summons on the door

So it is with feeling that Mr Saloojee talks about Actstop and its ceaseless battle to get the Group Areas Act wiped off the statutory slate

As yet, the police have not bothered the Saloojees since the family moved "in desperation" to Mayfair four years ago after being evicted from their home in Fordsbury

"The authorities know I'm there, but they haven't got the guts to evict me."

Actstop (Action Committee to Stop Evictions) has often been accused by the Government of rocking the boat. Cassim Saloojee, a former teacher, took on the job of steering Actstop through the choppy political waters of the Group Areas Act.

CHARLOTTE BAUER reports...

blacks moved their furniture and futures into the crumbling city blocks of white Johannesburg

It did not take long for the authorities to realise what was happening. Soon the uneasy sleep of 'illegals' living on the fringes of white man's territory was permanently shattered

In the same breath Mr Kotze accused Actstop of "helping wifful people to challenge the law"

Echoing the sentiments of one newspaper editor who declared that Group Areas evictions had reached the proportions of a witch-hunt, Mr Saloojee believes the situation has "never

all negotiations have been meaningless

"We go through the whole process again and again. Nothing happens, nothing changes. People ask if there is any validity in trying to talk to the Government"

For many, a remark made years ago by Mr P W Botha when he was Minister of Community Development has never rung more loudly. "All the shouting in the world won't make me change my mind"

It is remarks such as that which, at times, leave Mr Saloojee battle-scarred and weary. "A lot of people are being

● Cassim Saloojee and his family live in Mayfair — they could be woken one morning to have their furniture on the pavement and a summons on the door



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fight they would be taking on," is Mr Saloojee's explanation

Spearheaded by the 47-year-old Mr Saloojee, Actstop started four years ago in reaction to the way in which the Group Areas Act was being implemented

"On the one hand the Government seemed to have this obsession with removing people, but at the same time they couldn't keep pace with housing programmes to make it possible for blacks to live in 'legal' areas

"Out of sheer desperation people started moving into so-called white suburbs," said Mr Saloojee.

And four years ago a lot of white-owned properties in and around Johannesburg lay empty

As inconspicuously as possible growing numbers of

them against the Group Areas Act through the law courts"

Within months Actstop had attracted the services of nearly 100 eminent attorneys.

They included Professor John Dugard and Mr Jules Brodie SC — and all were prepared to represent Group Areas accused free of charge

Actstop has had some successes — and many failures — but there is no doubt about the impact it has had on the Government

When the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, announced last year that even tougher measures would be taken against Group Areas offenders, speculation was rife that any new law could entail by-passing the courts in ejecting illegal residents

udices of some of their supporters"

Mr Saloojee becomes caustic when talking about the validity of such bodies as the South African Indian Council (SAIC) and Indian management committees He says they are politically impotent

"We refuse to negotiate with the Government through Government-created institutions because there is nothing these institutions can do to bring about changes They are staffed by people who have no credibility in their communities"

However, Mr Saloojee is not averse to direct representations on behalf of tenants — such as the TV debate he took part in with the Minister of Community Development

He concedes that so far

and I desperately hope this change will come about peacefully

"It can happen quietly or violently It all hinges on the Government's response"

Mr Saloojee's fulltime job is the directorship of Jiswa (the Johannesburg Indian Social Welfare Association). He sees his Jiswa and Actstop activities as "part of an effort to bring about a more meaningful life for myself and the people around me"

He graduated from the University of the Witwatersrand and in 1972 was awarded the Parvin Fellowship at Princeton University in the United States where he studied international relations and political theory

Mr Saloojee spoke at length about Mahatma Gandhi and his unique brand of satyagraha — (passive resistance).

"We can learn much by the Gandhian approach, but the nature of the political regime in this country would make it very difficult for Gandhism to work here"

Even though Mr Saloojee has one son in Canada who left South Africa after a bout of student unrest and another who wants to leave after finishing school, he and his wife, Khatija, will stay

"Our commitment is to this land and we will live and die here although the price we pay for being in South Africa is to make our kids perfect candidates for incarceration"

But whenever Mr Saloojee feels that in fighting the system he might just as well be banging his head against a brick wall, he remembers this

"Every effort has meaning, every glimpse of the new society is invigorating — and the alternatives are awful"

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Give us
four
months
- Erab
Sowetan

THE East Rand Administration Board (Erab) yesterday once more promised to start with the building of new houses on the East Rand within the next four weeks.

Early this month, Mr F Marx, the chief director of Erab, had told **The SOWETAN** that the board would start with the building of an undisclosed number of new houses in the 14 townships next week.

Mr Marx said it was impossible for the board to start with the building of the new houses this week as they had planned because at the moment there were some problems preventing them from going ahead with the project as planned.

He said "The residents should be patient because within the next four weeks we will start with the project. A few things have to be cleared with the Government before we can start with the project."

"The department of Community Development has granted the board a substantial amount and has also given us the go-ahead to build a number of new houses during this financial year."

Mr Marx has so far declined to reveal how much the board was granted but only said it was a "substantial amount".

Initially, the board had applied to the department for a loan to build about 15 000 houses in the area, estimated to cost about R33-million.

Presently, there are more than 13 000 families on the housing waiting list on the East Rand and about 26 000 of these families have erected backyard tin shacks in Katlehong, Tsakane, Daveyton and Thokoza.

Meanwhile community leaders and residents have accused the board of "investing the money with the aim of getting back a lot of interest for their own benefit, instead of building more houses and alleviating the acute shortage of houses on the East Rand."



NEW ERA FOR ALEX Reverend Sam Buti, who heads the Save Alex Committee

Alex gets R5-m boost ^{Sowetan} 4/8/82

By LEN KALANE

IN A major development scheme, the Government has set aside more than R5-million for housing projects in Alexandra.

This is the first physical contribution the Government has made after "several promises" since Alexandra was re-occupied in 1979.

"There has been a lot of red tape," Rev Sam Buti said yesterday when announcing several other projects in the pipeline for Alexandra.

He added "The gesture will instil hope in the Alex community which has been living in a cloud of insecurity for the past 30 years."

Mr Buti, chairman of the local housing commit-

tee predicted a bright future for Alexandra.

The idea of developing Alexandra does not mean that the present Alex is going to be knocked down to make way for an entirely new-look township. We are going to keep 50 percent of the existing houses as monuments to retain the Alex atmosphere.

Out of the Government funds (R5.4-million) Alexandra will embark on the first phase of the housing project. This will include 79 sub-economic houses consisting of two and three bedrooms

with indoor bathrooms and toilets. Also included will be 194 flats and an additional 15 houses. Money already spent on this project amounts to R2.2-million.

The total project will be completed by February next year. Planning of phase two is under way for which R500 000 is allocated for services (sewerage, storm-water drains and clearing). Plans are also afoot for the development of the 102 hectares across the Jukskei river.

Mr Buti said they

were not going to utilise the waiting list (which has 8 000 families) with the first 79 houses. Those houses would be occupied by people whose houses were being demolished to make room for development in Eleventh and Twelfth Avenues between Rooth and London Streets. Those families would have the first option.

Also planned are

- An old-age home at the old TB settlement (R500 000)

- The new Thusong Youth Centre

- R7-million for the erection of schools

- A creche has been completed

Flats bought and converted illegally

By Lucille McNamara

Champion of the aged, Mrs Molly Kopel, has asked the Johannesburg City Council to increase the fine for the illegal conversion of blocks of flats into offices from R100 to R10 000

"Desperate times call for desperate answers," she said

Alarmed by the increasing number of illegal conversions, Mrs Kopel believes the city council has to protect the aged whose low pensions cannot keep pace with the high price of accommodation

She described as "ludicrous" a municipal by-law which carries a fine not exceeding R100 on conviction for illegal conversion

"A block of 50 flats at R80 a month will yield R4 000. The landlord could charge R250 a month if he conver-

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ted them into offices and so accrue R12 500

"It stands to reason that illegal conversion becomes most attractive — especially when the fine is a mere R100" A further clause in the by-law stipulates that after a conviction a landlord who refuses to convert to flats is subject to a fine of R10 a day. This, however, cannot exceed

of conversions, fear of crippling rent increases and fear of not finding alternative accommodation

Particularly hard-hit were pensioners, war veterans and the disabled in rent-controlled buildings in the city centre where most of the conversions were taking place

Mrs Kopel said that in the last few years more than 60 blocks of flats in the city centre had been lost to tenants — either through demolition or conversion. Not a single residential building had been replaced

"To add to the tightening situation we now have a new dimension. Sectional interests have bought rent controlled residential buildings to house their employees

"Examples of this are the Railways, the Post Office, banks, building societies and mining houses"

MOLLY KOPEL

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"In these circumstances I don't know why all landlords aren't converting

"That is why I feel strongly that the council should increase the penalty to R10 000. This could act as a substantial deterrent"

Mrs Kopel said the acute housing shortage had brought with it fear of eviction because

Mrs Asneth Twala's seven children bed down in the back of a truck. The family came to live in Johannesburg after Mr Elias Twala was employed as a migrant worker. Some have lived four years in similar circumstances.

Picture by Alf Kinnalo

Derelict cars are home to families of migrant workers

By Themba Khumalo

More than 50 families are living in derelict cars and vans on the outskirts of Soweto — another indication of how the housing shortage in black areas is biting hard.

The families, traced by The Star to a property opposite Regina Mundi church in Soweto, said they had bought the scrapped cars and vans for prices between R100 and R150 from a mechanic. Some settled in the vehicles four years ago when they had nowhere to go.

The men are migrant workers who came to Johannesburg on contract. Some brought their families. Others started families after setting up homes in the vans.

"We had nowhere to go so we looked around for an open veld where we could erect shacks for our families. Our companies could find no accommodation for us in the hostels like other contract workers," one squatter said.

Mrs Joyce Mathebula said she was born in Soweto and went to live in the van after marrying a migrant worker by tribal laws.

"He came to Johannesburg with his two younger brothers and we all live in the same van. There are three couples living in this van together

with a seventh man, a friend," she said.

Some of the women said they were prepared to face any kind of harassment from the authorities rather than go back to their homeland areas without their husbands.

"Although we have been told to vacate this place at the end of the year, we hope to be allocated houses in the townships," said one of the squatters.

This hope was dashed by Mr Alec Rabie, director of community services at the West Rand Administration Board. He said the squatters were illegal in the area and had been told earlier this year to leave.

"If we encourage them to stay, people will erect shacks anywhere they like with the hope of being allocated houses later," he said.

Mrs Eusnech Bogo, one of the "van women," said that when she and her husband first moved into their vehicles the area was owned by a farmer who allowed them to stay on the property without paying rent.

The farm had since been bought by Wrab But Mrs Bogo said at least one thing made their situation a little easier to bear — they still did not pay any rent.

Mrs Joyce Mathebula unlocks the door of her "house," a van parked in Soweto.

Rent-control flats ¹²⁷ cheaper E. Post 7/9/82 than boarding house rooms

By CLIFF FOSTER

WELL-APPOINTED two and three-bedroomed flats in Central, Port Elizabeth, are being let for less than rooms in some of the city's boarding houses — because the flats are rent-controlled and the rooms are not.

The Rent Board is responsible for fixing rents in properties built before 1949 and for rents in boarding houses with fewer than 10 rooms. But it has no control over boarding houses with 10 or more rooms.

Weekend Post was shown this week attractive flats in two blocks — Regina and Gowan Hill — in Bird Street, close to the city centre, and some with a pleasant outlook over an open space with trees.

In Regina, two of the two-bedroomed flats, with front balconies and large rooms opening on to their own hallway, were let for R71,40 and R70,30 a month. Garages were R6 a month.

In the annexe to Gowan Hill, a first floor, two-bedroomed flat was R68 a month.

In the main block a tenant has taken two flats (one above the other, with two bathrooms) for a total of R112,60 a month. The lower flat has a lounge 7,5 metres long.

These blocks of flats are owned by Mrs Mercia de Beer who says she has spent more than R50 000 on improvements since she bought them eight years ago.

Nevertheless, her income

from the seven flats in Gowan Hill (former Grey junior boarding house) amounts to only R411,56 a month and from this she has to meet rates totalling R151 a month, a bond on the property of R260 a month, water rates, collecting fees and general maintenance.

A spokesman for the Rent Board told Weekend Post the board had met Mrs De Beer's request for rent increases as recently as October last year. He said the rents seemed remarkably low for properties in good order but the board could not fix them at higher figures than those requested by the owner.

Mrs De Beer said she relied on her agents — Syfrets — to advise her.

A spokesman for Syfrets said an application was being made to have the rents increased, but the present rents were ones he thought would have been considered reasonable by the Rent Board last October.

He said the rent was arrived at by the board by totalling various costs — such as rates, insurance, cleaning, water, collecting fees — and adding this to 8,5% of the valuation, then dividing the total by 12.

A variable was the valuation — on which there could be a difference of opinion — but the figure of 8,5% was far too low, he said, bearing in mind the bond rate was now so high.

In his opinion the 8,5% would have to be raised substantially to provide adequate rents.

WEALTHY JOHANNESBURG BUILDER SAYS MANY TENANTS ARE BEING EXPLOITED

WEALTHY, retired Johannesburg builder David Bank, 60, this week laid a charge of contravening municipal by-laws against the owners of 500 expensive flats in the city's northern suburbs.

Mr Bank alleges that Sellcob Finance Company (Pty) Ltd, owners of at least four prestige blocks of flats — Chartwell in Killarney and Headingley, Eton Place and Walton Heath in Illovo — are charging for water in contravention of by-laws

But Mr Joe Jacobs, managing director of Sellcob (assets R25-million), denies that the company has done anything illegal

If Mr Bank's allegation is upheld owners of other flat buildings could also be charged

"When the Minister dropped rent control it was to give the landlord a fair profit and not to have tenants exploited. He has declared that he would not hesitate to reintroduce rent control if there was exploitation of tenants," Mr Bank said.

"I think that I have a case for such a move." Sellcob charges between R10 and R12 a month for water and, said Mr Bank's attorney, this was illegal

The attorney claimed a police inquiry had shown that, at Chartwell where Mr Bank lives, Sellcob had charged tenants nearly

Flat owners could be in hot water

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BY DESMOND BLOW
Chief Reporter

twice what it had been charged by the municipality. The lawyer said "In terms of Section 31(a) of the water supply by-laws, published in Administrator's Notice 787 of October 18, 1950, no consumer is allowed to sell municipal water supplied to him by the Johannesburg Council

"Senior counsel's opinion is that Sellcob's action is illegal and the municipal legal department takes the same view. In fact, the municipality is in favour of us

Bank's lawyer, the police had found that the company had been charging nearly twice what it had been charged by the municipality. Mr Jacobs said that this was not a true reflection of the monthly account

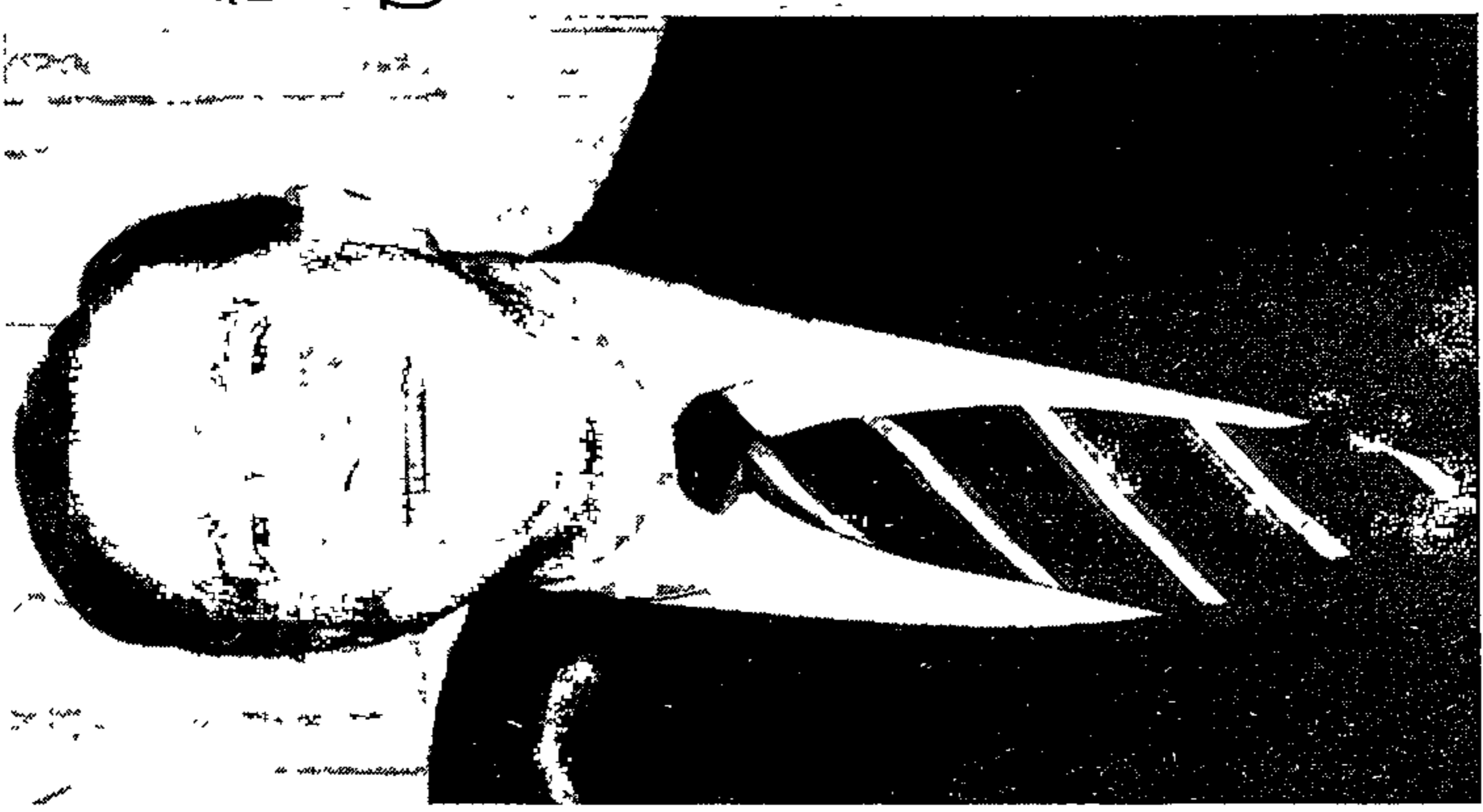
"The water meter is read at various times of the month so the monthly account differs. But, over a period, it works out to about R800 to R850 a month."

Mr Jacobs said each building had only one meter for water and the company charged according to the size of the flat

Mr Jacobs said "It is all legal because the tenants sign a lease when they rent a

flat and the lease covers payment for water," Mr Jacobs said "I don't know why you are trying to protect the wealthy people in my buildings are rich and Mr Bank must have an income of R5 000 to R6 000 a month. Why don't you try to help poor people in the southern suburbs?"

Mr Bank said that, in terms of an escalator clause in his lease, his rent would increase at the end of January from R575 a month to R661, his garage from R25 to R28, his servant's room from R25 to R28, water from R12 to R14 and the TV second channel from R15 to R17



● Mr David Bank — challenging landlords over charges for municipal water

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Coloured families out in the cold

By Eugene Saldanha
Two Johannesburg, coloured families — including several young children — spent last night in the open after they were evicted yesterday afternoon.

City council officials put the belongings of the Simpson family of Western Township and the Swartz family of Eldorado Park on the pavements outside the homes in which they were living.

Mr Edward Simpson, his wife Jean and four children — the youngest four years old — were told to find other accommodation because the house had been allocated to one of the 4 000 families on the official waiting list.

The family had lodged with the registered tenant of the house, Mrs M Kani, but were served with an ejection order after Mrs Kani died a year ago.

Mr Simpson said he had been trying for the past year to find a house but had no success because "there are just too many families who need houses."

Mr Bruno Swartz, his wife Gertrude and their three children had been living in a house in Eldorado Park for the past three years but were also informed last year they would have to vacate it for one of the other fami-

lies who had been on the waiting list ahead of them.

"I have paid the rent in advance every month," Mr Swartz said. "What I don't understand is that we are being asked to find a house when the council knows there are over 4 000 people looking for homes."

The Western Residents' Action Committee has called on the city council to provide the families with homes immediately.

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Evaton land deal looms

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A MOVE is afoot to expropriate Evaton plots and give stand-owners properties in Bophuthatswana.

This startling revelation was made by Mr Tom Nhlapho, the former secretary of the Evaton Ratepayers' Association, at a joint meeting convened by Inkatha and the Isolumuzi Association at the Roman Catholic Church in Evaton at the weekend.

Mr Nhlapho said that a document to prove that the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, "was involved in another sinister land deal similar to the Ingwavuma and KaNgwane incorporation was read at the local council's meeting last week."

Mr Nhlapho said Proclamation 155, which appeared in the Government Gazette of May 19, 1981, substantiated this allegation.

Mr Nhlapho stressed that when members of the Evaton Community Council were questioned by councillors about this "illegal land deal", they pretended to be "in the dark about the matter".

He added that this showed that "our fight to retain freehold tenure of our properties had failed."

Another speaker, Mr Sam Malindi of Inkatha, called for all the local organisations to join Inkatha, "so that we can succeed in our aim to fight this new threat."

Mr Ledibu Matlawe said that the move to expropriate plots meant that 1 500 hectares would be taken by the authorities and residents would instead be accommodated in Brits, which is part of Bophuthatswana.

Mr D C Ganz, the chief director of the Oranje-Vaal Administration Board, was said to be in the Orange Free State and not available for comment.

No home — so family had to separate

By Tyrone August

The coloured housing crisis has divided a Johannesburg family — the mother is living in Noordgesig, the father in Newclare and their two children in Eldorado Park

"It is so depressing," said Mrs Emily Smith (29). "I miss my children terribly and it is difficult to stay without my husband. We desperately want to live together."

Mrs Smith said her family had lived with her grandmother in Orlando East for seven years, but eventually had to move because they were living there illegally.

"We then went to board in Newclare," she said. "We used to pay R160 a month to stay in a dining room. In March this year the crunch came when we were asked to find other accommodation."

"Since then our family has been living apart. I am staying with my sister in Noordgesig. I share a bed with her and her husband has to sleep on the sofa."

Mrs Smith said her two children — Stephen (7) and Arnold (11) — were living with a relative in Eldorado Park. Her husband, Henry, is living in Newclare.

Mrs Smith has been on the Johannesburg City Council's housing list since 1977.

The city council's director of housing, Mr Thys Wilsnach, has told The Star in the past that families are placed on the priority waiting list only on the recommendation of a welfare officer.

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HOUSING CHIEF: Mr J Oosthuizen.

Wrab can't find scrap-car families

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THE 50 homeless families reported to be staying in scrap cars on a property owned by the West Rand Administration Board have disappeared, according to the Soweto Council.

The council's director of housing, Mr J J Oosthuizen, told the The SO-WETAN yesterday that his council had launched investigations soon after the reports about the families, but had found no people staying in scrap cars and vans in the area.

The families are said to be staying on land opposite Regina Mundi Church in Rockville.

"This is a mystery. A team of inspectors checked the area but found no families," Mr Oosthuizen said. "I went to see for myself but saw no-one staying there."

"Perhaps the families

move into the cars at midnight and disappear in the morning," he said.

According to reports, the families — mostly those of contract labourers in Johannesburg — had bought the scrap cars and vans for between R100 and R150. Some had been on a housing waiting list for some years.

The area, which has been bought by Wrab, is being redeveloped for projects costing millions of rands. These will include housing units and a trading complex.

"If we find the families we will allow them to stay on while we try to find alternative accommodation for them. We won't allow any other families to move into the area. We will allocate numbers to the families we find in the area," Mr Oosthuizen said.

Katlehong gets elite ⁽¹²⁷⁾ offices - but no houses ^{12/8/82 Sowetan}

WHILE more than 10 000 families in Katlehong, near Germiston, go homeless, the Katlehong Community Council is spending about R2-m to build new council chambers and administration offices.

Early this year the council and the East Rand Administration Board announced that they had no funds to

build more houses in the area

The council said they were planning a site and service scheme whereby residents could build their own houses

Then a few months ago, the council started with phase one of a building project which includes administration offices. This phase will

be completed by the end of October

Chairman of the Katlehong Community Council, Mr A P Khumalo, said yesterday the council had insufficient facilities like council chambers. He said they were using offices at the local administration board offices in the township and other offices in Wadeville

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**Housing
loans**

THE WEST Rand Administration Board (Wrab) has set aside more than R3-million to help residents with loans to improve their present homes in Soweto, and townships under its jurisdiction.

These loans, payable over a 20-year period at 13 percent per year, depending on current rates, can be obtained by people who wish to build, extend or improve their homes.

Mr M S Mokhehi, Wrab's publicity officer on housing, told **The SOWETAN** yesterday that the response of people interested in using the loans had been good.

Anyone may visit Wrab's New Canada home-ownership centre, where they will get all the necessary information.

Housing plans bring hope to 2000 homeless families

Hostel families (127) may leave squalor

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THE West Rand Administration Board is locked in negotiations with the Diepmeadow Council over accommodation for 2 000 Mzimhlophe Hostel families.

By LEN MASEKO

The families have also complained of continual power failures and a lack of privacy.

"We don't want to raise expectations but these families should know that we haven't forgotten about them. We are at present engaged in negotiations with the Diepmeadow Council to consider the families in its housing and Diepmeadow coun-

ten hostel projects," Mr Rabie told The SOWETAN.

Originally Wrab had planned to build new houses for these families at a buffer-strip in Dlamini, but had to shelve the project due to the lack of funds.

In the past, the families have become the centre of controversy with both the Soweto and Diepmeadow coun-

cils debating over who was responsible for providing houses for the families.

The Diepmeadow Council argued that it was merely a goodwill gesture since the homes had been demolished by floods.

The Diepmeadow Council's director of housing Mr F J C Knott confirmed yesterday that plans were afoot to have the families provided with houses in the township.



SQUALID: A thing of the past for Mzimhlophe families if the proposed housing project gets off the ground.





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Plans for a white housing scheme which will change the character of Pageview south of 17th Street will be submitted for approval by the Johannesburg City Council later this month.

The plans were completed more than a year ago.

Although aimed at the lower income bracket, the scheme will offer residents an environment usually associated with costly townhouse developments.

Another attraction is that it will relieve Johannesburg's acute housing shortage, providing accommodation for at least 660 people in detached units and duplex flats.

But the major drawback is that it is dependent on Government funding.

Because of severe curtailments in housing

loans, it is not known when finance will be available.

It is planned that the complex will be encircled by a ring road from which dual purpose vehicle pedestrian courts will lead into the living area.

The courts are designed as private areas in which people can relax and play and through which vehicles travelling at low speeds will gain access to dwellings.

This concept has been successfully introduced to Mitchell's Plain in the Cape.

There will be 125 detached units and 40 duplex flats, all with three bedrooms and garaging.

The western portion of the land, straddling the ring road, has been earmarked for community activities, including a small shopping centre, creche, hall and church.

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Thomsville residents guard their furniture, which was placed on the pavement by Department of Community Development officials yesterday. Temporary accommodation was later found for them.

15 ¹²⁷ Lenasia ^{Star} families ^{13/8/82} evicted

By Eugene Saldanha

Police were called in to keep the peace when 15 families with 21 children were evicted from their homes in Lenasia yesterday.

The distraught and angry families, who lived in Thomsville's Geranium Street, yesterday told The Star they were given a day's notice by the Department of Community Development to vacate the two-room houses.

"We were told by officials on Wednesday

that we would have to move because the department wanted to have the houses renovated," said Mr. Dor-samy Pillay, father of three young children, yesterday.

"Two officials of the department this morning told us to remove the furniture from our houses. When some of us objected, they called the police. There was nothing we could do. We stood by with our wives and the younger children and watched our furniture being put on the pavement."

Mr. Paddy Alfred (63) said alternative accommodation should have been arranged for the families. "I have a sickly wife and two children. Has the department considered where they will sleep?" he asked.

Mr. Dennis Pillay, who represents the area on the Lenasia Indian Management Committee, told the committee at its monthly meeting last night that accommodation had been arranged for the families, who were "illegal tenants," for last night.

15 Lenasia families evicted

JOHANNESBURG — Police were called in to keep the peace when 15 families with 21 children were evicted from their two-room houses in the Indian residential area of Lenasia near Johannesburg yesterday

The families said yesterday they had been given a day's notice by the Department of Community Development

"Two officials of the department told us to remove the furniture from our houses. When some of us objected they called the police. There was nothing we could do. We stood by with our wives and the younger children and watched our furniture being placed on the pavement," said a resident

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Mr Dennis Pillay, who represents the area on the Lenasia Indian Management Committee (IMC), told the committee at its monthly meeting last night that accommodation had been arranged for the families for last night

Mr Pillay said the department had evicted the families because it had found they were "illegal tenants"

Repeated attempts to contact the regional representative of the Department of Community Development were unsuccessful yesterday — Sapa

NEWS in brief

Death appeal

THE APPEAL Court has refused Simon Ngako Phosa, of Ramokgopa, Pietersburg, leave to appeal against his conviction and death sentence for murder.

Phosa and Sarah Dolamo, widow of the dead man, were both sentenced to death for the murder of Warrant Officer Edward Dolamo, who died during the night of May 30, 1981 of multiple wounds after he was attacked with an axe while asleep. — Sapa.

Car thief

THE APPEAL Court has refused an application by Edward Mabaso for leave to appeal against his conviction and sentence to four years for car theft.

Mabaso was convicted by a Johannesburg Regional Magistrate on May 1, 1981. An appeal to the Transvaal Supreme Court was dismissed on March 1, 1982.

The car disappeared in Johannesburg on July 31, 1980. It was found in Mabaso's garage in Orlando on September 30, 1980. — Sapa.

Idi's wake

A KAMPALA court sentenced a former member of Idi Amin's notorious secret police to eight years' jail last week for the abduction of a senior airman who disappeared seven years ago.

Haji Mohamed, a member of Amin's State Reserach Bureau, which human rights organisations alleged killed hundreds of people, was found guilty of abducting Brigadier Smuts Guwedeko in February 1975. Guwedeko was never seen again — Sapa-Reuter.

Recognition

EDGARS stores and the Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union have signed a recognition agreement, according to a joint statement released last week.

Evicted man found hanged

A MEMBER of one of the families accommodated at the Alexandra "transit camp" was found hanged — apparently after he had complained of lack of accommodation — at the weekend.

Mr Thomas Ndlovu (31), the sole breadwinner of a family of 13, was allegedly evicted by Wrab from their home in Alexandra last March and accommodated at the "camp", his sister Ms Betty Ndlovu, told The SOWETAN yesterday.

She said they had been living in their home for more than 10 years when Wrab officials had evicted them. She said attempts to find another house had been fruitless.

"We were sent to the camp where the conditions are terrible. My brother had always complained about the black man's suffering because he could not stand these conditions," she said.

The chairman of the Alexandra Liaison Committee, the Reverend Sam Buti, said the lack of accommodation which resulted in people being housed at the "camp" was "frustrating and it is time Wrab accelerated its building scheme".

Police are investigating.



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Makgolo was, however, acquitted on the charge of rape while Motswane was acquitted of murder but convicted of rape.

The two men had previous convictions. The

case was a sequel to an incident on January 30 when Ms Phahlane was assaulted and left lying unconscious until she was discovered the following day at the Atteridgeville Cemetery.

She died on March 6 at Kalafong Hospital after brain surgery.

On dismissing Motswane's earlier evidence the judge said that no woman could have sex with an unknown man on a street pavement where people could easily see them, after she had been severely assaulted.

"We find that after the woman had lost consciousness you (Motswane) had sex with this bitterly assaulted and unconscious woman," the judge said.

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'Council (127) stalling' on sale of houses

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By Eugene Saldanha
Klipspruit West's 10 000 residents, angered at receiving re-assessment forms for another rent increase, intend to petition the Johannesburg City Council and the Department of Community Development to demand that houses be sold to tenants

At a meeting called by the Klipspruit West Ratepayers' Association last week, residents accused the council of stalling the sale of homes to tenants many of whom are eager to purchase

Homes in the area would usually be sold only after Klipspruit West was proclaimed a coloured group but earlier this year the city council agreed to sell the houses to tenants before proclamation

"The council agreed to sell houses to tenants Now we're going to pay up an increase in rents" said Mrs Marilyn Smith, a member of the Klipspruit, West Ratepayers' Association

Mrs Smith said the council should estimate the cost of the houses and sell them to tenants at that price

In the estimated cost could be made up later.

Mr Mohammed Dangor, deputy leader of the Labour Party in the Transvaal, said the delay in proclamation had caused problems for families throughout the Transvaal who wanted to purchase homes in group areas.

Mr Dangor said the Minister of Community Development should review the Housing Act to make it easier for tenants to buy homes

The Actonville Rents Action Committee chairman, Mr Vicky Padstan, has also criticised the basis on which rents are calculated

The reassessment does not consider how many dependents there are in every household. People will have to pay rent on the basis of their income — irrespective of how many dependents there are in a family" he told a protest meeting last week.

A spokesman for the city's housing department said the reassessment complied with the provisions of the Housing Act

"We expect a report on the cost of the houses within the next month," he said

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500 dead

The Star's Africa News Service
ACCRA — More than 500 people are believed to have died in a new outbreak of cholera in Ghana. Doctors are hoping that summer rains will flush the virus from the country's rivers and check the outbreak

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Industry looks to workers' needs

By Priscilla Whyte

STABILISATION of labour is one of the main tasks that the Boksburg Industrialists' Association is concerned with

Providing adequate housing for the labour force is critical because the further growth potential of Boksburg hinges on it

Adrian Gray, chairman of the Association said "Central and municipal authorities are equally concerned about the problem"

There is a community of 88 000 blacks in Boksburg and a survey done by the Association has found that 60% of the community are in favour of taking title of property in terms of the 99-year leasehold scheme

However in the

developed section of Vosloorus not one property has been transferred

The problem is that the developed section of Vosloorus has to be resurveyed at a cost of R320 a house. The Association has however established that if the surveyor is commissioned to survey all 5 500 houses in Vosloorus, the survey will cost between R20 and R25 a house

Gray said the dilemma facing Boksburg industrialists is how to get the necessary funds to have the area resurveyed

"On behalf of the people of Vosloorus I appeal to industrialists to contribute to a fund for the resurveying of the area. We need a ballpark

figure of R137 500 for the resurveying, said Phineas Xulu, chairman of the Community Council of Vosloorus

"The Boksburg Industrialists' Association is trying to do something for this community of 30 000 people"

Gray admits that certain "unscrupulous" industrialists are partly to blame for the housing shortage

Certain Western Cape industries moved to Boksburg and workers were told that if they moved to the Reef they could have a job

However the accommodation facilities for coloureds in Reiger Park are inadequate

Leon Ferreira, town clerk of Boksburg told Industrial Week "Fifty-

two houses have been completed for coloureds and another 54 are envisaged but had to be held over due to lack of funds

"This is a drop in the ocean, but new coloured areas have been proclaimed at Delmore and Delmore Park and we trust that in time to come this will alleviate the housing position"

Gray said there will be 500 houses available in Delmore and Delmore Park, but there is an official waiting list for 2 000. The population is growing by leaps and bounds

The Boksburg Industrialists' Association is on a favourable footing with Putco for providing extra transport services for shift workers

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**Western
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Mail Reporter

RESIDENTS of Western Township yesterday presented the Johannesburg City Council with a 600-signature petition attacking the Johannesburg Coloured Management Committee (CMC) and asking to be consulted on matters affecting themselves

The petition, rejecting a CMC suggestion that the council sell existing houses in Western to residents rather than build new ones, was handed to the director of housing, Mr Mathys Wilsnach, by members of the Westbury Residents' Action Committee (Wrac)

The petition said residents "reject this proposal and express dissatisfaction at the fact that we were not consulted before the proposal was made"

It also pledged support for the action committee and described the old houses as "slums"

In an accompanying letter, the Wrac secretary, Mr Elvis Daniels, said CMC members had attempted to hold a mass meeting in Western to win support from residents for the proposal

"They certainly did not get their mandate and the meeting ended in chaos as people walked out," the letter said

Wrac's aim was to ensure that residents were consulted before proposals were made, Mr Daniels said

Mr Wilsnach told the delegation that the city council supported their suggestion and had no intention of selling the old houses

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Soweto's top women

MRS MARINA Maponya, wife of Soweto businessman Mr Richard Maponya, yesterday snatched the 1982 Businesswoman of the Year Award at a banquet held at a Johannesburg club.

She was one of five finalists whose business turnover rated between R3-million and R80-million

The jubilant Mrs Maponya could not hold back her tears as the announcer, author and former winner of the award, Mrs Margaret Lessing, read her biographical background

Danger man hunt

POLICE are still looking for a heavily armed and dangerous man who was with another man killed when a handgrenade exploded near the Krugersdorp railway station last week.

The SAR Public Relations Officer, Major Leon Els, told The SOWETAN yesterday police have not as yet identified the dead man

The man died as a grenade he was about to hurl at railway policeman exploded in his hand when the police fired at him.

He apparently pulled out the pin of the grenade during a scuffle with police following the discovery in a corrugated-iron shed near the station of a parcel containing handgrenades, firearm magazines and limpet mines.

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Families war over house

A HOUSE in Soweto has been standing empty for almost eight months while two families are involved in a tug-of-war over it.

The house became a centre of controversy soon after its owner, Mrs Rebecca Mabaso, was killed in a fight with a member of the other family Her husband also died

According to a relative of Mrs Mabaso, Mrs Theresa Seboge, the other family claimed the house was theirs after the death of the owner The family, the Mchunus, are staying in a shack inside the Mabasos' yard.

The Mchuni family have refused to move. They claim they have been paying rent for the place since Mrs Mabaso died

Mrs Seboge said "We told the family we no longer wanted them in the yard after Mrs Mabaso was killed in a fight with their daughter

"They told us they won't move out because they are paying rent for the house

"We asked another relative to look after the house but he left after being raided by police for staying there without a permit Since then the house has been standing empty The Mchuni family have told us to take out our relative's things so that they can move in "

Mrs Seboge said her family preferred the house to be allocated to any family on the waiting list other than the Mchunus She said the Soweto Council promised to allocate the house to other people but this had not been done

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Residents slam houses Tony built

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A NUMBER of houses in Soweto's prestigious Pimville Zone 5 & 7 townships, which have been occupied for up to three years, are still incomplete and the owners are up in arms against a construction company which they allege has swindled them.

One homeowner showed The SOWETAN a number of cracks on the walls of his house, built by Tony Davies Construction, which he said made him fear that the house could collapse.

The company has also been accused of providing unprofessional finishes to their houses and of disregarding pleas from dissatisfied homeowners.

Mr Tony Davies, who owns the company, yesterday denied that no attention was given to the complaints by dissatisfied homeowners. He said there were cases where he provided houses with items not originally specified in the building contract.

"These are things I did to give the houses a better appearance and to improve the quality of life for the owners.

Didn't they tell you about such things?" he asked.

Homeowners who wanted garages in Zone 7 have been waiting for months and only about three weeks ago walls were put up. Work has now been halted.

Some of the houses are without electricity and those that have got it up to about four months after the owners had moved in.

"We had paid Mr Davies for electricity cables and he blamed the West Rand Administration Board for the delays in giving us power.

"Why is Tony Davies always having problems in getting his work completed in time?"

Mr Sam Maseko of Zone 5, who moved into his house three years

ago, said a number of items costing over R1 000 were still outstanding and that he had had a number of fruitless confrontations with Mr Davies over them.

"If a house cannot be completed in three years, what hope can one still have that something will be done in the future? What Mr Davies ought to have done was to have refunded us if he thought he could not honour his contract."

By SAM MABE

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WHOSE HOUSES ARE THEY?

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

ABOUT 300 Thembalisha families in Kwa-Thema do not know whether they own or are merely renting their houses from the East Rand Administration Board.

For the past three years, the families have been paying a monthly instalment of R33,06 to Erab, and fear they will have to pay for as long as they occupy the houses.

The problem for the

residents started after they were allocated the houses in September 1978. They claim that they were made to sign contracts and pay a deposit of about R500 before

fore occupying the houses, which were apparently selling for R4 468.

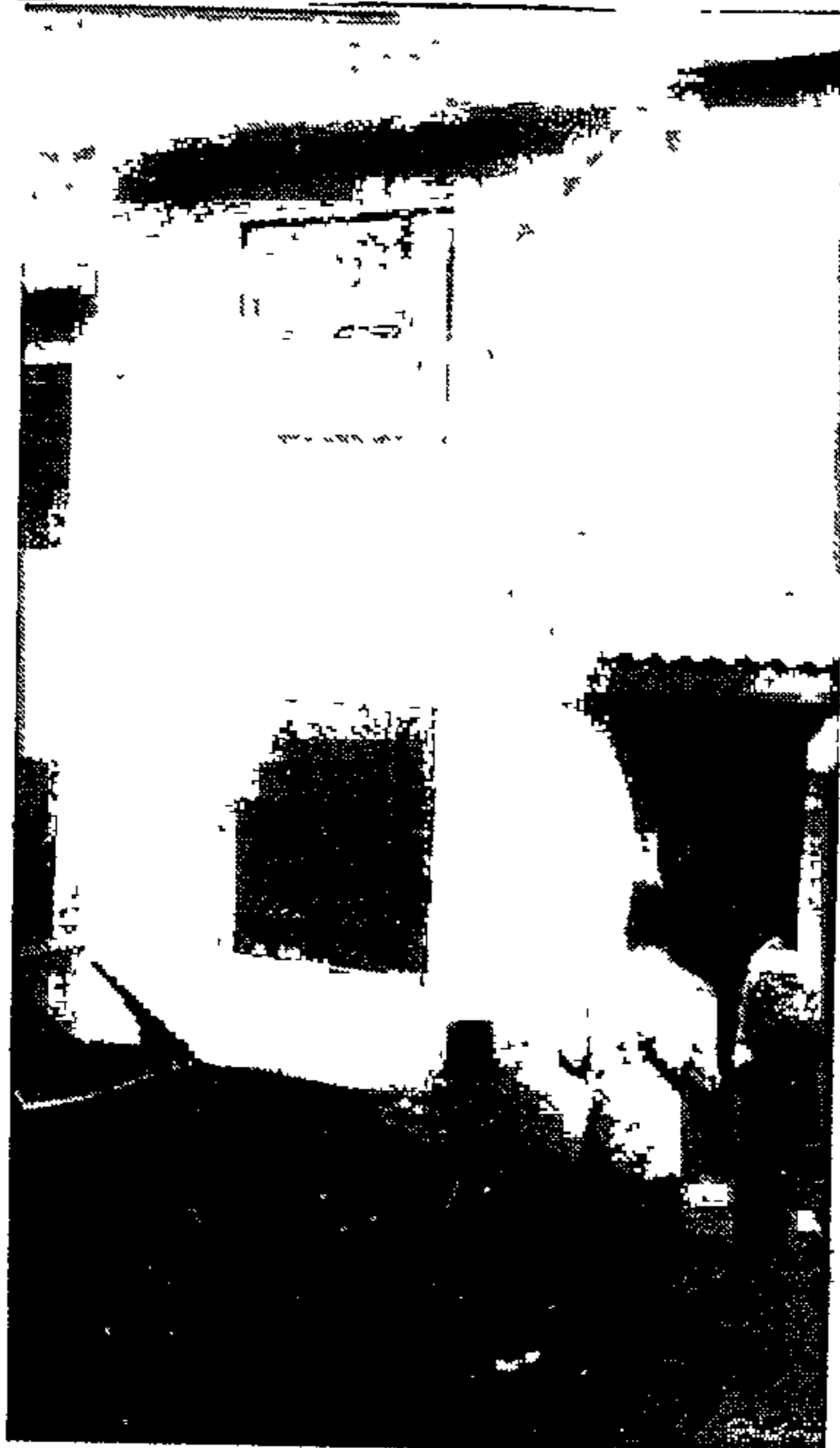
Last May, the lawyer representing the families met the legal advisor of

the houses from the board and at the same time another clause stating that Erab had sold the houses to the families.

board had agreed to treat the contracts as invalid, but so far, the board has not issued any new contracts.

A spokesman for the Thembalisha residents Mr Max was not available for comment.

Committee said that they had contacted the chief director of the board Mr F E Max a few weeks ago who had promised that the new contract would be ready before the end of next month.



APARTMENTS: Built by companies.
Pic BONGANI MNGUNI

R450 000 ¹²⁷ spent on ^{Sowetan} elite flats ^{19/8/82}

By **LEN MASEKO**
FIVE companies have joined hands on housing projects aimed at alleviating the housing shortage in black townships.

The first stage of the project became a reality on Tuesday with the opening of a block of spacious apartments in Orlando West. The apartments have been built for the higher income group.

The prices of the three-bedroomed apartments range between R26 000 and R38 000. About R450 000 was spent on the project. They will be sold exclu-

sively to the employees of the five companies.

Mr Ian Murdoch, coordinator of the project, said the apartments would be sold to the employees under the 99-year leasehold scheme. The scheme would enable occupants to sell their apartments should they wish to, he said.

'We've got several other projects in mind. By building elite apartments, we should not be seen as neglecting the lower-income groups. They have been also considered for other projects,' Mr Murdoch said.

There are double-storey and single-storey apartments. In each there are three bedrooms, a bathroom, livingroom, toilet and kitchen. A new garage block is still under construction.

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Westbury residents hit sale of 'slum houses'

Several Westbury residents handed a petition yesterday to the Johannesburg City Council's housing department rejecting a proposal that old houses in the township be sold to residents.

This proposal was made by the Coloured Management Committee (CMC) to the Johannesburg management committee at its monthly meeting in July.

"We were not consulted, before this proposal was made," said the

petition, signed by about 600. It called the houses "old slums."

The petition also supported the Westbury Residents' Association (WRA), formed at a meeting last year.

Mr Elvis Daniels, the WRA secretary, said yesterday that the CMC first approved plans to build new houses in Westbury, yet now pro-

posed the old houses be sold to residents.

"It shows their inconsistency," he said. "It is against the wishes of the people to buy the old houses. We conducted a survey in April which proves this."

"About 70 percent of the people prefer new houses with a reasonable rent."

WILLOW STREET TOWNSHIP HOUSING

Low-cost homes for Whites in Pageview

Reports by Eugene Saldanha

Pageview, once the home of thousands of Indian and coloured families who have been resettled in other areas, will soon be a low-cost white residential area.

The township was declared a white group area in 1963 after Indian and coloured families had lived there since the time of Paul Kruger.

There are still 68 Indian families occupying 42 dwellings in the area.

The first phase of the housing scheme — 46 homes at a cost of R1.5 million — has been going according to schedule. A spokesman for the Department of Community Development said this week that the houses should be ready for occupation by October.

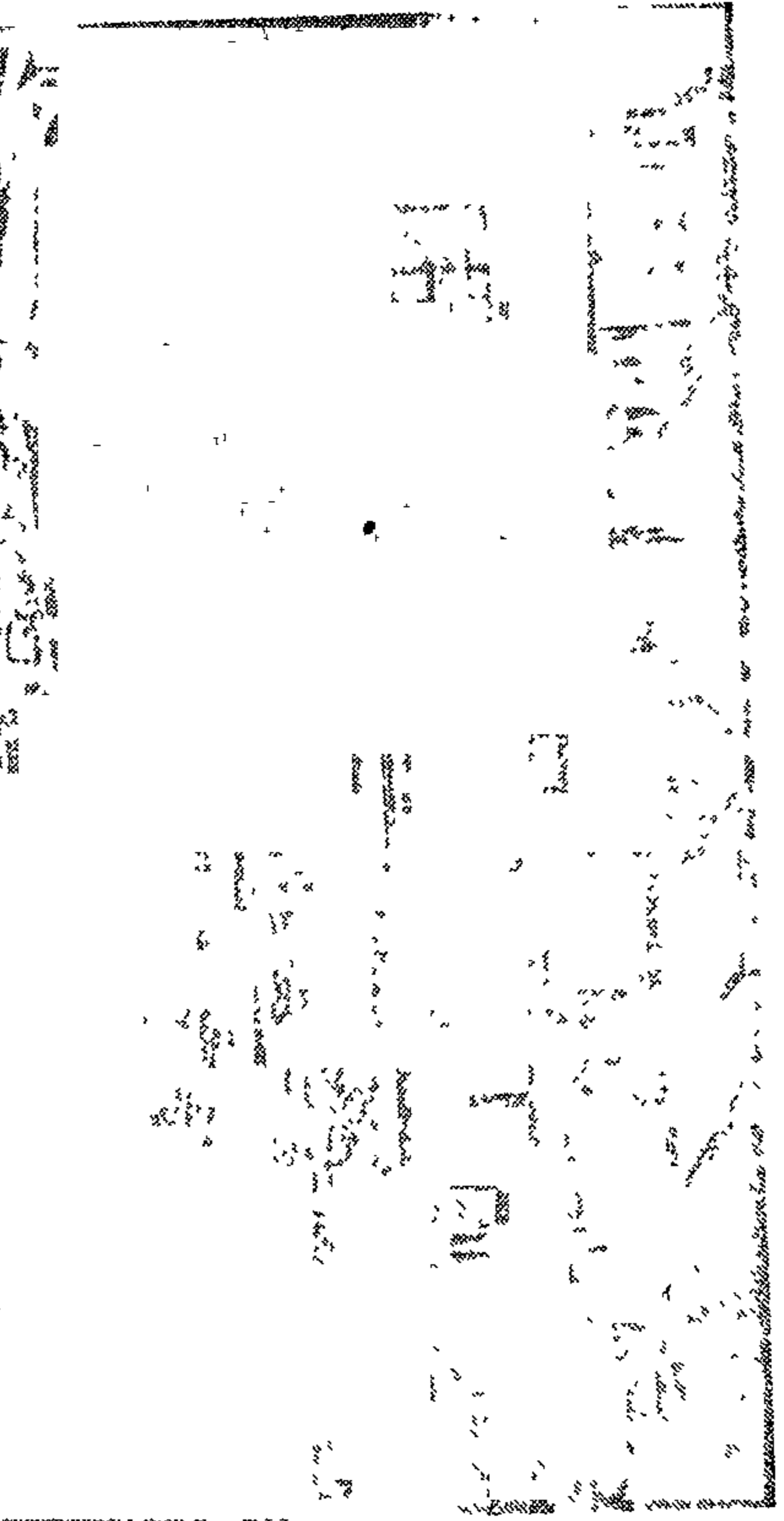
There are plans for a further 145 houses to be built in the area.

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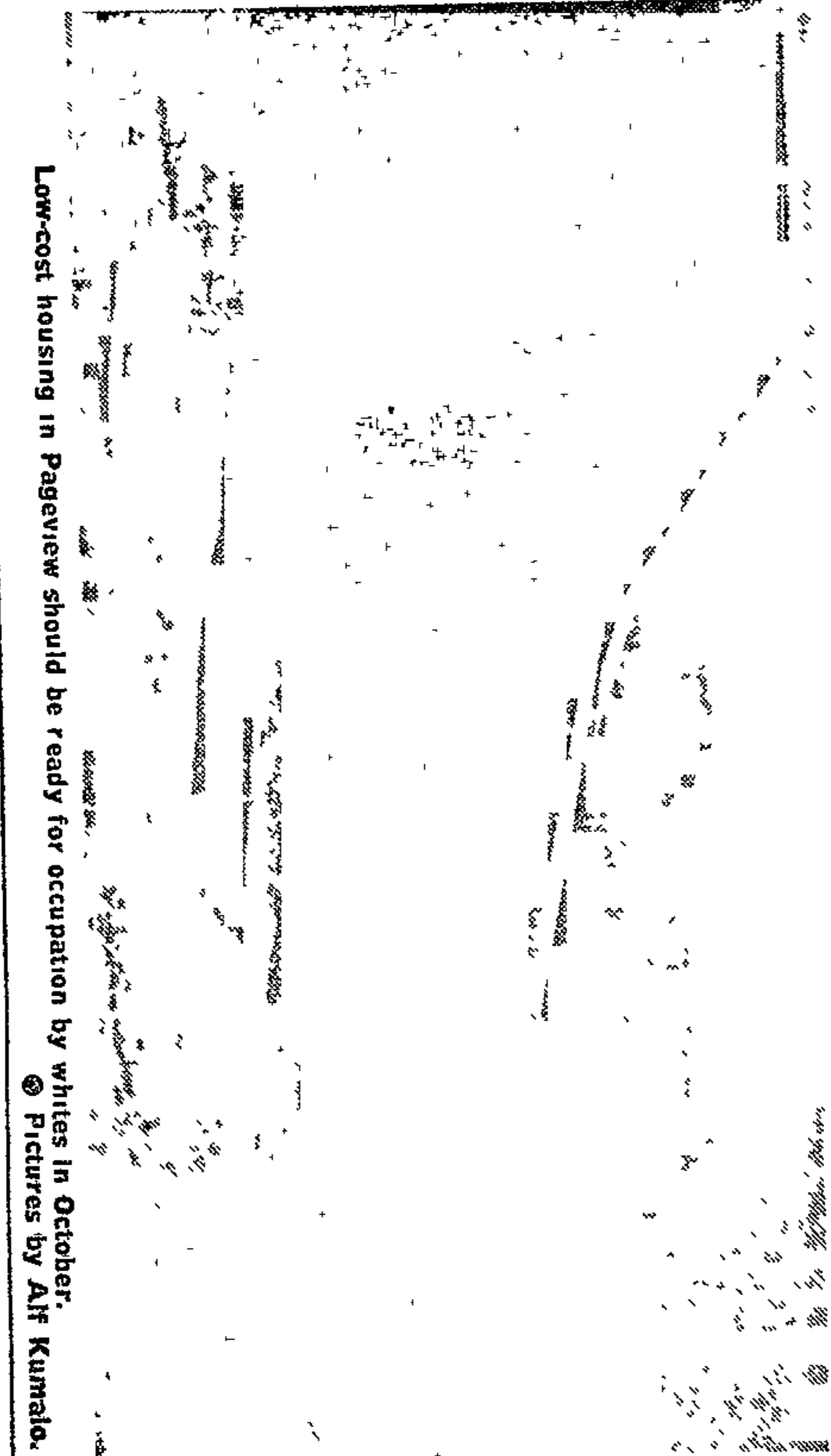
It is envisaged that the complex will be encircled by a ring road from which dual purpose vehicle-pedestrian courts will lead into the living area.

There will be 125 detached units and 40 duplex flats, all with three bedrooms and garages.

The spokesman for the Department of Community Development said building would begin as soon as the contract was accepted.



The old and the new . . . rapid progress is being made with the building of 46 low-cost homes for whites in Pageview



Low-cost housing in Pageview should be ready for occupation by whites in October. Pictures by Alf Kumalo.

Indians angry over scheme

Pageview's Indian residents have reacted angrily to reports that the area is being developed for a low-cost white housing scheme.

The Save Pageview Association (SPA) says that earlier this year the Department of Community Development cut R500 million from its allocation for housing schemes for all communities, yet the development of Pageview was continuing unabated.

"The Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, is on record as saying that the department would no longer be able to build houses except for the very low income groups," an association statement said.

"The houses nearing completion in Pageview are expected to be sold for about R35 000, with monthly repayments of about R400.

"Building societies will not consider any loans where the monthly bond repayment exceeds 25 percent of the income of the head of the family.

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The association says that in January the regional representative of the Department of Community Development, Mr Dirk Rossouw, said money for the redevelopment of Pageview, starting with essential services had been set aside.

"At that stage no mention was made of any money being made available for the building of homes," the association said.

"Can the department now say where the money for the development of Pageview came from?"

"The department said earlier it was extremely short of funds and schemes were being postponed."

The association has called on the department to halt all building projects in the area until a Supreme Court action brought by the SPA has been resolved.

A spokesman for the Department of Community Development said funds were made available last year for the development of the housing scheme in Pageview.

"The department considered it necessary to develop Pageview urgently to stop the political debate over the issue. There is no intention to stop developments in the area," he said.

Alexandra township overflows

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SINCE the permanent existence of Alexandra township was secured in 1979, people seem to have thought it a veritable housing 'gold-field' and have been flocking to the area in droves.

Now seven families live rammed into a store-room next to the local Wraab offices — temporarily — waiting to be allocated homes

This has led a member of the Alexandra Liaison Committee The Reverend Thomas Molepo to declare that Alexandra is too good for its own good

'We can't simply chase these people away but most of them do not even 'qualify' to be in the area,' Mr Molepo added

The Alexandra housing frustration" has even led to a man hanging himself this week Mr Thomas Ndlovu (31), hanged himself after his family was evicted from a stand in the township and housed at the store-room — 'temporarily'

The SOWETAN went to the store-room to speak to the families about their housing plight There are seven

BY LEN KUMALO

families who stay in a hall and who use furniture to partition their rooms" for privacy The store-room is divided by a wall into two big halls

The Ndlovu family, whose son committed suicide were evicted from their landlord's stand and taken to the store-room for temporary accommodation while their papers are being processed The family has been in the store-room since March

Mrs Josephine Ndlovu the mother, said they were taken to the store-room after they had been out on the streets for two weeks She had been in Alexandra since 1948

Mrs Mildred Mohlalane who is also staying in the store-room "next door" to the Ndlovu's, was also promised a house

Mrs Mohlalane said

since 1942 her parents had a house in the township She then went to stay at the Alexandra Women's Hostel and her parents died She now stays in the store-room with her son Lucky (22) who used to sleep in the other partition with the now dead man Mrs Mohlalane said she had been waiting for a house since being offered this temporary accommodation in April

Other families including those of Mrs Elizabeth Paulsen and Mrs Evelyn Mohlala were kicked out by whites from Witkoppen and brought to the promised land — Alexandra They also ended up in the store-room, waiting and hoping for a house

Mr Molepo said there had been a large influx of people into Alexandra since the 1979 reprieve People who were resettled in Tembisa, Diepkloof and Meadowslands are now coming back, he said

'And we are accepting them,' he said "We are just too good but we have a housing problem People in Witkoppen also belong to Alexandra This is a headache"

Mr Molepo said the store-room families would be housed as soon as the first houses were available



SQUEEZED IN: Two men sleep in a passage in the store-room

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THAT'S IT: Mrs Mildred Mohlalane's "room".

'Teenage' in house drama

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THE KwaThema Community Council is investigating allegations that the Iwisa Kaiser Chiefs star Nelson Teenage Dladla and his mother have been occupying a house belonging to another family and using their furniture.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

Mr Artwell Tile and his wife, Pearl, told The SOWETAN yesterday that since 1962 they had been occupying a house in Phuthagai Street, Vergenoeg, in Kwa-Thema

Their problem started in 1979 when they had the Dladla family as their lodgers. Mr Tile said that last September, while his wife had been in Transkei, the Dladlas had told him that he had to move out of the house as they had bought it for R800 from his wife.

PROVE

"I immediately went to Transkei to fetch my wife. We asked the Dladlas to produce a receipt and permit to prove that they were the new owners of the house, but they could not," Mr Tile said.

Erab told him he was

still the rightful tenant of the house.

The Tile family have instituted a civil action, and a warrant for eviction was issued by the Commissioner's Court against Mrs Dladla and her children on Tuesday.

Mrs Dladla said yesterday "That old man is telling a lie. He is the one who decided to sell us this house. He said he was old and could not keep up with the rent. We never chased him and his wife out of the house. They moved out willingly."

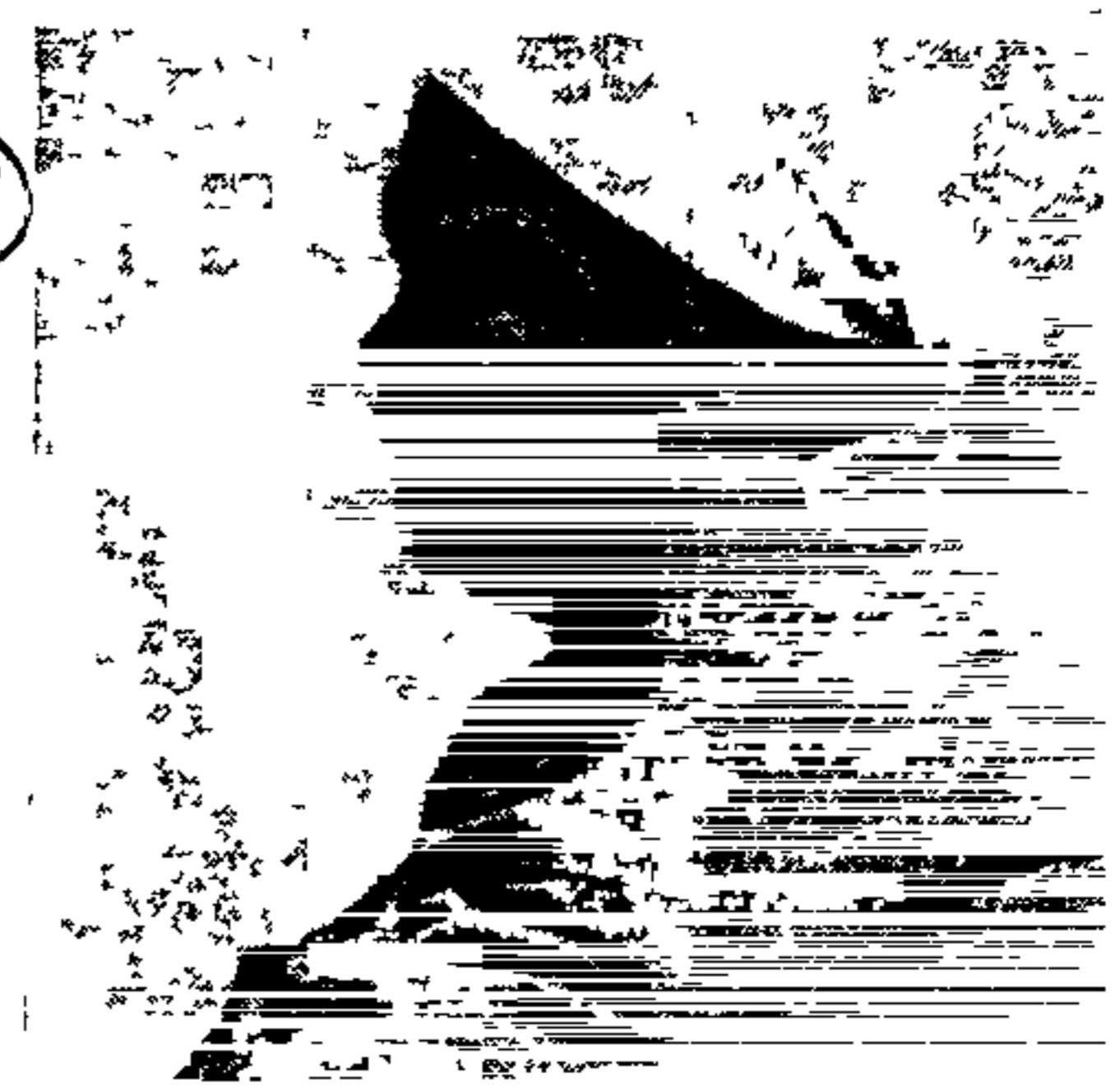
INVESTIGATE

Mr H H Ngakane, chairman of the Kwa-Thema Council, said the council would meet soon to investigate the situa-

tion. Mr Tile and his wife are staying with relatives in KwaThema.

The managing director of Chiefs, Mr Kaizer Motaung, said Nelson Dladla had asked for financial assistance to buy a house in Kwa-Thema.

"We gave him the money and all we know is that negotiations are still going on."



BIG ROW: Mrs Elsie Dladla.

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Accused claims police torture

AN ALLEGED East Rand murderer and rapist yesterday denied in the Pretoria Supreme Court that he had committed the crimes alleged and claimed police had forced him to make an incriminating statement.

Mr Aaron Mbatha (44), of 6974 Tlokwa Street, Tsakane, Brakpan, pleaded not guilty to 14 charges of murder, attempted murder, rape and attempted rape, robbery and attempted robbery.

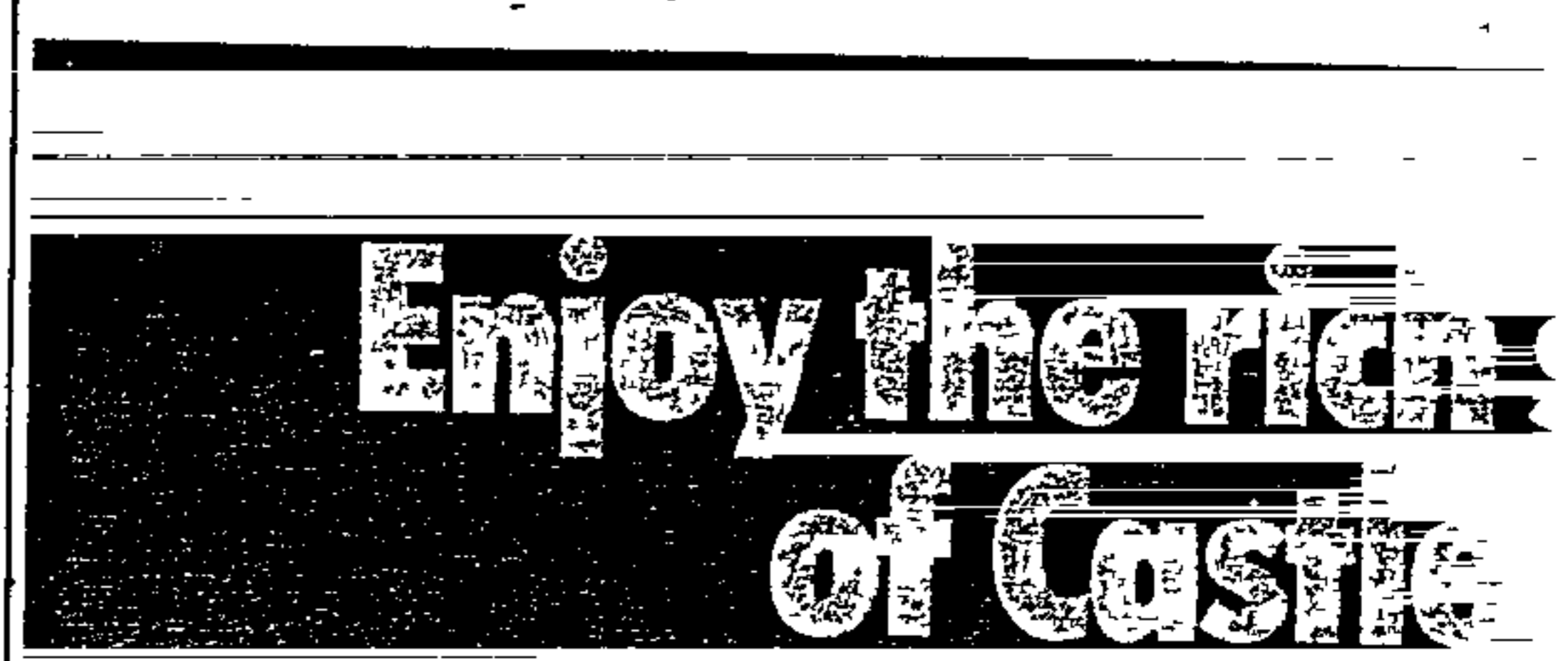
Mr Mbatha is alleged to have raped, robbed and murdered Mrs Angela Magdeline Kitchenbrand (32) in March last year, robbed, raped and attempted to murder a 36-year-old paralysed woman on September 9

slipped and knocked her head.

A paralysed woman gave evidence in court from a wheelchair. She said on September 25 last year a man had come to her home looking for work.

On September 29 he had come again and asked for bread. He had followed her into the house and given her a note demanding money and said if she behaved herself he would not hurt her.

She said she had given him R10 and tried to hide another R40 in a flower-pot. He had tied her hands behind her back and told her to lie on the bed because he wanted to have sex with her.



Thinking it through

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In its big push to overcome the urban black housing backlog, government is going to some pains to stress the role of the private sector. In addition there is clear evidence of a refreshing open mindedness of approach after years of neglect.

Even so Unisa's School of Business Leadership's seminar on 'Soweto The Viljoen and Steyn Reports and the Road Ahead,' held last week made it plain that the going will not be easy.

Government has accepted the Viljoen Committee's central principle — the permanence of urban blacks in 'white' areas. The committee's recommendations therefore seek to put that acceptance into practice, though some issues crucial to business — such as the financial detail of private

sector participation — are still under consideration by the Steyn Committee.

The report recommended

Maximum inclusion of the private sector and black urban residents in the supply of black housing

Ninety-nine-year leasehold title be made available to housing developers and employers under certain conditions.

Specific controls preventing exploitation of the housing crisis, aimed at the eventual creation of a self-regulating property market.

Adequate supply of land and serviced stands for development and allowing private sector housing to be erected on state-developed land and the

Launching of an educational programme on the advantages and procedures of obtaining home ownership

This last issue is still unresolved. In Soweto only about 1 500 stands are owned in terms of 99-year leasehold. According to West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) director John Knoetze approximately another 2 000 applications are in the pipeline. "Housing developers account for several hundred of these," he said.

Policies on finance, innovative and flexible approaches, and solutions to technical issues like the land surveying bottleneck were outlined at the seminar.

A speech by Minister of Co-operation and Development Piet Koornhof, read at the

opening of proceedings stressed the need for a unified housing plan, and the importance of government's industrial decentralisation plan for decongesting major urban centres. "Over the years labour was brought to the large employer, including the industrialist. The industrialist must now be encouraged to go to the source of labour," Koornhof said.

According to Koornhof there are about 370 000 residential stands in SA — excluding Soweto — which need to be surveyed. He announced that government had accepted the Steyn Committee's recommendation that mass surveying to speed up black housing provision, including the use of aerial surveys, had been accepted by the government.

The introduction of bulk surveys in Soweto would cut the projected survey time from eight years to one, and the cost from R25m to R4m (for individual stands the cost drops from R450 to R50). On a national scale, surveys are expected to take between five and six years, with bridging finance from the National Housing Fund to be recouped from sales of leasehold, or if leasehold is not taken up as part of service payments. Leasehold rights, which in Soweto cost about R850, will be cut almost in half because of the lower survey cost.

Dr Joop de Loor, Director-General of Finance, painstakingly spelled out the by now familiarly ominous figures 2m homes have

to be built in urban areas before the end of the century — a figure of 463 houses every working day. According to De Loor, the shortage of black urban accommodation can't be solved in the next 20 years because of the sheer inability of the economy to finance this volume of infrastructure and building.

All that can be done is to stretch resources as far as possible, within a "total strategy" for housing, he said. The long-run solution lies in higher economic growth in SA, a greater willingness to save and the creation of more sources of finance.

One current proposal De Loor cited is "an offer in principle of investment funds from a group of financial institutions, mainly insurance-assurance companies and pension-provident funds, to be made available at market-related rates from their 'free' funds pool either to the National Housing Commission or to the building society movement."

Another possibility is "the creation of a Housing Development Bank to gather funds for investment only in low-income housing."

Both De Loor and Pat McEnery, Deputy Director-General of Community Development, stressed government's acceptance of alternative approaches, in particular site-and-service schemes.

Pretoria has finally accepted as policy the importance of site-and-service, and

Anger in Pageview over R35 000 houses for 'low income' whites

AS in Cape Town's District Six, a whites-only phoenix is rising from the ashes of Pageview, Johannesburg.

And, in a prime real estate area, 125 houses are expected to sell for about R35 000 each in a suburb that was once the home of thousands of coloureds and Indians.

There are still 68 Indian families occupying 42 dwellings.

The whites-only subsidised housing estate — expected to provide accommodation for about 750 people of "low income groups" — is now being built between 17th Street and the Mayfair border of Queen's Road.

By ARLENE GETZ AND DEBRA CLEVELAND

The Save Pageview Association has reacted angrily to reports of the planned estate, questioning the Department of Community Development's decision to sell to "low income groups".

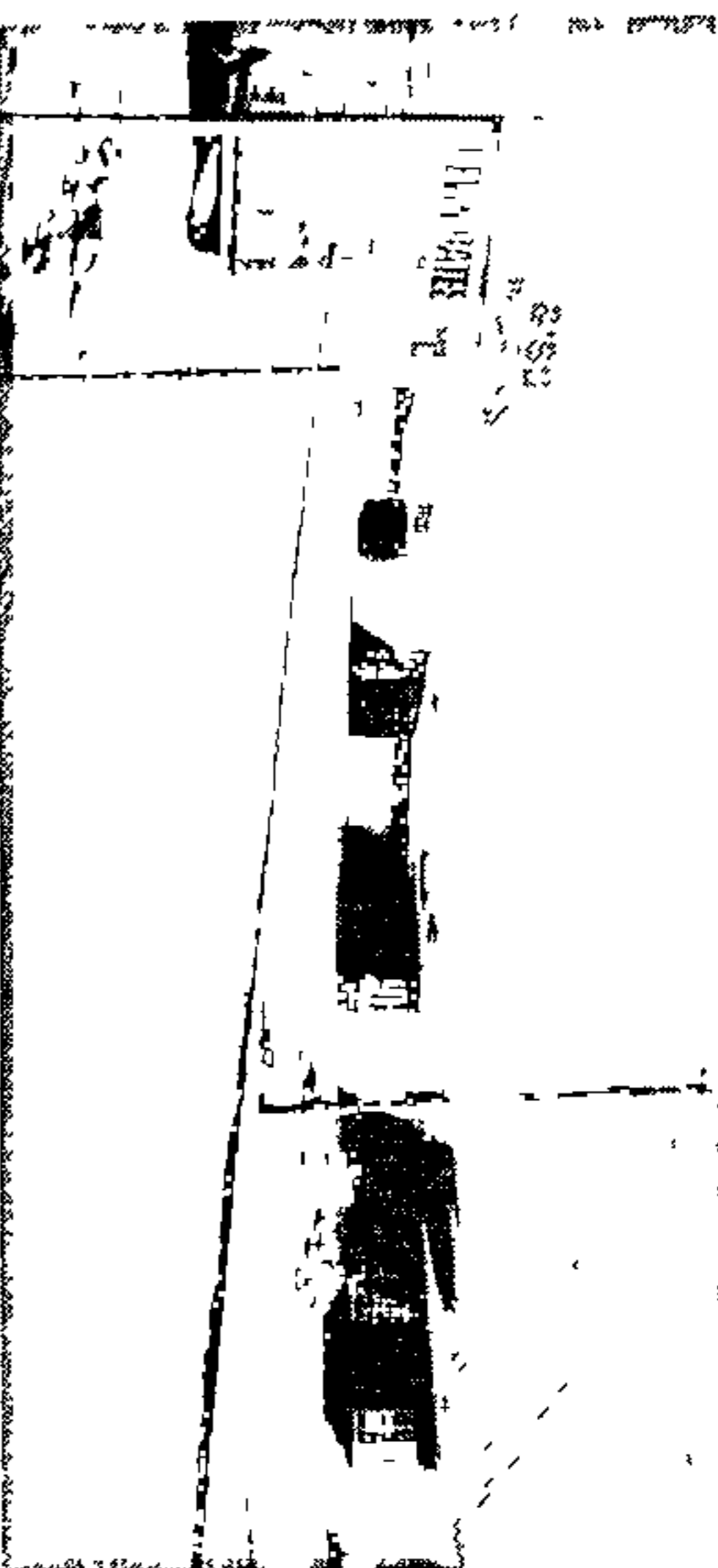
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family. Are people earning R1 600 a month considered to be members of low income groups?" the association asks.

Built to the same plan as dwellings in nearby Vrededorp, the houses will be finished when sufficient funds are available.

Until now plans of the complex have been embargoed by the Johannesburg City Council, which is working with the Department of Community Development, but the council's housing committee meets tomorrow to discuss the matter.

The new complex will consist of 125 houses to be sold and about 40 duplexes



● The new Pageview homes. Bond repayments will be about R400 a month to be rented. Pedestrian malls will link the corners of the housing estate and each house will stand on 1/16th of an acre.

Designed like simplex townhouses, they will consist of three bedrooms, lounge, dining room, single garage, kitchen, bathroom and toilet.

Family's Grave Concern for Soul

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

THE FAMILY of a Katlehong, Germiston, man who was given a pauper's funeral about four weeks ago, is still waiting for police to show them his grave. Mr Soul Mokege, 52, of 4036 Madontsela Street, Shongweni Section, Katlehong, was last seen alive by his family May this year. His younger brother, Isaac, told The SOWETAN Soul had said when he left that he was going to visit a relative in Ga-rankua near Pretoria. He said the family became worried when weeks passed and Soul did not come home. Isaac went to check with relatives in Garankua and Daveyton, but drew a blank. Mr Mokege said last week a member of the Katlehong police reported that Soul had

Fifty families convert derelict cars into houses

Homes sprout from scrapyard

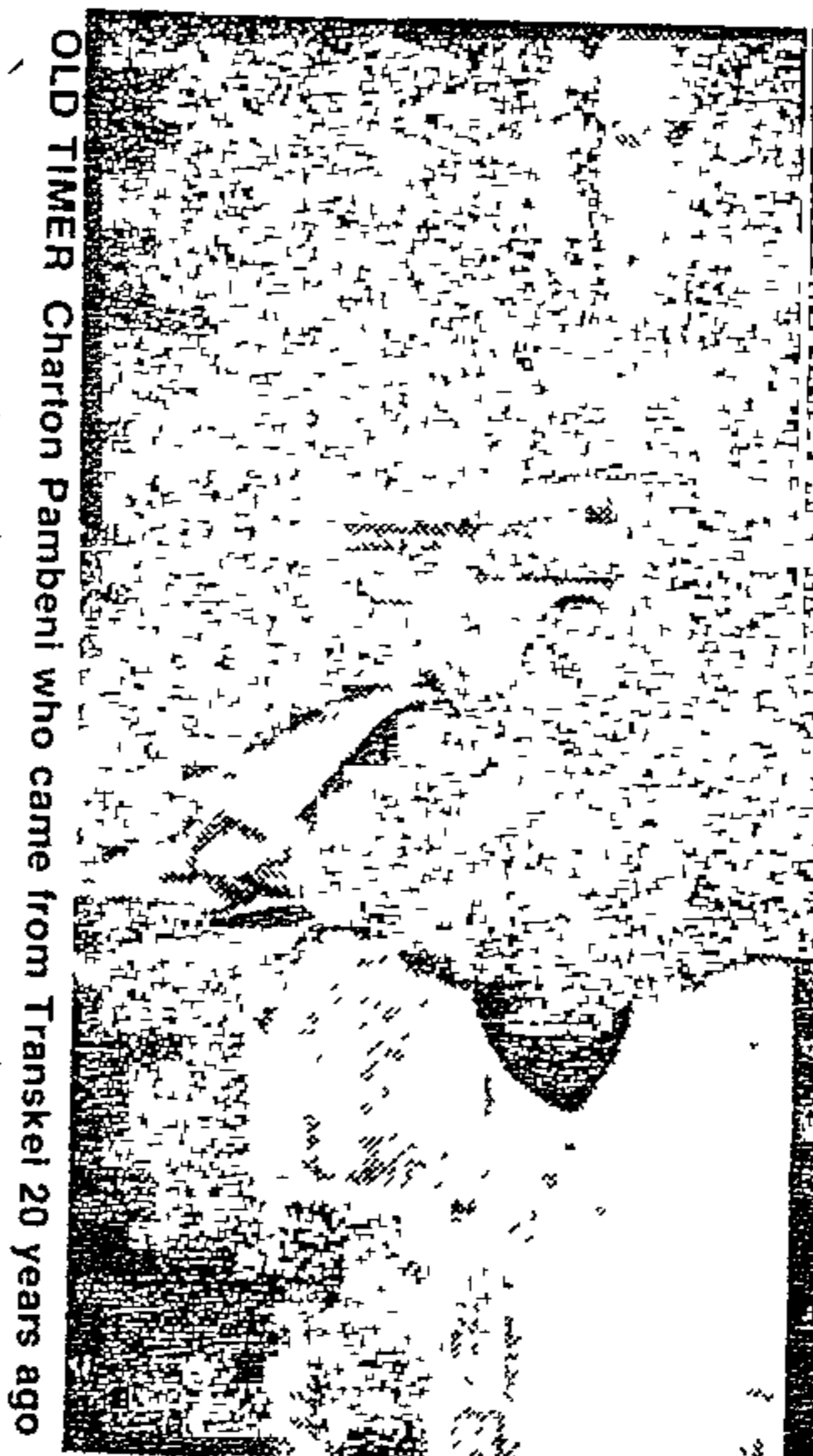
ON THE PLAIN overlooking the cramped rows of houses making up Jabavu, Soweto, a new township has shot up. At a cursory glance "cartown" appears to be just another scrapyard. But the plumes from cooking fires tell another story. People are living there.

The derelict cars and vans have been converted into housing by about 50 families. For between R100 and R250, the people have bought the wrecked vehicles, fitted them with chimneys and turned them into homes. The men are migrant workers who came to Johannesburg on contract. Some brought their families

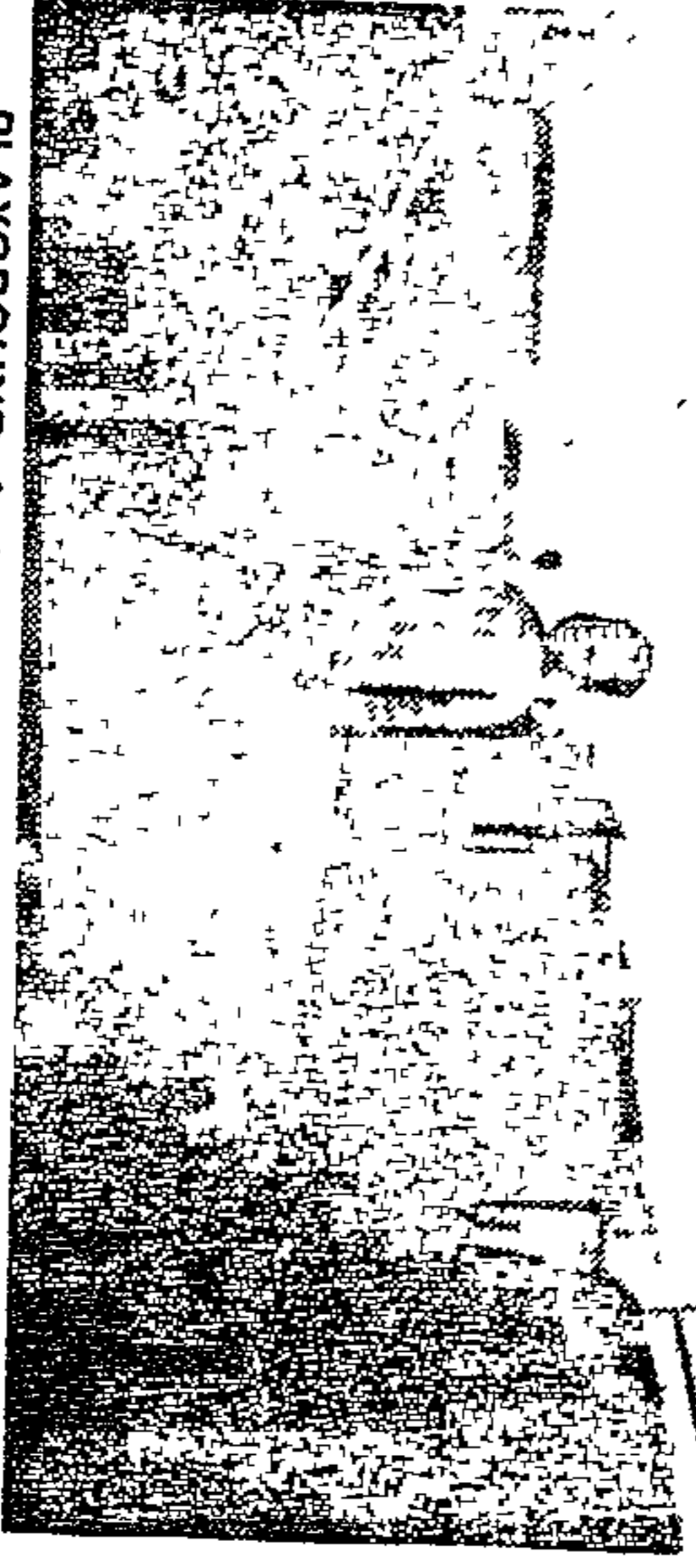
"We had nowhere to go so we looked around for a place to stay", one squatter said. Thandi Mvimbi, who lives in the back of a van bought, ironically, from a company called Lazy Living, has been in cartown for four years. "I have two children and had no place to go. But now the West Rand Administration Board officials have come around and warned me that I must get out or they will demolish it."

Parts of cartown are just a jumble of wrecks, with only a padlock distinguishing someone's house from a pile of scrap. In other residents have tried to create order from the chaos. The cars have been laid out in symmetrical streets and numbers mark each separate home. Sarah Nkutha, of number 37C, has been living in the new township for the past year. She shares a three-metre by two-metre van with her year-old son and seven other adults.

"I came to Johannesburg from Standerton because there is no work there. I am still struggling to find full-time employment here. "Even although the house is freezing in winter, very hot in summer, and leaks when it rains, it is still better than Standerton. "I just hope that Wrab will allot me a house if they evict me from here," she said.



OLD TIMER Charton Pambeni who came from Transkei 20 years ago



PLAYGROUND A child plays outside the derelict car homes

This hope was dashed by Wrab's Mr Alex Rabie. He said the squatters were illegally in the area and had already been told to leave. "If we encourage them to stay, people will erect shacks anywhere they like with the hope of being allocated houses later." Quipped one resident bitterly, "Cartown is scheduled to become a tow-away zone."

Big stink over Thokoza loos

ABOUT 80 percent of the toilets in Thokoza township near Alberton are blocked — and the community council says it has no funds to repair them, at least for this year.

Residents interviewed by The SOWETAN this week, said their problems started about five years ago when toilets in some parts of the township were blocked. They also said that refuse had not been collected for the past three months.

They said the situation got worse a few weeks ago when the blockage spread to other parts of the township, resulting in about 80 percent of the toilets in the township being out of order. The residents said that they were now fearing that, because of the blocked toilets, they could easily become exposed to diseases.

The residents said they had reported the matter to the local offices of the East Rand Administration Board and to the local community council. They said they had been promised that the toilets would be repaired, but nothing had happened so far.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

A survey undertaken by The SOWETAN revealed that a "dirty and smelling water" was running through the streets of the township, making it difficult for residents and motorists to move freely. Huge piles of refuse, which residents claimed had not been collected for the past three months, was found on most street corners.

Mr Sam Ntuli, from Thokoza, said: "Recently the council increased rent by R5 for those families living in backyard tin shacks. The council should take this money and use it to repair the blocked toilets and to remove the

refuse in the township"

Mr L G Mamabolo, chairman of the Thokoza Community Council, said yesterday that the council was aware that nearly all the toilets in the township were blocked. He said that, at the present moment, there was nothing the council could do towards repairing the toilets because they had no funds.

He said, "The residents should have some patience for a while because we hope to raise some funds before the end of the year. As soon as the funds are available, the toilets will be repaired and the refuse removed."

Slabs speed up houses



SHOWHOUSE: Exhibited in Zone 7, Pimville.

A NEW system of speeding up the building of houses and reducing building costs was yesterday launched by a building society development corporation at Pimville, Zone 7.

According to Mr J Billman, the corporation's manager, the new system, in which prefabricated concrete slabs are used, was launched to test the market among prospective black homeowners.

"We have been investigating cheaper building methods without reducing living standards. The methods have been investigated because of high interest rates which are likely to continue going up.

"We make less use of conventional materials where shortages develop

during peak building periods.

"It is much quicker to erect a house this way and, with the critical shortage of skilled labour, there is less need for skilled manpower in this type of project.

The houses will cost much less than conventional brick wall houses."

Mr V Peplar of the development corporation said "We thought the high cost of housing was getting beyond the reach of the average man, especially the black man.

"Although we do not yet know how acceptable this type of housing is, we believe blacks are not opposed to it because of the positive reaction we got in enquiries we made on site."

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Focus on Wattville houses

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THE WATTVILLE Community Council meet with officials from the Department of Community Development today to discuss the selling price of houses in the area.

The meeting will be held at the community council chambers this afternoon and will be attended by senior officials of the East Rand Administration Board (Erab)

Since last year there has been a dispute between the council, Erab and the Department of Community Development concerning the selling price of houses in Wattville. The council is selling the houses for R748 but Erab and the department say that the houses should be sold for R2 756.

There are about 3 045 houses in Wattville which were built by the Benoni Bantu Township, now the Benoni Town Council. The last house in the area was built in 1955.

Candlelight protest against evictions

By Eugene Saldanha

Sixty-five Lenasia families, including several pensioners, last night held a one-hour vigil by candlelight to protest against the eviction of 15 families from Thomsville's, two-roomed houses.

Placard-bearing residents, who lined the streets of Thomsville, declared their support for the evicted families and called on the Lenasia Management committee to resign.

The vigil, organised by the Thomsville Residents' Association (TRA) was held to demand immediate rehousing for the evicted families as well as better living conditions for people in the area, said Mr Ahmed Kola, a spokesman for the TRA.

"The evicted families are tired of being 'temporarily' accommodated," said Mr Kola. "People are living in appalling conditions here and many of the houses are overcrowded.

"Families have to share communal taps and toilets. None of

the houses has electricity. The Lenasia Management Committee has not done enough for those of us living here."

Mr Kola called on the authorities to negotiate with the TRA on behalf of residents because it was "the only body which represents the interests of people in the area."

A spokesman for the Federation of Residents' Associations of Lenasia, to which the TRA is affiliated, said the federation would spearhead the campaign to have the families rehoused.

"The policy of rehousing evicted people in the Thomsville units does not satisfy the right to decent housing," the spokesman said.

The TRA will submit a memorandum to the Department of Community Development this afternoon, calling among other things for every family now living in Thomsville to be rehoused and household income to be taken into account when calculating rental.

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Call to level rents

RESIDENTS occupying the 156 new houses in Duduza, near Nigel, have called on the Duduza Community Council and the East Rand Administration Board to reduce their monthly rent by at least R30.

Presently, the residents are paying a sub-economic rent of between R30 and R75 a month. Their rent is worked out according to their monthly income. The residents, who started occupying the houses about three months ago, feel that they are being exploited by the council and the board because they claim that they are all occupying the same houses and that they should pay the same rent.

They are demanding that they should all be charged at least R35 a

month. Mr Johnny Mokoto, the deputy chairman of the Duduza Community Council, said that they met a delegation representing the families a week ago to discuss the issue.

Mr Mokoto said that the management committee of the council would meet soon to draft a memorandum to be sent to the executive committee of the East Rand Administration Board, asking that the residents in the new section should be charged a uniform monthly rent of at least R35.

Mr Mokoto said that a final decision on this matter lay with Erab and that if they refused to lower the rents the council would have "no power to do so".

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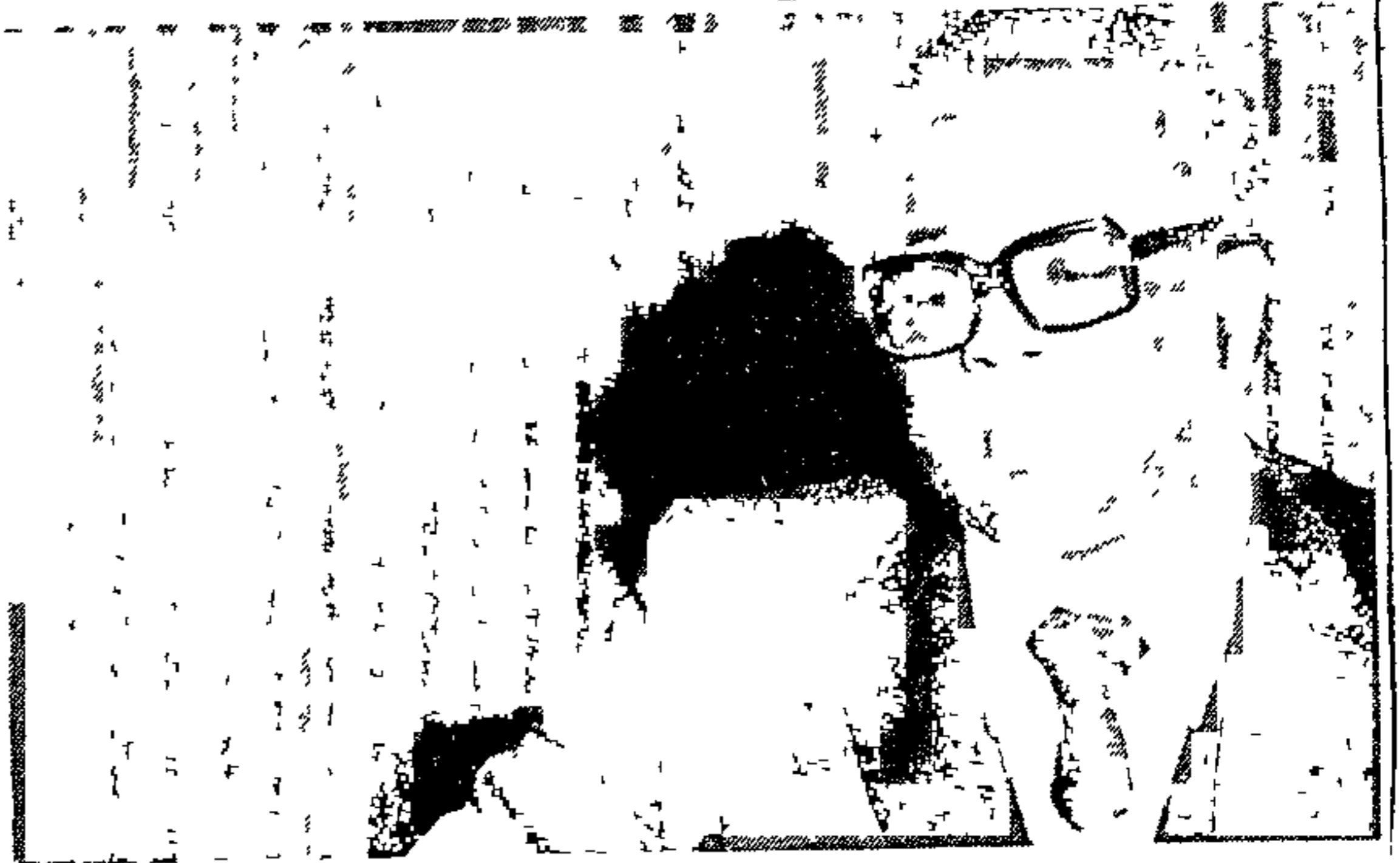
THE SOWETO Council is to investigate ways to improve the over-crowded two-room houses in Klipspruit.

This follows complaints from families there that the houses are "too small. In some cases up to 15 people cram into one two-roomed unit

The council had launched an investigation with the aim of building flats in the area. Previously it had hoped to add extra rooms but this was dropped for health reasons

The council's chairman Mr David Thebehalt, last week told a council meeting that the houses were originally built for small families. These houses would not be extended but retained for small families, he added

After senior officials of the council inspected these houses it was concluded extensions would be very costly and secondly could not comply with the building and health bye-laws," he said



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SAIC lashes Govt for housing mess

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By Yussuf Nazeer
The Transvaal spokesman for the South African Indian Council today accused the Department of Community Development and the Group Areas Act of creating a chaotic housing shortage and a soaring waiting list among Indians.

SAIC spokesman Mr Abe Choonara said his council would tell the

Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze that the Government's separate development policy rooted in the Group Areas Act had failed miserably on housing.

"There are about 10 000 Indians in the Johannesburg area, including those in white areas plus Fordsburg, Pageview and Lenasia, who badly need homes," Mr Choonara said.

"Now the department tells us it has stopped all future homebuilding projects for Indians and other races because it no longer has funds after the State's R500 million cutback on building plans earlier this year.

"Does this mean the Department of Community Development is bankrupt? If this is so, we must conclude that the Group Areas Act is bankrupt. Liquidated firms must close shop."

The department said in October last year that it would build 837 homes this year in Lenasia Extension South. It had also planned a further 2 100 stands in this new extension.

Now there would be neither homes nor stands, Mr Choonara said.

The department also told The Star that its earlier plans for cutting up and selling about 1 000 stands in Lenasia South to people who wanted to build their own homes were a long way off.

Services have been laid in the area but it is not known when it will be declared a township.

Mr Kotze said earlier this year that the department would no longer build homes for Indians and coloured people because of the lack of funds.

He said stands would be sold to applicants, who had to build their own homes. But the SAIC said no stands were forthcoming and the waiting list continued to soar.

The National Housing Commission, in a circular to all local authorities and administration boards, said that because of the shortage of funds and rising building costs, homes built in future for people earning less than R150 a month would be without ceilings, flooring, interior painting, fencing or electricity.

says Venter

The leader of the National Party in the city council, Mr Carel Venter, last night told reporters someone was making a mountain out of a molehill about his altercation with the chauffeur of a neighbouring town's mayor

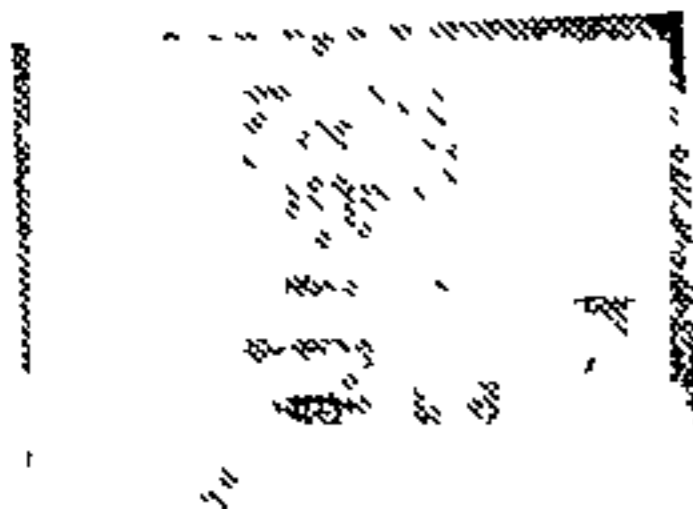
He was referring to an argument in the basement of the Civic Centre last week. The Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr Danie van Zyl, has written a letter of apology about the incident to his counterpart in Bedfordview

It is understood Mr Venter crossed swords with the Bedfordview Mayor's chauffeur, who had parked too close to Mr Venter's car

The incident took place last Wednesday when Mr van Zyl hosted a cocktail party for the launching of "Heart Week."

Mr Venter apparently left the function early to attend another engagement, but was delayed in the basement because his car was parked in by the Bedfordview mavoral limousine

"As a result of being parked in I was 25 minutes late for an appointment I have no further comment to make other than that someone is trying to make a mountain out of a molehill," was Mr Venter's reply to questions



Mr Sam Moss . . . off to Nelspruit.

PFP wins places at municipal

R24-m loan will ease home crisis

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The Johannesburg City Council last night approved the flotation of a 50 million Deutsche-marks loan from a consortium of banks in Frankfurt, Germany

The loan will be featured on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange and enable the city council to establish a housing and estate development fund to ease Johannesburg's accommodation crisis

The R24 million loan must be ratified at a special meeting of the council later this month. The city treasurer, Mr Manie Venter, will thereafter be empowered to sign the documents which

All reports by Lucille McNamara, Municipal Reporter

will bind the council to the five-year agreement

Funds will be obtained by public bond issues with current interest rates and commission costs amounting to about 11,65 percent a year. The South African Reserve Bank will guarantee the transfer of funds to Germany when required

Forward exchange cover will be arranged with the Reserve Bank for variations between the rand and the US dollar at a current cost

of 35 percent a year in respect of capital and interest payments for the period of the loan

Management committee chairman Mr Francois Oberholzer said R85 million of the loan would be allocated to the housing and estate development fund to augment limited Government financing of housing in Johannesburg

The city treasurer said that the loan would also be used to finance capital expenditure

The council has

agreed to establish a housing and development fund to solve the accommodation crisis. There are 6560 white and coloured families on waiting lists for council housing schemes

Councillors were told that a staggering R177 million was required to eliminate the housing backlog

They agreed to establish a revolving fund to finance the construction of homes within the municipal area and to impose a monthly levy on tenants in council housing schemes to help boost the fund

Vote to sell rocks the PFP

The Deputy-Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr Alan Gadd, gave his Progressive Federal Party colleagues on the council a shock when he made a ruling in favour of the National Party-Independent Ratepayers Association coalition

Standing in at the council's monthly meeting for the chairman, Mr Jan Burger, who is in hospital, Mr Gadd turned down a request by the PFP council leader for an item to be referred back to the management committee

Mr Sam Moss had opposed a management committee recommendation that the council-owned Lewis and Marks Building in President Street be sold for R2,5 million

He said it was an asset which would continue to appreciate in value, and believed the council could sell it for R3,5 million

The management committee chairman, Mr Francois Oberholzer, said the council had tested the market and believed the offer was realistic — and it needed the money to finance the building of an R8 million computer security centre

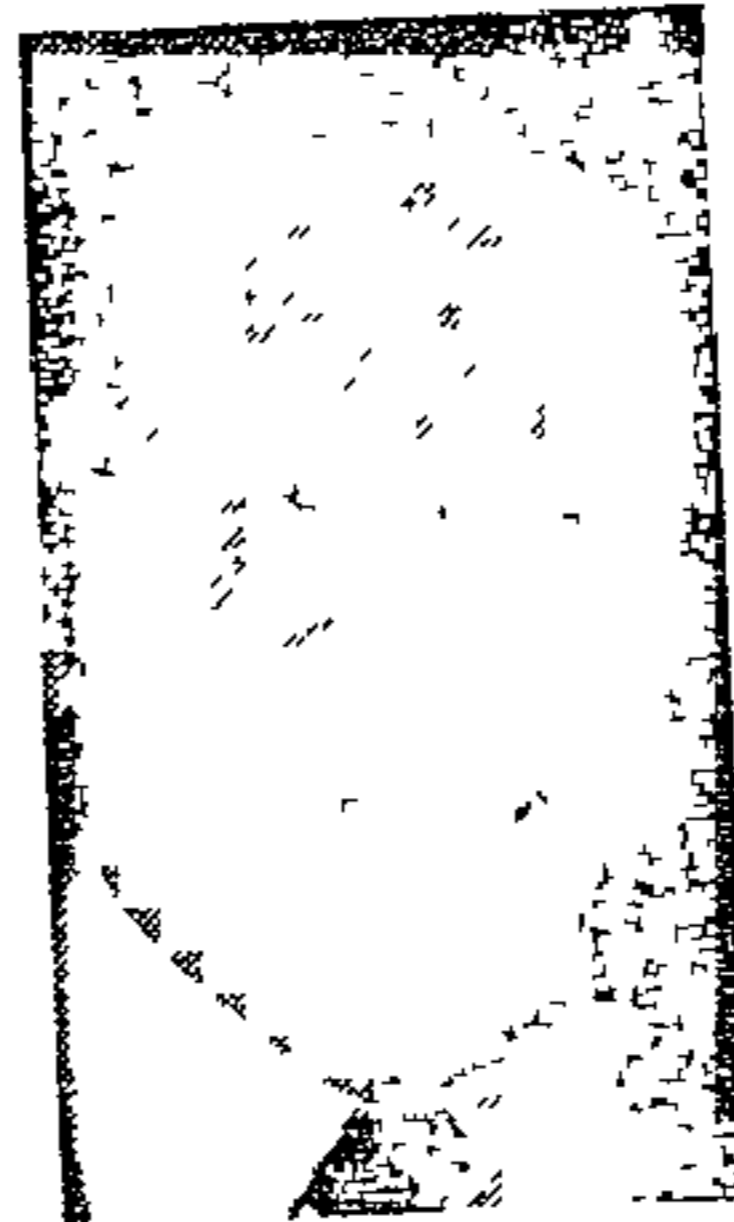
Mr Gadd called for a verbal vote, and ruled in favour of the coalition, which gave the management committee the go-ahead to sell the building

Row over reward scheme to bring illegal dumpers to book

A decision to pay council employees R25 for each summons issued and delivered outside normal working hours for illegal dumping was severely criticised by the Opposition at yesterday's monthly meeting

Employees would become bounty hunters and it was a bad principle to enforce the law by way of a reward, said the PFP's chief whip, Mr Harold Rudolph

"This could lead to a proliferation of summonses being issued and the payment of a bounty to employees



Mr Harold Rudolph bounty hunting the danger



Mr Koos Sadie wasted time inevitable



Mr Geoff Stark stick the only deterrent.

Uproar over rents ¹²⁷ increase _{29/87}

By Eugene Saldanha

The Johannesburg Coloured Management Committee, angered because the council did not consult it about the steep rent increases announced this week, is to seek legal advice about preventing the rents being imposed. Earlier this month the committee adjourned its monthly meeting with the council in protest over its decision to ignore rent increases in the city's coloured areas — in some cases as high as 20 percent — meaning many residents will now pay up to R60 a month more.

The council has also increased assessment rates and service charges in coloured areas.

EXORBITANT

At a Press conference last night the chairman of the committee, Mr Miley Richards, said the rent rises would aggravate the housing problem facing the coloured community.

"These increases are exorbitant. We are seeking legal advice but are considering more drastic steps if necessary," Mr Richards said.

The council had consistently undermined the status of the committee, he said. "We will also seek legal advice on the status of this committee, which is a statutory body. The council was legally bound to consult this committee."

OUTRAGE

Tenants in Riverlea, Klipspruit West and Eldorado Park outraged by the increases, have drawn up a protest petition to present to the council.

"We aim to get 20 000 signatures," said a resident in Klipspruit West. "We are not going to take this lying down. Living in group areas far away from the city in appalling conditions and with poor services is not enough. We cannot afford these increases."

The city's housing director, Mr Thys Wilsnach, has said that in many cases the increases were less than R1. They did not apply to pensioners.

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Council gives Soweto aged rent reprieve

THE Soweto Council has exempted 45 pensioners from paying rent to protect them from being evicted from their homes.

The council is also considering hundreds of other applications from pensioners, disabled and other handicapped people who cannot afford to pay house rentals

According to the council, these pensioners had no other source of income except the pension money they received every two months. Most of the applications came from the Orlando East and White City Jabavu

By LEN MASEKO

that it was part of a scheme aimed at ensur-

ing "life residence" for Soweto's aged

His council introduced a regulation that would protect pensioners from being evicted by their children

"There have been so many cases of parents being evicted by their children that the council felt there was a need for this new clause to be introduced," Mr Oosthuizen said



WOZA Albert has scored an international triumph.

Its performance at the Edinburgh Festival, also known as the International Festival Fringe, has won it a first prize out of the 800 plays that were presented.

Twelve performances were staged at the city's experimental Traverse Theatre from August 24 as part of the International Festival Fringe.

The Traverse, always open to new

CHILDREN

The council ensured that the pensioners applying for remission had no employed children or families residing with them as sub-tenants

The council's housing director, Mr J J Oosthuizen, told **THE SOWETAN** yesterday

JUDGMENT has been reserved in the hearing in the Ciskei Supreme Court of an application by four expelled Fort Hare students for an order to have the 1 500 expelled students reinstated immediately

Ciskei's Chief Justice, Mr Justice de Wet reserved judgment this week at the close of the two-day hearing which

drew capacity crowds to the court in Zwelitsha, outside King William's Town

He said he would hand down judgment as soon as possible

The students brought an application for an in-

terdict declaring their dismissal on July 29 invalid

Mr Ian Farlam, SC, argued for the students that the action of the rector, Professor J A Lamprecht, in dismissing the students was

grossly unreasonable and accordingly invalid

Mr Frank K... for the university that the rector had within the regular the university. It been very reaso-

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Secrecy hides Sobhuza's body

LOBAMBA — The cloak of secrecy around the death rites of King Sobhuza II hangs as heavy as the shroud of mourning on the Swazi nation as it prepares a State funeral for its lion and leader of 60 years.

Foreign dignitaries and diplomats, ranging from Britain's Prince Michael of Kent to

American jazz musician Lionel Hampton, began arriving on Thursday for the State funeral tomorrow afternoon

Notably, mourners are expected to include both the South African Government delegation and one from the African National Congress (ANC)

Mystery surrounds

the whereabouts of King's body. Servers there may have already been in a secret cave mountains over the royal kraal. Government spokesman is adamant that not yet been bur-

The chiefs and warriors of the regiments gathered at the royal kraal, their voices rise each morning. Mountain king mists, will not say they are among who know

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All the 16 families concerned had to be housed by yesterday Permit holders were contacted at work on Tuesday and informed of the move. Most of them had not gone to work in order to get their belongings ready for the move.

An angry Mr Albert Thabede and the man with whom he was supposed to share a four-room house, Mr Glory Motloun, said "We know the township is being redeveloped but not to our disadvantage. How do they expect us to live this way? We would not have minded staying in our old places until more houses were ready."

They told The SOWETAN that at 6 45am yesterday West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) social workers arrived to tell them to take their belongings out as lorries were on their way. They were told the area they were

By SELLO RABOTHATA

occupying was the next to be developed.

Mr Thabede said "When I knew we were to share houses I told the social workers I would rather remain and wait for a house of my own. They said it was all right but bulldozers would come. We were told Wrab was losing R36 000 a day to the contractors because of the delay.

"On inquiring, I was told that the setup was only until Friday, but as you can see this would be impossible. The other houses are far from ready. We are going to be kept in this situation for quite some time. Some of the people sharing houses are not even on good terms with one another."

He said social workers had conducted a survey two months ago to find out how many rooms a family would like to have. They were also

told that rent would be set according to salaries. The bigger houses consist of a kitchen, dining-room, three bedrooms and a nook. The four-room houses have a kitchen, a diningroom and two bedrooms.

Mr Gert Steyn, chief area manager for Wrab in Alexandra, yesterday said "The families will have to share the houses only until tomorrow. I was promised that 10 houses would be ready by yesterday but only five were. The families will move out to their own houses tomorrow."

When The SOWETAN arrived at the scene, some of the families could not get their furniture into the houses as they were already full.

SIXTEEN families were yesterday moved into five houses amid confusion and anger in the Alexandra redevelopment scheme.

Most of the families moved were surprised and angered when they found they had to share the houses with others. There are three six-room houses that were to have been occupied by four families each, and two four-room houses for two families each.

Some of them were afraid their belongings would be stolen at night as they are in the open. They also complained of the bathrooms and toilets, saying sharing these would be a problem.

Although the situation was described as bad, some of the women who were moving into the houses seemed pleased. Lorries arrived regularly with people moving furniture, clothing and other household utensils to their "new" houses.

FOUR ROOMS IN A MIX-UP

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NEW HOUSES: Residents moving in yesterday.

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Alex residents angry over house-sharing plan

Alex ¹²⁷ gets ^{Sowetan} single ^{3/9/82} units

THE 16 Alexandra families who were this week crammed into five houses were properly rehoused a few hours after the Press had been told of the situation.

Families interviewed said that shortly after reporters had left the scene they had been moved out of the crowded houses and housed in separate units.

The SOWETAN yesterday reported the plight of 16 families that had been moved out of old houses and into five new ones.

They said they were furious at the authorities expecting them to share houses with strangers. Some of the families thrown together said they were not on good terms with each other.

Wrab officials said the move to house several families into the few houses had been a temporary measure.

Attack on 'slum' hostel conditions

By Lucille McNamara,
Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg City Council has been slated for allowing 300 of its workers to live in appalling conditions at Thamong Compound in Tembisa, which has been described as "a rotten filthy slum"

Progressive Federal Party city councillor, Mr Les Dishy, attacked the city council for dragging its heels in negotiations with the

Department of Community Development to try to improve the lot of the men housed at the compound

Painting a bleak picture of conditions at Thamong, Mr Dishy said

● Four men were crammed into tiny rooms which included kitchen space

● Meals had to be prepared on a single-plate coal stove

● There was no

electricity and no running water — neither hot nor cold

● Flooring consisted of a mixture of broken cement and loose sand

● Windows were broken and doors did not close properly

● The compound buildings had not been painted for 30 years

● The sewerage disposal system comprised a bucket system which was operated irregularly

● There was one tap

to serve the needs of 44 men

● There was no drainage — dirty water was left to spill on to the ground.

"The place is a rotten, filthy slum and a health hazard and the Department of Community Development must be condemned for the conditions which exist at Thamong," Mr Dishy said

The men who were housed at the compound worked at the Kelvin Power Station and had to travel 70 km a day

"These workers have to travel unnecessarily lengthy distances every day, at financial and time-consuming cost to the council," Mr Dishy said

He also criticised the Community Development Department for imposing exorbitant rentals at the compound, which worked out at about R3 a square metre.

"But our city council is not blameless either, for we could have improved living conditions by painting the rooms, fixing the windows and supplying decent bedding," he said.

The city council operates its own compound for workers near the Kelvin Power Station, but it was not large enough to house the entire work force

'URGENCY'

Mr Dishy believed the council had not tried hard enough to obtain permission from Community Development to enlarge facilities at the power station compounds.

"There is an urgent need to provide this accommodation and delays are unacceptable," he said

"The City Council must stop dragging its heels I want to know why we have not used more muscle in our negotiations with Community Development"

Mr Dishy said that because of labour unrest, the council could not afford to ignore the conditions under which several hundred of its work force lived

"This is morally wrong and we should remember that a contented work force is a secure one," he said

Burying the past at Pageview

A MILLION rands' worth of detailed plans have been prepared to transform the now derelict area of Pageview into a quiet white suburb, suitable for pensioners and newlyweds.

The plans have been approved by the State Committee for Johannesburg on which the Department of Community Development, the Provincial Administration and the Johannesburg City Council are represented.

Development in this mixed suburb, which has been in dispute since 1956 when it was declared a White Group Area, is continuing despite a pending Supreme Court hearing in which the (Indian) Save Pageview Association has asked for an interdict to restrain the Department of Community Development from evicting the remaining Indian families.

If the Government has its way, Pageview will become a "respectable" residential area for whites in the lower economic groups, such as pensioners and newlyweds.

The Johannesburg City Council is to undertake the development of the infrastructure with loans provided by the Department of Community Development.

The overall courtyard-housing redevelopment concept, drafted by the city council's town planning department, has been based on European developments — especially Dutch — for inner-city areas, and has been successfully implemented in Mitchell's Plain, the coloured area in the Cape.

The Pageview plan provides for a ring

Plans for the redevelopment of Pageview are going ahead, in spite of a pending Supreme Court hearing. JEANETTE MINNIE reports on the suburb that is rising from the ruins of demolition.

paved malls are also envisaged. Roads are already being closed to keep traffic out of this area.

The Department of Community Development has already completed and sold 38 houses in the area north of 17th Street, and more than 100 housing units for the aged. A further 46 houses are under construction.

Tenders are being called for the construction of 50 of the approximately 125 courthouses in the area south of 17th Street. More than 40 duplex flats are to be built south of this street.

Commenting on the way in which the housing programme is going ahead, Mr. Soni Hari, secretary of the Save Pageview Association, asked "Is the Department of Community Development so sure it is going to win the case?"

He said a peculiar situation would arise if the court decided in favour of the Indian residents. If the court ruled that the residents could not be evicted — they are pleading on socio-economic grounds and not on political grounds — it would have implications for the White Group Area status of Pageview.

It would then become Johannesburg's first legally mixed area.

Mr Hari also questioned the economic

validity of the department's housing programme. "These houses are being sold in the region of R30 000 each, which means that the monthly instalment on the bond is about R400. To afford such a bond an owner would have to earn a salary of about R1 600 a month. This is not a salary which falls into a lower economic grouping."

"The department was forced to drop the price from R33 000 to R30 000 a house because the houses did not sell well. It seems as if the department never investigated whether the houses were really needed in the first place."

After a visit to the area last year, the Minister of Community Development, Mr. Pen Kotze, said that the department would build a number of new houses to promote the upgrading of Pageview/Vrededorp and to encourage public investment.

A Johannesburg civic town planner, Mr. Alan Kitchin, said although building societies were not keen initially to grant loans to people who wished to purchase property in Vrededorp/Pageview, the situation had improved.

"People have regained confidence in the area and land values have gone up," Mr. Kitchin said.

"A redevelopment scheme is a long-term project, but we have been working steadily."

He added "The Johannesburg City Council is not involved in the area politically. We want to develop it for whoever has to live there."

Angry coloureds reject rent rises

(127) Star 6/9/82

At the biggest protest meeting yet held in Eldorado Park, residents voted yesterday to challenge the Johannesburg City Council in court if it insisted on increasing rents, service charges and assessment rates

Hundreds of angry

residents also voted against paying the rent increases, which come into effect on October 1

The meeting at the J D Opperman Centre in Eldorado Park's Extension Seven was organised by Johannesburg's Coloured Management

Committee (CMC) and residents' associations

The CMC member for Eldorado Park, Mr Don Matemen, said the council had imposed the increases arbitrarily and without considering the inconvenience they would cause residents

At a meeting in Riverlea 500 residents unanimously rejected the increases and voted to continue paying the old rentals

The CMC is to meet Johannesburg's management committee today and the rents issue will be raised as a matter of urgency

Soweto survey row

By Anthony Duigan

A mass survey of 90 000 stands in Soweto is under way. But behind the scenes there is a battle over the method of survey and who will do the work.

Some surveyors are angry over the decision by the West Rand Administration Board to have an aerial survey.

They claim this is a less accurate form of land measurement which could lead to disputes over boundaries in Soweto.

Wrab claims that the aerial survey will be far faster and cheaper than conventional surveys — but the surveyors dispute this.

In choosing the aerial survey Wrab claimed it would take 10 teams of surveyors nine years and cost R27 million to survey

Wrab is under fire for aerial decision

the whole of Greater Soweto by conventional methods.

Using aerial photo techniques the job will be done in one year at a cost of R4,5 million, the board says.

Nonsense, reply the surveyors, one of whom said: "Eighteen Johannesburg survey firms have indicated that they could put sufficient men in the field, while maintaining their normal work schedule, to complete the survey by conventional means in one year

"The cost would be the same as that of the aerial survey because we all work to the same tariff."

There is also a

strong feeling among Johannesburg surveyors that the standards of accuracy laid down for property surveys should not be lowered for Soweto — something that will happen when aerial photo techniques are used, they say.

But Wrab points to the support of the Surveyor General of the Transvaal for the use of aerial surveys in Soweto.

Added to this is a recent statement by the Council of the Transvaal Institute of Land Surveyors that it is not opposed to aerial survey as a technique.

Another factor in the controversy is the man

who has been advising Wrab about the surveying — Professor G C Olivier.

He was appointed by Wrab on April 22 to undertake the mass survey of Soweto. Other land surveyors who had hoped that the lucrative Soweto contract would be shared among them are angry that the work has gone to one land survey firm. Several air survey companies are also involved.

Wrab maintains that it is within its rights to appoint a firm of its choice. This appointment, still has to be formally approved by at least two of the councils of Greater Soweto which control the R4,5 million that will be spent on the survey.

The councils will make their decisions in the coming few weeks

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Ten Alex families get new houses

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TEN FAMILIES in Alexandra were beside themselves with joy when they received keys to their new houses in the first stage of the township's redevelopment scheme

Keys to the houses were handed over by the chairman of the Alexandra Liaison Committee the Rev Sam Buti who said "We love Alexandra and we will live in it. I am very happy to hand these keys to the owners of the new houses who have been staying in small rooms"

He said those who wished to buy the houses could do so and those who only wanted to rent them could also do so. The development of the township did not only mean the building of houses but schools and recreational facilities were also receiving attention he said.

He said the other families would be moved at the rate of 10 a month until everybody had been settled. One hundred and ninety-four flats were also to be built in the township. Rents for the new houses would be determined according to salaries so that everybody could afford to own a house.

The new houses have either six or four rooms

Fort Hare lecturers sent to America

THREE lecturers at the University of Fort Hare have gone to America to further their studies, the university has announced

Mr C Z Gebeda, a senior lecturer in the Department of Didactics and the Science of Teaching, went to Denison College, Granville, Ohio for an orientation course which finished on August 20. He then moved to the University of Northern Iowa where he will study until August next year.

Rev M A Stofile of the Department of Systematic Theology, has also gone overseas on study leave. His study programme is to carry out research into aspects of African Christian Education and includes visits to Ife University, Nigeria and New Brunswick Theological Seminary in America.

Rev S D Sibanyoni, a lecturer in the Department of New Testament Studies and Pastoral Theology, will be leaving shortly for the Union Theological Seminary in New York where he will carry out a study programme for the degree of Master of Sacred Theology.

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South Africans must not deceive themselves — with comforting thoughts about strategic geography and resources — into believing that several moral and political differences will not override them.

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Call for hostel staff to quit



LETTERS: Mr Michael Mzobe.

DUBE Hostel inmates have called for the resignation of the entire staff manning the hostel offices because of the manner in which the inmates are treated.

This was learnt by The SOWETAN yesterday from Mr Michael Mzobe, a councillor for the Dube Hostel residents

Mr Michael Mzobe, Dube hostel councillor said because of the inmates grievances he had

made representation on their behalf to the Soweto Council who promised to look into the matter

"I have tried on several occasions to talk to the hostel's superintendent to improve things but there has just been no improvement. In fact, things are getting worse by the day," Mr Mzobe said

"On these grounds we can call on the staff, including the superintendent,

to resign and be replaced by a completely new staff," he said

Some of the grievances are

- Inmates are ignored by clerks, Wraab police and the superintendent when they go to the office to report faults in their rooms
- Inmates are made to pay when they report globes that are broken, lost keys or broken stoves

• Rent offices open late and close early

- Unofficial receipts are sometimes issued to people paying rent

• Letters are not delivered to the owners but are dumped near one of the hostel shops for inmates to sort

- Residents are not notified when their beds are taken for not paying rent on time and no notice is taken at extenuating circumstances



MARCH: Coloured women making black power signs.

PIC LEN KUMALO

Women in rent demo

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MORE than 100 angry women, shouting freedom slogans, yesterday marched to the administration offices in Klipspruit West in protest against rent increases in most of Johannesburg's "coloured" areas.

The Johannesburg City Council recently announced rent increases for council-owned houses and flats, with effect from October 1. It is estimated that the rents will go up by between 14 and 28 percent.

The women shouted "Amandla, Awethu" and said they were going to pay the old rents and ignore the announced ones.

"We coloured people are sick and tired of saying ja baas any longer," one of them said.

They demanded to see the superintendent to "tell him we are not prepared to pay the new rents."

"We are going to sit here until he sees us. He took rent receipts from two women and we are now told he has gone out. We are doing this for our children," they told reporters.

Some said they now

realised how black people were treated. They said the present downturn in the economy with people being retrenched and others working three and four-day weeks would worsen their plight.

One marcher, Mrs Irene Jacobs, said "I have 12 children. How am I supposed to feed and take them to school on the R165 I earn, and still pay rent? Rents have been increased by between R50 and R90 a month and I still have to pay about R54 for water and electricity. Where am I going to get that money from?" she asked.

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SAIC talks
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The executive committee of the South African Indian Council will hold discussions with community leaders in the Transvaal today to examine problems and the housing crisis in Lenasia.

Mr Amichand Rajbansi, chairman of the executive committee said the meeting with the community leaders was to prepare for a meeting with the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze.

Transvaal community leaders are concerned about overcrowding and the serious shortage of homes. The clampdown by the Government on funds has worsened the situation, they say.

"We want to see the situation for ourselves and then put our demands to the Minister," said Mr Rajbansi.

He added that while in the Transvaal they would also examine the prospect of identifying a new area for the Indian community in central Johannesburg.

Kliptown wives march against rent increases

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By ANTON HARBER

MORE THAN 200 angry Kliptown women marched to the Kliptown rent office yesterday to protest against an increase in their rents scheduled for next month

The women told city council housing officials that they would not pay the increase and demanded to see the head of the Johannesburg housing department, Mr Thys Wilsnach, according to a member of the Coloured Management Committee (CMC), Mr Don Mateman

Mr Mateman said he addressed the women, telling them the CMC was negotiating with the Johannesburg Management Committee and was trying to arrange a meeting with the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze

They had then dispersed quietly, he said Police were not present

Mr Mateman added that most people felt the hike was

unreasonable and few would be able to pay it

He said some rents were to increase by more than 100% and said this was "expecting too much from the people"

He cited one case in which a man living in Extension 2 had been told his rent would jump from R24 to R88 85

In another case, the rent for a house in Extension 7 was jumping from R105 10 to R165

Mr Wilsnach said yesterday afternoon that he had not heard of the protest

"The CMC have met the management committee and are due to see the Minister of Community Development about the issue So nothing is definite yet It is still being negotiated," he said

On Sunday, hundreds of residents of nearby Eldorado Park vowed at the township's biggest protest meeting to fight rent increases

The meeting voted to take court action to stop the increases if necessary

Opposition to Evaton permit hike

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FURTHER increases in service charges in Evaton would cause standowners to lose their properties, the Evaton Community Council was told this week.

Opposing a motion to increase house permit fees by R2 50 Councillor Peter Mokoena said the increases would be robbery and chicanery of poor residents.

The motion was raised by the council's chairman Mr Sam Rabotapi when he said the council's account for water was in a bad way and there was a credit of R1 005.

Councillor Mokoena said it would be robbery.

Councillor George Nene said the move to charge residents individually for the use of water, instead of putting this responsibility of paying on standowners, would ultimately result in standowners losing their plots either to tenants or to the Orange-Vaal Administration Board.

The secretary of the council Mr A C Steyn said that the increases were necessary if the council was going to be able to replace old water meters and reduce their deficit of thousands of rands.

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Coloured rent ¹²⁷ talks ^{POM} switch ^{9/1/82}

By ANTON HARBER

THE request by the Johannesburg Management Committee to discuss the controversial rent increases for the city's coloured township with the Minister of Community Development was a "misunderstanding", a spokesman for the Minister said yesterday.

Instead the management committee will request a meeting with the Deputy Minister of Finance, Mr Eli Louw.

On Monday, the management committee sent a telegram to the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, requesting him to meet a deputation from the management committee and the Coloured Management Committee (CMC).

This followed the biggest-ever protest meeting in Eldorado Park at which hundreds of residents voted to fight the rent increase in court if necessary.

The Johannesburg City Council has proposed that rents be increased from October 1 after an increase in the interest rate on loans made by the Government to the council.

The chairman of the CMC, Mr Miley Richards, has said the management committee felt its "hands were tied" over the increases.

Mr B Bohmer, private secretary to Mr Kotze, said yesterday that the request for a meeting was the result of a "misunderstanding that was being resolved on a departmental level".

It is understood that the Department of Community Development felt bound by the interest rate increase, and referred the management committee to the Department of Finance.

Mr Obie Oberholzer, chairman of the management committee, said they would now ask to meet Mr Louw as soon as possible.

Mr Richards yesterday was unaware of the change, but said he would be satisfied "as long as we see someone to discuss it".

He added: "We have no control over what the people might do if the increase goes ahead, but we are hoping to do something about it before October 1."

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Well on target

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Despite some early snags, Soweto's R230m electrification programme is slightly ahead of schedule and should be completed as planned in late 1983

The project began at the end of 1980 and,

by the end of August this year well over 57 000 houses had been wired and most had been approved by the local authority

The reticulation and distribution system worth R150m is nearly two thirds complete and should be fully operational by November next year — one month ahead of schedule

West Rand Administration (Wrab) chairman John Knoetze says that only 1 000 of the wired houses have been given power so far. The problem contractors were unable to co-ordinate their activities to bring whole neighbourhoods on stream simultaneously

But, beginning now, about 3 000 houses/month will be connected until the end of the year — and nearly twice that number thereafter

"As far as I know this is the first time such an electrification programme has been undertaken" says Knoetze. Usually the wiring and other services are built before the houses. But we have had to do it in reverse

"Normally, a project of this magnitude would take between five and seven years, but because of the urgency and the need to cut costs the contract period has been shortened from six to three years"

Knoetze sees the project as much more than a mere electrification programme. With 90 000 households involved it has large economic implications and will create many jobs. An extensive training programme involving more than 2 000 skilled and semi-skilled workers is in hand. Once completed the project will provide jobs for 500 people, to say nothing of the profitable rub-off for the appliance industry

Building extensive trench networks in such heavily populated areas has created some major headaches for Wrab and the contractors. There has been a number of accidents with people falling into the trenches. At least five people have died although Knoetze is not convinced that all the deaths are directly related to the trenches

"We've taken every possible precaution to ensure that accidents and deaths are minimised" says Knoetze. "But these accidents must be seen in the proper context. There are over 5 000 km of underground cable and the work is taking place in 24 townships at once"

Wrab and the local councils have launched an extensive information campaign to warn people to be cautious and the administration is keeping the number of open trenches to a minimum

"At the beginning of the project the trenching got ahead of the cable laying, but we have stopped this, even to the extent of backfilling some of the trenches," says Knoetze. "Another problem is that steel and wooden bridging that we've laid over the trenches have been removed"

The contractors have also had problems with updating existing services. Many were installed 40 years ago and plans are non-existent or incomplete

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Plot wrangle

The surveying of Soweto has long been regarded as one of the major hurdles blocking the implementation of government's 99-year leasehold scheme. Now some members of the land-surveying profession are claiming that the reticence of civil servants to rapidly implement the scheme is a more important reason for delays.

Controversy over survey methods employed in Soweto has highlighted the problem. One land-surveyor says: "The profession is being blamed for the political resistance of blacks to the concept of leasehold and the resistance by officials to implement it. The bottleneck has either been created by the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) or exists there. There is absolutely no delay at government level in the office of the Surveyor General."

According to Sean Kavanagh, vice-president of the Transvaal Institute of Land-Surveyors (TILS): "The bottleneck was unnecessary. We believe the delays were the result of not using the professional resources available and the appointment of a few firms to tackle the job instead of spreading the work throughout the profession."

Counters Wrab's Alec Rabie: "I do not dispute the delays, but these are because of administrative procedures. The Surveyor General, the board, and the Department of Co-Operation and Development are all equally to blame."

But Wrab's recent decision to use aerial survey methods, and to appoint a single firm to survey Soweto's 90 000 stands has caused members of the profession to grow hot under their collars.

Wrab believes that by using aerial methods, the surveying of Soweto can be completed within a year at a cost of R4.5m.

TILS claims that spreading the job between members of the profession and using conventional ground survey methods would result in greater accuracy, and completion of the job within the same period.

Yet Rabie believes this to be possible "only in theory, not in practice."

The survey issue is fast becoming a professional and political hot potato. Now the question of the legality of the appointment of the single surveying firm has been raised. Some professionals maintain that at least two of the Greater Soweto community councils were not consulted.

But Rabie sees matters differently. "These councils can only take decisions on matters delegated to them by the Minister. No aspect of leasehold has been transferred to a community council and they don't have the legal authority to appoint consultants. So the board, as the councils' agent appointed consultants and is, therefore, within its legal rights. However, we do apologise for delays in informing the boards about survey methods."

The question of method is also causing trouble. Says Kavanagh: "It is essential that existing survey standards of accuracy should be carefully maintained in Soweto to prevent costly boundary disputes in future. The use of aerial survey methods will result in a lowering of standards which could incur both additional costs and litigation later."

Counters Rabie: "I challenge the profession to prove this method to be of a lower standard. The method has been approved by the Surveyor General and the surveying profession itself."

Govt 30 ⁽¹²⁷⁾ years behind

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IT WILL take the Government about 30 years, or more, before it can solve the country's housing problem, says Mr Mike Rosholt in an interview with The SOWETAN yesterday.

Mr Rosholt had come to inspect the 108 new houses recently completed in Daveyton. The houses are going to be occupied by employees of the Writecht company, a subsidiary group of Barlow.

Mr Rosholt said the private sector should provide housing for their employees and not depend entirely on the Government and the administration boards for their housing provisions.

His company will negotiate with the East Rand Board and local community councils for sites to build more houses for their employees in other townships on the East Rand, he said.

The new houses are worth more than R2-m and Mr Rosholt pointed out that should any of the owners of the houses leave his company they would still continue occupying the houses and would not be evicted.



LIVING: At least 30 years for everybody to be housed.

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**Old folk
in rent
increase
puzzle** *show*

By Moira Levy

In spite of assurances by the city's housing director that there would be no rent increases for coloured pensioners, old folk in Noordgesig in Western Coloured Township have received notices warning them of rises next month

Mr Thys Wilsnach, director of housing, said he could not explain why this had happened, and endorsed the council's policy of keeping pensioners' rents below 25 percent of their monthly income

"We sent letters to all pensioners in the area telling them their rents have been reassessed, but that they would not have to pay more than 25 percent of their incomes. Any amount above that will be paid by the council," he said.

Yet most pensioners who contacted The Star are paying rents exceeding 25 percent of their incomes, and they say they have not had any assurances from the council that they will not have to pay the increases.

Mr John Harris of Noordgesig said he knew of six pensioners who had been notified of increases in one day

"And we are charged rent increases every year. We are the people least able to afford it. We are told the increases are to cover the department's growing overhead costs, yet there are never any improvements to our houses, so where does the money go?"

Grateful — for home in a slum

BULLDOZERS STOP — AND 800 FAMILIES LIVE AGAIN

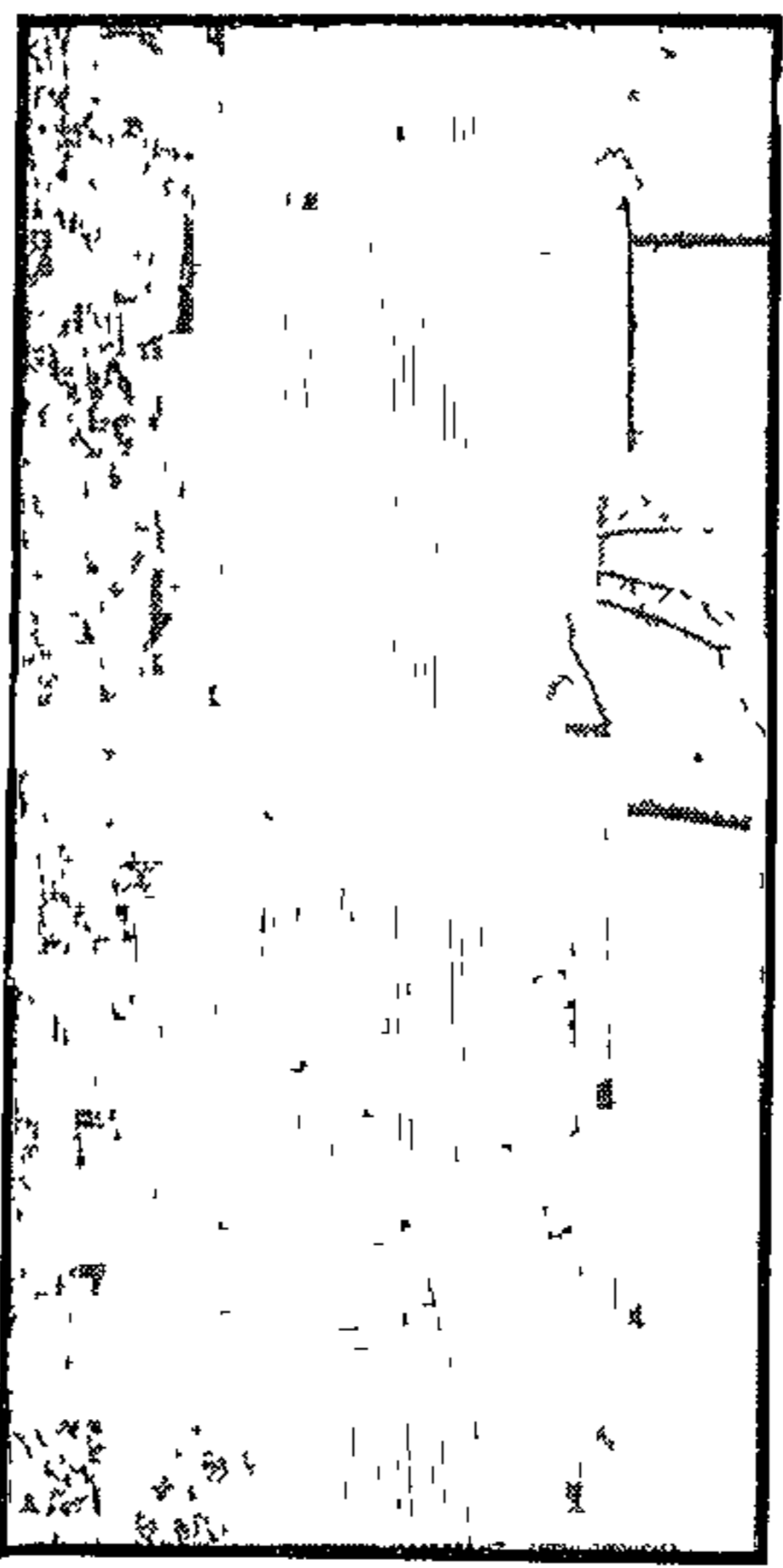
ABOUT 800 coloured families who face eviction in Johannesburg's condemned Western Coloured Township have been given a reprieve from the bulldozers which were flattening the area.

A meeting between the coloured and esburg management committees this week halted the bulldozers at the last minute — and led to agreement in principle on a 'self help' plan for the community.

Residents are in a 'Catch-22' situation. On the one hand they face eviction.

On the other, they have nowhere to go as the waiting list for accommodation in the Coloured community is already 10 000.

Mr Miley Richards, chairman of the CMC, said this week the new scheme would involve existing houses being sold to residents who would be given help to renovate their homes and im-



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By DEBRA CLEVELAND

prove their environment.

Both committees will spend the next few months looking at possible pitfalls. If none is found it is hoped the scheme — the first of its type in the Transvaal — will start next January.

"We think the houses should be sold to residents at about R1 000 because they were built in 1926 and have paid themselves off many times over. It could be a deposit of, say R100, and the rest to be paid off over a year."

"That way people will

have some kind of investment in the project as well as regaining their independence. We intend to set up a team of professionals in the area who will give advice on rehabilitation as well as offering the help of qualified artisans.

"Loans will be made available in the form of building materials, so there will be no cash flow," Mr Richards said.

Last month the Sunday Express visited Western Coloured Townships and found the remaining 700 homes scattered among half-demolished stands and bulldozers.

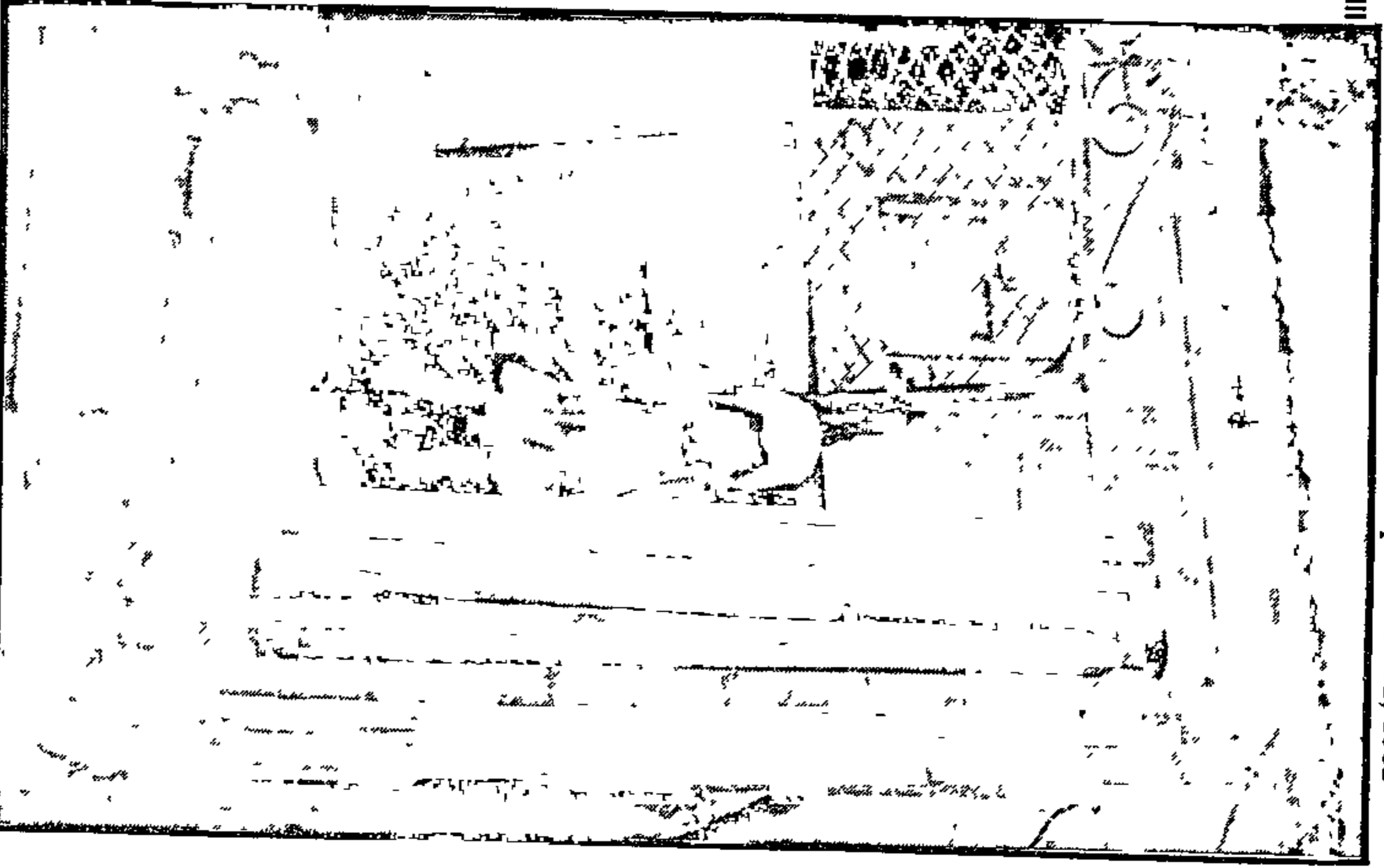
The area has long been in an appalling condition —

with pitted dirt roads, building rubble strewn everywhere and vast areas of rubbish inviting infection and disease.

A joint decision was taken in 1976 by the city council and the Department of Community Development to redevelop the township and sell the stands to coloured families.

But the number of stands that would have become available would probably have housed only half the present population and could have been afforded only by fairly affluent families.

The 800 families now living there would have had to move 60km to Klipspruit West and Ennerdale where



● Left: Where the bulldozers stopped. The 700 houses remaining in Western Coloured Townships stand in a sea of rubble and rubbish which invite infection and disease. But at least the toddler (right) and his parents have a roof over their heads. If a scheme now under consideration is approved, families will be able to buy their homes and get professional help in renovating them.

there is already a housing shortage.

Even then, most families would not have qualified either for renting or buying.

The Department of Community Development issued a statement last week stating that, because of financial

problems, the department would be building houses only for those families earning less than R150 a month.

Since the department demanded this week that Coloured rentals — decided on a sliding scale according to salaries — be increased, in some cases these families will be paying up to R100 more each month.

This applies mostly to Eldorado Park and Riverlea Extension 2 where rentals will be increased from R198 to R298 and R140 to R209 respectively.

Zulu language could become Big Apple's test bargain

Zulu will be the most popular African language in America in a few years, according to Mr Msoni, a Zulu South African who has set out for himself here as the head of the Izulu Language Centre. Mr Msoni set out to teach black Americans African languages and has now broadened his scope to teaching Zulu as well. He started last year and his early pupils was Mr John Soaries, a black American. Mr Soaries learned fast and within nine months was able to teach the language himself. Mr Msoni has a special programme of question and answer explain and answer which grew up between them and they quickly realised that what they had was valuable and marketable.

Mr Soaries wrote a book and complemented it with a cassette which will be available within a few weeks. At a price of about R25 for the two and a cassette thrown in, it will be New York's biggest bargain.

The programme has been financed through production by Mr Msoni's Izulu Dance Theatre, a very successful group. The programme made by the language course will also be put into the group — Own Correspondent

R5m loss - Soweto rents may rise

THE SOWETAN Council is keeping quiet as to whether it will be forced to increase rents because of its present financial situation

In the council's Director of Finance Mr Irwin Florence could yesterday not be drawn into saying whether the council was considering raising rents. Earlier this week he told The SOWETAN that the council had a deficit of more than R5-million and this was increasing by R1-million a month.

"I cannot say whether the council is considering increasing rents in view of our present financial position. But you know what the council's financial situation is. The rent issue may be discussed anytime but I'm not sure when this will be," Mr Florence said.

By LEN MASEKO

According to reports the council needed R57-million for the current 1982/3 financial year. The council's income for the current year is estimated at R46.5-million.

INCOME

Mr Florence was this week quoted in a weekly newspaper as saying that the possibility of increasing rents could not be ruled out in view of the deficit in the council's budget.

Chairman Mr David Thebehali was not available for comment yesterday. Earlier this year he gave assurance that

rents in Soweto would not go up — at least not within the next six months.

However, those six months have now lapsed and speculation is rife that another rent hike could be imposed in the near future.

The last increases in Soweto were in October last year when each household was faced with an R8 service charge hike. Dobsonville residents and hostel inmates this month started paying rent increases of up to R13 and R3.45 respectively.

ALAN KWELA: We

I was says

JAZZ guitarist Alan Kwela that he was left stranded in Sweden and when I had enough money to let him was that I had to find cheap places to stay into expensive hotels. I had a space of time I had was an experience, a week ago.

The SOWETAN's home in Orlando Flats

I stopped over in I to jam for two weeks. During there my ticket stopped over I went in had already expired, manner.

Alan said he met Jazz Festival in London members of the Miles Davis Quintet, Freddie Hubbard, Ray Charles, beautiful at the festival.

In London Alan Kwela Africa and played at the Royal Albert Hall to raise money for the anti-apartheid struggle.

The word spread and Kwela was playing in the 1982 Jazz festival held in London. That is the reason why artists like George Mthembu, Chris McGregor, and others were interested.

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Coloured

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The Johannesburg City Council will not increase rents of council-owned homes in coloured areas until January 1 — and has offered to sell homes to tenants by that date.

Residents who do not want to buy their homes will pay the proposed new rent increases which were to have become effective from October 1.

The council's decision follows mass protests by residents in the city's coloured areas. They voted not to pay the increases — in some cases as high as 30 percent.

A spokesman for the community organisations said yesterday the council's decision was a victory for the people who had acted in unity.

Mrs Barbara Thomas (69) of Tinker Road, Brentnurst, was attacked at about 11:35 am as she opened the backdoor to hang up the washing.

One of the men grabbed her, dragged her to the dining room and threw her to the ground.

He then jumped on her and started throttling her.

Mrs Thomas scratched him in the face, poked him in the eyes, kicked him on the shin and then kicked him between his legs.

"I did not for a minute think that he might be armed. I was more concerned about getting him off me," she explained.

Mrs Thomas and her maid started screaming and the men fled.

A neighbour, Mr Karl de Lang, who had been attacked in his home a week ago, came to Mrs Thomas's assistance.

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SO WHO IS BOURGEOIS?



Selection Park finds itself between the horns of ideology

SELECTION PARK is the name of a white suburb in Springs. It is also the nick-name given to the so-called middle-class or bourgeois township in Pinville, Soweto.

The name is also sarcastically used to refer to all higher income group housing areas that have been mushrooming throughout the country since the advent of the 99-year leasehold system.

There was a time when people who lived in such areas boasted about the fact, and used it as a symbol of their status, different or better than everybody else.

Houses in these areas had everything which was not only unknown to the average black man, but was also a far cry from him. They had inside bathrooms and toilets with running water, ceilings, electricity and were bigger and better-looking.

Something of a radical difference from the traditional four-roomed "matchbox" houses.

It was the lack of these facilities which was cited by many people as having contributed to the numerous dissatisfactions which led to the outbreak of the 1976 unrests.

This is generally believed to have been acknowledged by the formation of the Urban Foundation, through whose initiative the 99-year leasehold system

There's no place in the entire world where those people with money and its comforts do not have their detractors, those who scorn the wealthy as being part and parcel of the oppressor. SAM MABE takes a look at a new phenomenon in South Africa — The Selection Parks — and reveals a dilemma the wealthy locals find themselves in.

was accepted by the Government.

But the creation of the so-called middle-class among blacks was met with criticism from various sectors of the black community. The Government was accused of trying to diffuse black anger by elevating the standard of living of a few blacks, thereby causing disunity among them.

there are fears that they are potential targets of revolutionary uprisings.

Thrown into the same melting pot as the so-called bourgeois are the so-called intellectuals, who include professors and all those who have a university education.

Mr Joseph Kawawa, chairman of People United to Save Orphans

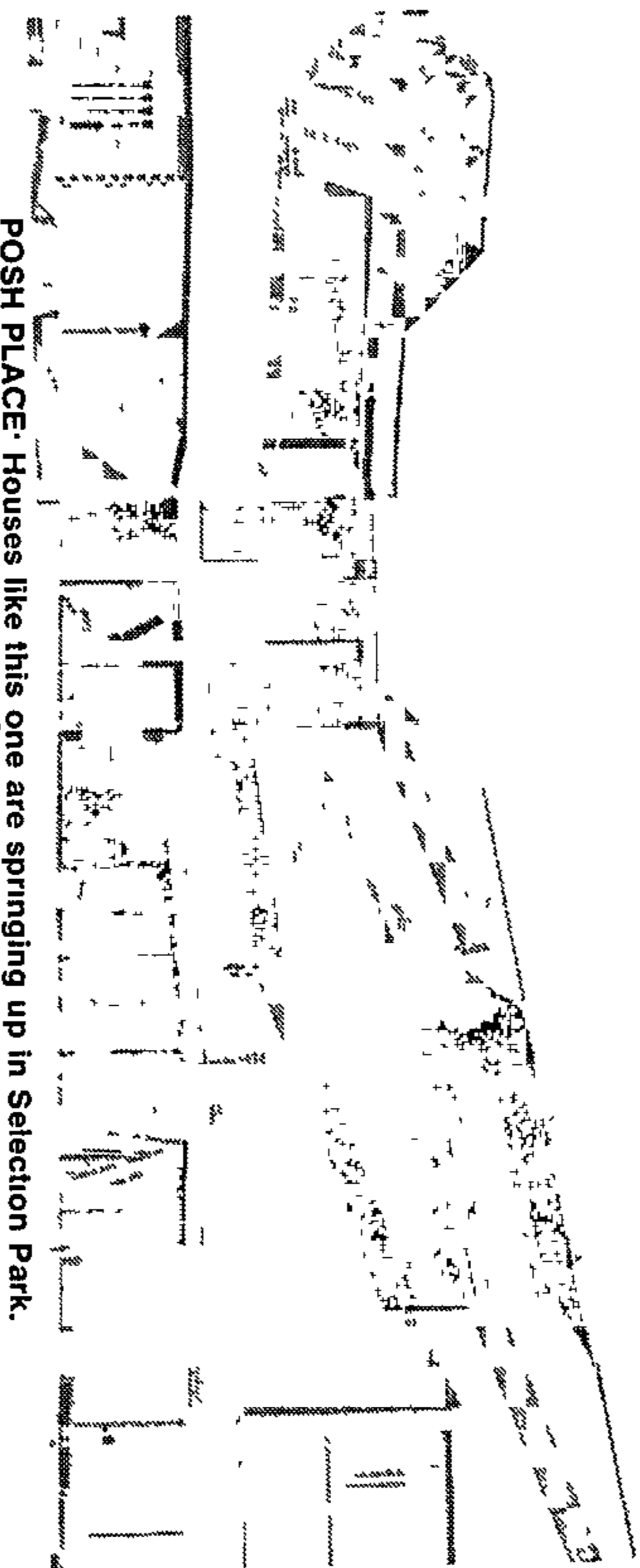
People who are knowledgeable about some of these things are not giving proper guidance to the ignorant man in the street.

Mr Kawawa says it is absurd for anybody to believe that by having electricity, hot and cold running water in your house and having three bedrooms qualifies one to be a member of the bourgeois or the middle-

chers what have you

"Selection Park was brought about by economic, political and social demands of the day. It was not a voluntary gesture on the part of the Government to allow the existence of such places. It is a fact that the Government was dragged kicking and screaming into this scheme by the realities of the situation in this

country.



POSH PLACE: Houses like this one are springing up in Selection Park.

Criticism was not confined to the Government alone, but was also levelled against residents of such areas.

They have been accused of being reactionary and showing indifference to the struggle for the liberation of the black man.

They are referred to as the bourgeois and

class.

(Puso), believes that many people are failing to view the matter objectively. This, he attributes to lack of good leadership among blacks.

"We need a type of leadership that can interpret some of these programmes in terms of the people's hopes, needs and aspirations

country.

He says people who live in Selection Park do not constitute a buffer, a threat or even a middle-class.

"Those people are members of the working class, a good percentage of them wake up at 5am to catch a bus going to work. They are bank clerks, journalists, tea-

as middle-class or bourgeois, were themselves promoting the Government's intentions of dividing blacks.

"None of the people living in these areas fit those descriptions imposed on them. There is a mushrooming of trade unions fighting for higher wages and better working conditions for blacks.

"Are we saying that as soon as these people achieve their aspirations, they should then be called names be isolated from the rest of the community? What sparked off the 1976 unrests, was it not the low quality of education? Why should we isolate people who have made academic achievements by sneering at them as intellectuals who should be seen as part of the problem facing the black man?"

"The same class of people living in Selection Park can be found in any other township in Soweto. Everybody is striving to improve their standard of living, and even people who live in places like White City Jabavu or Orlando East aspire to live in houses like those in Selection Park.

"And if they should work themselves up to be able to afford such

housing, why should they be punished for that by being condemned and isolated from the rest of the community?"

"My question to our critics is this: if it is wrong to live in houses like those in Selection Park, what is the standard house we should live in, and who should set the standard for us?" asked Mr Pule.

City council starts to fix house prices in coloured suburbs

Mail Reporter

THE Johannesburg Housing and City Treasurer's departments have begun calculations to determine the selling prices of about 1 600 houses in the Johannesburg coloured suburbs of Klipspruit West and Riverlea Extension Two

The selling of houses in the two suburbs follows a victory for coloured residents over proposed rent increases

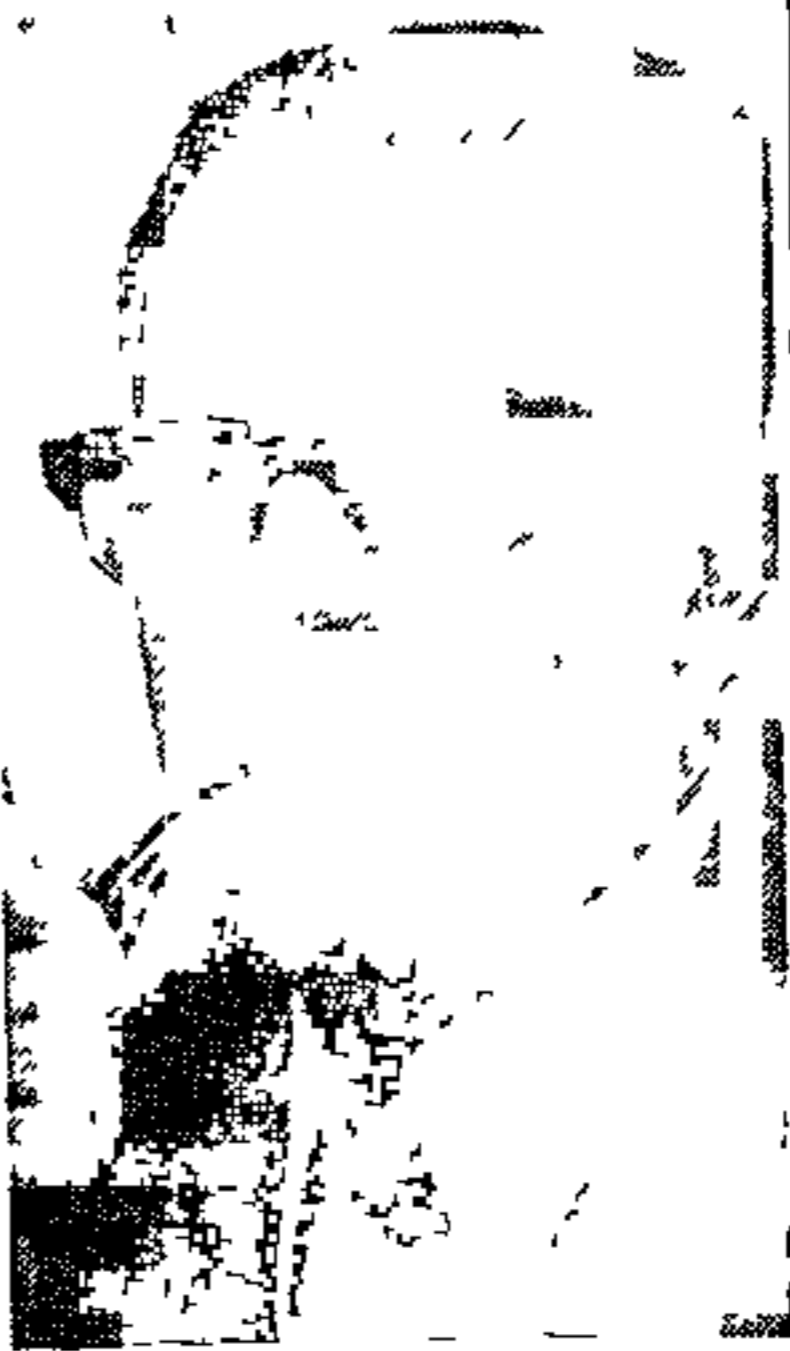
At a series of protest meetings in the past few weeks residents refused to accept new rent increases but indicated they were willing to pay more for houses which they owned

The sale of houses in other coloured suburbs are to follow as soon as the Klipspruit West and Riverlea Extension 2 houses are on the market

The Johannesburg director of housing Mr Thys Wilsnach said yesterday the selling prices would be known in two weeks and residents in the two suburbs would receive letters informing them of the price and terms of sale

Residents who were not prepared to buy their homes, however, would have to pay the proposed rent increases of up to 30% when they took effect on January 1 and also faced the prospect of being moved to other houses

Mr Wilsnach said that if a tenant was not prepared to buy the house he was living in



MR THYS WILSNACH
If you don't buy, pay up

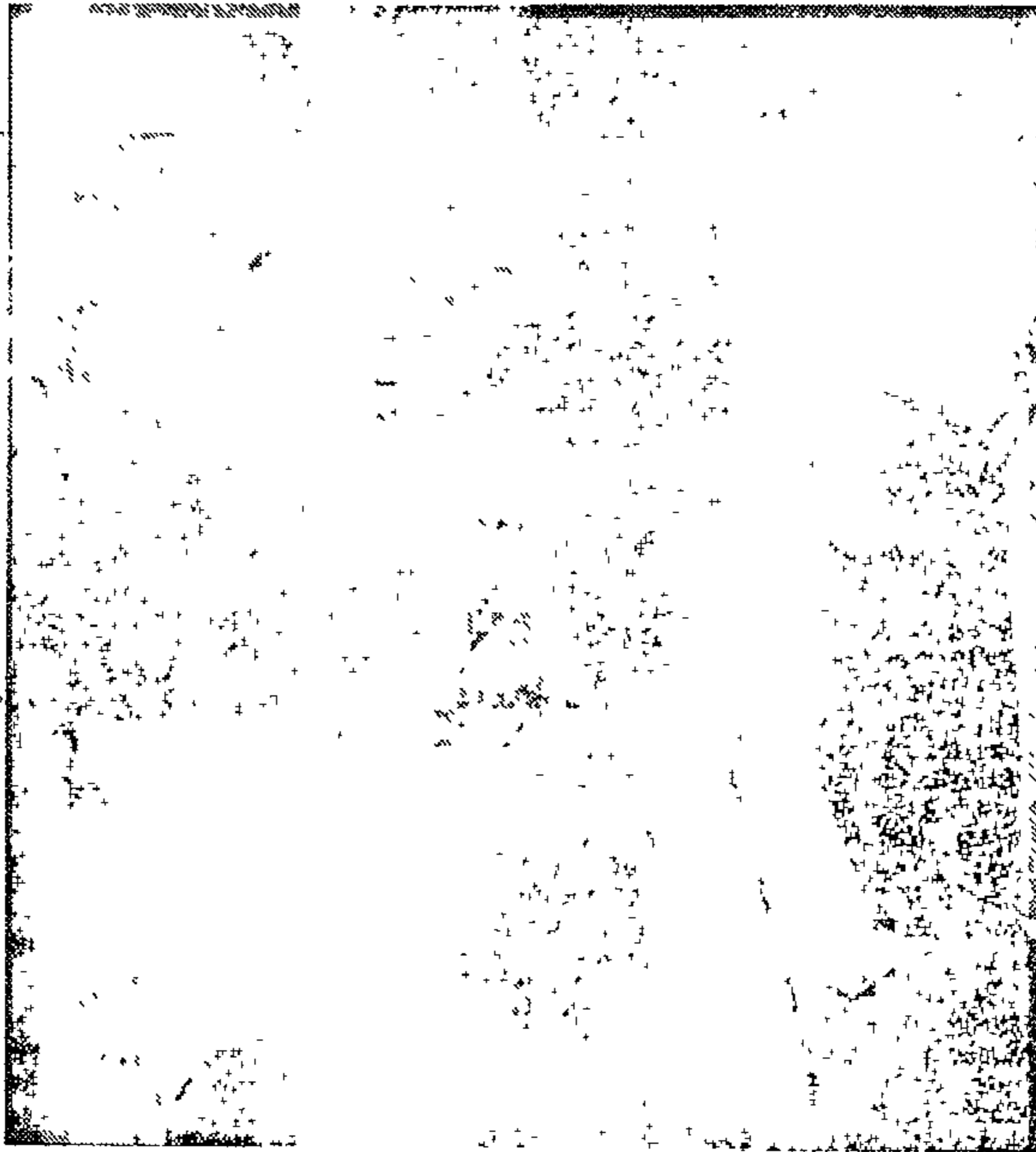
and a buying application was received from another tenant for that house, the tenant would have to be moved

Tenants will have up to the end of the year to decide whether they want to buy their houses

The chairman of the city council's housing committee Mr Carel Venter said in a statement yesterday cushioning the impact of steep rental increases by introducing the increases on a sliding scale was being considered

The statement said service charge increases of about 13% would not be affected and would be payable from next month

GENERAL NEWS



The "kitchen" for several men staying at Tembisa's now notorious Thamong Compound consists of an old one-plate burner. There is no electricity, water-borne sewerage or proper drainage for the hundreds of migrant workers staying in the compound.

300 council workers to leave 'filthy' slum

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Municipal Reporter

Nearly 300 Johannesburg City Council workers now housed in a compound which has been described as "a rotten filthy slum" will be moved into new accommodation in Alexandra at the end of this month.

The management committee chairman, Mr Francois Oberholzer, disclosed this after The Star published a report about conditions at Thamong Compound in Tembisa.

"The place is a rotten filthy slum and a health hazard," said Progressive Federal Party city councillor, Mr Les Dishy, who criticised the city council for allowing its workers to live in appalling conditions.

The men, who work at the Kelvin Power Station 35 km away, are crammed four to a room which includes kitchen space, have no running water and rely on a bucket sewerage system operated on an irregular basis.

Mr Dishy said flooring consisted of a mixture of broken cement and loose sand, windows were broken and doors did not close properly, there was one tap to serve the toiletry, drinking and cooking needs of 44 men and dirty water was left

to spill onto the ground because of lack of drainage.

He attacked the city council for dragging its heels in negotiations with the Department of Community Development to improve the lot of the men housed at Thamong.

The city council operates its own compound for workers near Kelvin Power Station, but it is not large enough to house the entire work force. Mr Dishy believes the council has not tried hard enough to obtain permission from Community Development to enlarge facilities at the power station compound.

Mr Oberholzer has dismissed the allegation, saying that the management committee had decided to transfer the men into new premises at Alexandra because of conditions at Thamong. "When permission was refused to enlarge our compound at Kelvin we approached the West Rand Administration Board which offered us the new accommodation at Alexandra."

Mr Oberholzer said it cost the city council R4 500 to house one black worker. It would begin transferring the men from Thamong at the end of this month. All should be rehoused within four months.



SOWETO SURVEY

Poor prospects

At least 40% of the houses in Soweto are ineligible for leasehold rights. This has emerged after four months of aerial surveying of stands in Greater Soweto for leasehold purposes. Nonetheless all residents could indirectly be paying for the survey.

According to the West Rand Administration Board's (Wrab) senior administrative officer (housing) Leonard Kline '24 901 row-houses and semi-detached units in Soweto 16 954 in Diepkloof and Meadowlands and 2 096 in Dobsonville are unsuitable for leasehold purposes. Leasehold can't be registered on these units until a sectional title register is opened.'

Last year the Viljoen Committee recommended the application of sectional title in Soweto, but since then nothing has happened. Wrab's Alec Rabie says "Sectional title has not been accepted by government. It's not on the cards at the moment."

At present, 99-year leasehold legislation does not make provision for sectional title. This would require an amendment to the Black Urban Areas Act or the promulgation of new legislation.

Nonetheless, Wrab has proposed that all Sowetans will pay approximately 36c/month per stand to cover survey costs, financed up front from the R150m loan from a consortium of foreign banks for the upgrading of Soweto's infrastructure.

Rabie says "We are investigating the financial implications of the bulk survey for those who will not benefit from the survey. Obviously it would be unfair to penalise people who will not benefit."

The levy comes at a time when a recently released Unisa survey reveals a sharp deterioration in the economic position of Soweto households, with 28,6% of Soweto households living below the university's minimum living level, and that 41,4% are living below the supplemented living level, which includes a small amount for luxuries.

Even if sectional title is made possible there will always be a fair percentage of householders who will never be able to afford home ownership in any form. But says one housing expert "It is important to create the option."

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R170-M- HOUSING CRISIS

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SOWETO needed more than R170-million to meet its present housing backlog, the Soweto Council chairman said yesterday.

Addressing about 200 people at the opening of the Molapo Community Centre, Mr David Thebehali said his council hoped to raise the money within the next few years.

The multi-purpose centre was built by the Urban Foundation with the sponsorship of the SAB Community Trust at the cost of about R300 000. Besides being used for

By LEN MASEKO

Soweto gatherings it will house offices of a number of community organisations.

Mr Thebehali said 2 888 plans for the extension of existing homes had been approved in the last six months bringing the total amount spent on home improvements during the period to R32-million.

Nowhere else in southern Africa are R400 million developments taking place at the same time as is happening in Soweto. Soweto has become a pace-setter, he added.

The projects taking place in the township include the surveying of Soweto to be completed by the end of next year at a cost of R4.5 million.

Mr Thebehali urged residents to come together and find solutions to the problems of the sprawling township. He said he hoped the centre would be used to the benefit of the community, not as a means of working or attacking one another.

Unveiling the plaque at the centre, SAB manager Mr Windsor Shuenvane said he hoped the place would provide the much-needed community facilities for the area.

Pretoria residents ripped off



MILLIONS NEEDED Mr Thebehali
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Pretoria residents ripped off by bogus house company

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HOMESEEEKERS in Pretoria's black townships have been warned against an alleged bogus company that demands between R10 and R200 deposits on the pretext of obtaining new houses for them.

The warning comes from officials after complaints by residents that they have been paying money for houses in the Pretoria area.

Residents in Mamelodi, Atteridgeville, Saulsville and Soshanguve have been promised assistance for houses by a company operating from Pretoria.

The warning came from Mr W A Aphane, chairman of the Mame-

lodi Community Council. Mr Solly Ramala, an administrative chief of the Atteridgeville Community Council and Mr Adrian Boon, the chief commissioner of Soshanguve.

Officials said they had not heard of the company and warned home-seekers to be careful of getting themselves into such deals.

The company concerned is situated at offices once owned by

another company that had in the past collected monies from people without providing promised services.

A check at the registrar of companies showed the company was not registered.

The company is situated in the Willie Theron Building near Pretoria station and has agents posted at the entrance of the building.

An agent who introduced himself only as

Abraham said a deposit of R10 to R200 was needed to rent a house. R500 was needed to buy one.

Mr Boon said it was the first time he had heard of the company and that building of houses in Soshanguve was undertaken only by the Administration Board for Central Transvaal and the Corporation for Economic Development.

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Council slams board

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been unsuccessful Mr Chimitu was told that the Govern- ment tolerated plenty of sex across the colour bar but they would not tolerate mixed marriages. Their daughter Michaela, who applied for admission at Mogwane High School had her application turned down after the principal said the school was "strictly for blacks". Mr Chimitu might soon settle in Malawi where he has been promised citizenship.

came from England before she settled in Johannesburg were married in Windhoek in October last year. With their daughter from Yvonne's previous marriage they applied for Boputhatswana citizenship last year. They were given a temporary residence permit until the end of October. But last month they received a letter from the Department of Internal Affairs informing them that their application had

Meanwhile another mixed couple in Boputhatswana have been stranded. The Government ordered them to leave the country when their temporary residence permit expires in 45 days. The couple's daughter has also been refused admission at the local school by a headmaster who said the school was "strictly for blacks". Mr Lucas James Chimutu (45) and his wife Yvonne (34) who

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Thousands of pensioners are facing hardships

Flat owners rush to push up rents

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Owners of almost every rent-controlled block of flats in central Johannesburg have applied for rent increases, adding to the worries of thousands of pensioners who now face the threat of eviction.

Johannesburg Rent Boards have received an unprecedented number of applications and have booked hearings through until February next year.

"This is a terrible time of stress, fear and possible homelessness for thousands of pensioners," said city councillor Mrs Molly Kopel, who has represented her constituents at many rent board hearings.

By Lucille
McNamara,
Municipal Reporter

pective rentals"

Mrs Kopel has appealed to landlords not to evict aged tenants who are unable to pay retrospective rent within the 30-day limit

She has also appealed to the chairmen of rent boards to avoid imposing the full six-month penalty on pensioners

But she is not relying on appeals alone to safeguard the wellbeing of the city's aged. She is organising a charity benefit to raise money to help pensioners meet retrospective payments and rent increases

Mrs Kopel also hopes to obtain money from the Mayor's Fund for the Aged to help stave off the financial hardship threatened by the spate of applications for increases

This new development adds to Johannesburg's steadily deteriorating housing crisis

But the city council has taken two steps to help alleviate the situation

● It has bought, and will continue to buy or expropriate, empty blocks of flats and office buildings to provide homes,

● Today it will clinch an overseas loan of which, R8,7 million will be set aside for housing

The spate of applications was confirmed by the regional director of the Department of Community Development, Mr D H Rossouw, under whose jurisdiction the rent boards fall

He attributed the record number of applications to increases in bond rates, higher rates and taxes and new wage agreements for flat cleaners negotiated with the Department of Manpower

The Star has established that

● The Central Eastern Rent Board (city centre stretching north to Berea) has heard 247 applications in the past seven weeks and has booked hearings through until next January.

● The Central Western Rent Board (stretching west from Auckland Park and Mayfair) has booked hearings through until next February.

In terms of the Rent Act a landlord is entitled to a return of 8,5 percent on the valuation of his property

Exorbitant

Mrs Koppel believes this to be a serious flaw and maintains that many landlords obtain inflated valuations which entitle them to exorbitant increases

She predicts that thousands of city centre flat dwellers, particularly old age pensioners, will face eviction as rentals soar by an average of 40 percent.

If granted, rent increases are retrospective to the date of application — provided that it does not exceed six months — and must be paid within 30 days.

"Thousands of pensioners who will not be able to meet that deadline will face eviction," Mrs Kopel said

Even worse, she added, was that, in terms of the Rent Act, tenants were liable for payment of retrospective rent even if they found cheaper accommodation

"Pensioners could be evicted from their homes and also lose all their possessions to ret-

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Soweto mother out on the street

A DIVORCED Soweto mother of four has been left stranded and homeless after her house was sold in an auction sale "without her knowledge". Mrs Hilda Buthelezi of Jabulani told The SOWETAN yesterday that she had first learned

of the sale of her house when she had read about it in the newspaper. The house had been sold for R15 000 at the Johannesburg offices of the Department of Co-operation and Development on Friday. Mrs Buthelezi divorced her husband in

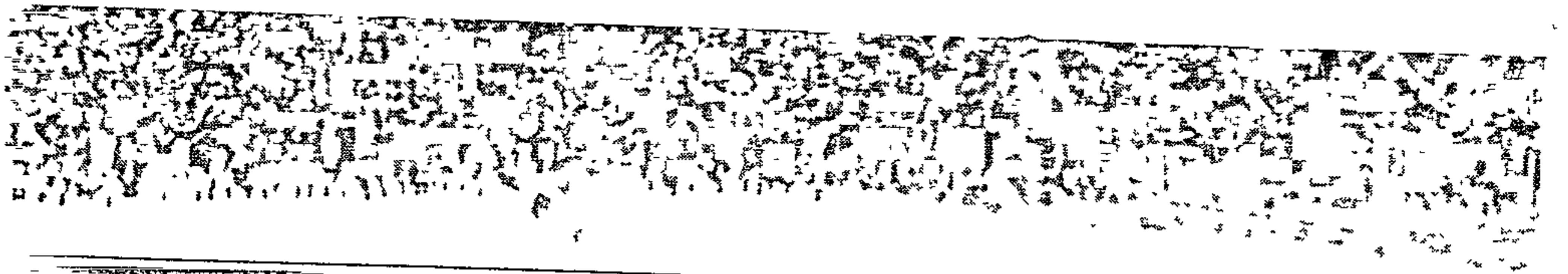
1980 and they were told to share the property bought during their marriage. She was awarded the custody of their four children.

"I was not even informed that my house would be sold at that date. This is absolutely crazy. My husband's lawyers and mine had reached an agreement that the house would not be sold until I had raised half of the cash to give my husband. I was shocked to discover that the auction went ahead

without my knowledge," she said. Mrs Buthelezi and her children — including a five-month-old baby — are due to be evicted from their home this week. She has nowhere to stay and is desperately looking for accommodation. "My lawyers failed to stop the auction at a last minute bid to prevent our eviction. We don't know what to do and hope the new owners will allow us to stay in the backward rooms," she added.

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TOWNSHIP RENT increases may be an- nounced tomorrow.

Wrab's director of services, Mr Alex Rabie, said he was busy compiling data on the increases and the report might be ready for announcement.

His department will act on behalf of Kagiso,

By LEN KALANE

Mohlakeng and Bekkersdal The Soweto Council, including Diepmeadow and Dobsonville, will be expected to make their own announcements.

The actual amount of the hikes, believed to be

huge, has not been revealed to the public yet, but one township in the West Rand, Mohlakeng, might face extra charges as high as R21. The SOWETAN was reliably told

Tomorrow's possible

announcements follows discreet moves within office corridors, where plans for the huge increases have been the subject of discussion for the past weeks.

Wrab's chairman, Mr John Knoetze, confirmed the impending hikes and said suggestions were being sent to respective community councils for a decision.

The SOWETAN could not establish whether the Soweto Council would have anything to say about rents in their monthly meeting this afternoon.

For the three West Rand community councils, Mr Rabie said he would be preparing a report on how much the increases would be, and why the increases should be implemented. These would be made available to the Press, he said.

Opposition groups, however, have already started mobilising themselves in anticipation of the announcements.

In Mohlakeng, the Mohlakeng Civic Association (Moca) will hold a meeting on Sunday at which Dr Nihato Motlana will speak.

SAIC has Rbn 21/9/82 township proposal

Metropolitan Editor

THE South African Indian Council executive is to propose two additional townships in the Johannesburg area for Indian occupation

Mr Amichand Rajbansi, chairman of the South African Indian Council executive, said yesterday he had requested a meeting with the Minister of Community Development Mr Pen Kotze to discuss the proposal

He declined, however, to give the exact location of the two townships, except to say that one was near the city centre and the other "between Eldorado Park and Johannesburg".

It is believed the central city area could be a part of Mayfair, currently a white suburb, and would form part of the Fordsburg-Newtown-Pageview area

Mr Rajbansi said Mr Kotze had already agreed in principle to meet his executive.

He would also request that the Minister hear the views of Indian leaders outside of the SAIC

SOWETO RENTS MAY SOAR AGAIN

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

MOST Soweto residents will be expected to pay approximately 36 cents a month extra

on their house rents to cover survey costs estimated at R4.5-million.

According to Wrab's director of community development Mr Alex

van Breda Rabie the survey will be financed from a R150-m from a consortium of foreign banks for the upgrading of Soweto's infrastructure.

Wrab's sources say that an aerial survey of lands in Greater Soweto revealed that at least 40 per cent of the houses in Soweto were ineligible for leasehold.

LEASEHOLD

Sources say 24 901 row-houses and semi-detached units in Soweto 16 954 in Diepkloof and Meadowlands and 2 096 in Dobsonville are unsuitable for leasehold purposes.

Leasehold in those areas cannot be registered until a sectional title is opened. The Viljoen Committee probing housing problems in the country last year recommended the application of sectional title in Soweto but since then nothing has happened.

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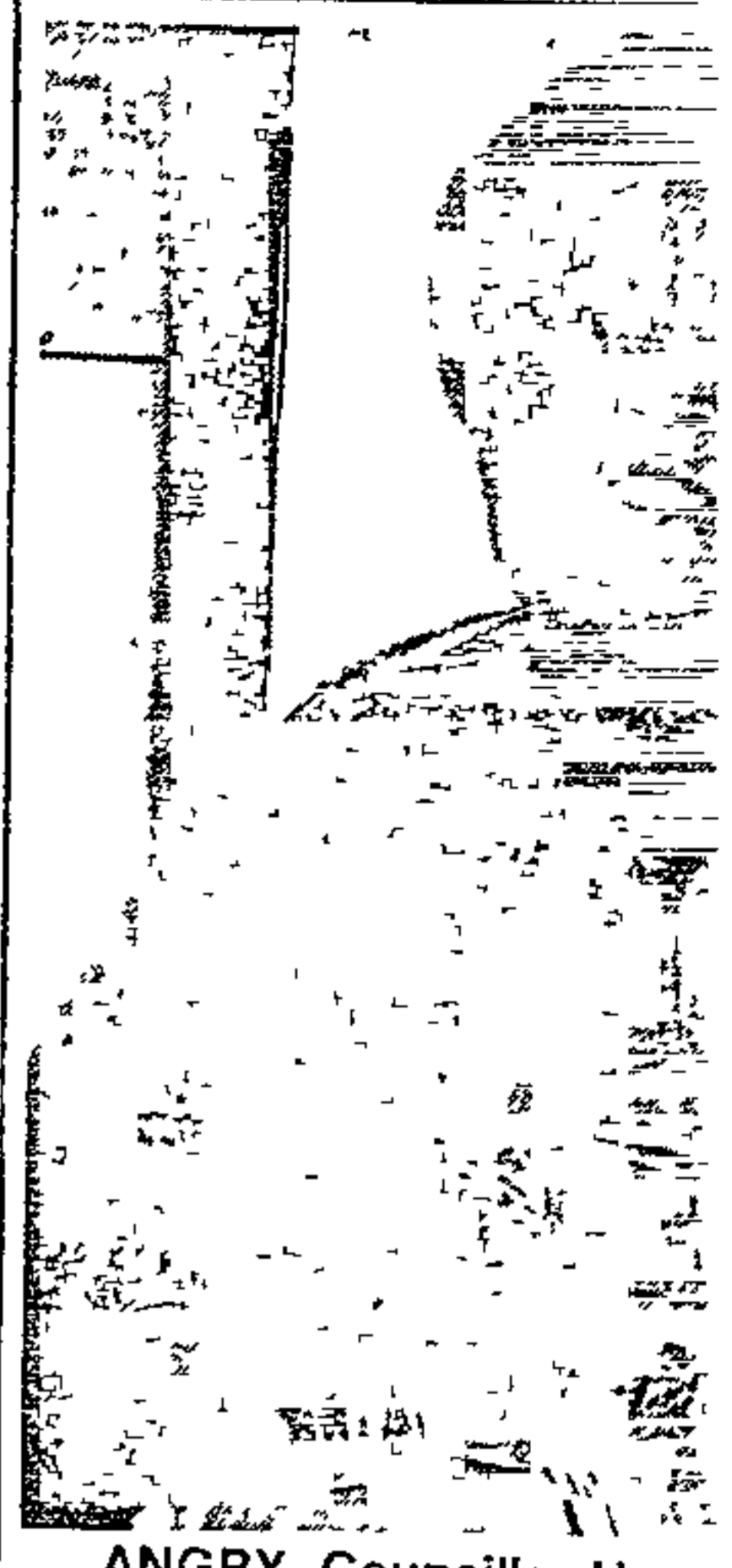
However Mr Rabie explained that sectional title had not been accepted by the Government and that for the moment this matter was just not on.

The present legislation governing the 99-year leasehold does not make provision for sectional title and it is believed that this will re-

quire an amendment to the Black Urban Areas Act or the implementation of new legislation.

Mr Rabie said that Wrab had proposed that all Soweto residents pay the levy to cover the survey costs which was the cheapest so far.

Wrab is investigating the financial implications of the whole survey for those people who will not benefit from it.



ANGRY Councillor Herm

Man tells of ride with corpse

BRIXION Murder and Robbery Squad detectives are investigating claims made by a 23-year-old man that two men who had robbed him of his car had forced him to ride with a white woman's corpse.

Mr Mohammed Saloki (23) no address given told police he had been driving down Selby Street on Monday when three armed black men had jumped into his car

and forced him to drive to a garage nearby. At the garage he had been ordered out of the car and the three driven away in it.

He had still been standing at the garage when the three men had returned driving a white bakkie with a Lebowa registration number. They had ordered him into the back of the car where he had found the body of a white woman slumped on the floor.

Mr Saloki alleged the men had driven around the city before dumping the body at a deserted place. Later they had left him at the city centre and driven off.

Bogus councillor takes aged for

By LEN KALANE
A WOMAN councillor in Diepmeadow claims there is somebody in the Meadowlands area out to make a fast buck.

The trickster she says visits pensioners and uses her name to collect funds.

Mrs Herminah Nxumalo said. The woman masquerades in my name and promises the old folk a trip to Durban for R20.

EXCITED

The prospect of visiting the seaside excites local oldies in the Zone Four area and they duly flock to Mrs Nxumalo's home for more information.

She said. This surprised me. The Durban trip was news to me. Then I realised that somebody was trying to fill her purse at my expense.

She doesn't reveal her identity to the people she visits. She added. She uses my name. Thank God she hasn't collected a cent as yet but I'd like to warn people in my ward (Zones Two and Four) to be on the look-out.

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She said that the woman operated in full swing during the last week going from door

to door. I had a bad luck didn't you? One time I met her to talk and she said. My sister-in-law they say R20

Father kills

A SOWETO man, one of three reported dead yesterday, was killed after he was struck on the head with a hammer, following a quarrel with his father.

The latest killings in Soweto bring the number of people murdered since the weekend to 24.

The head of the Soweto CID Brigadier J J Viktor said the young man and his father had quarrelled, a fight had ensued and the father had grabbed the hammer and allegedly hit his son over the head. Police later arrested a man in connection with

wounded on a Victor earlier a fight. Five people and arrested with. At have one work was quarrel. Mr. Diepkloof shoot plot. Ver-

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Coloureds plan ¹²⁷ street ^{Stan} protest ^{22/9/82} over rents

By Lucille McNamara
Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg's coloured people are planning a street protest against rent increases amid feelings of growing hostility towards the city council's management committee

In an attempt to obtain maximum exposure for their protest, hundreds of placard-bearing women will line a 3 km stretch of Rissik Street — from the City Hall to the Civic Centre — during the afternoon peak period next Wednesday

They have planned their move to coincide with the city council's monthly meeting at which, it is understood, a delegate will hand over a petition opposing rent increases which will force hundreds of families below the breadline

The decision to hold the protest was taken at a report back meeting in Eldorado Park at the weekend

"We will stand in silent protest with placards to forcefully demonstrate our opposition to these proposed exorbitant rent increases," said a spokesman for the women's committee which is organising the protest

Despite a three-month reprieve negotiated by the management committee with officials from the Department of Community Development, coloured residents are angry about rent increases which will ab-

sorb up to 50 percent of their monthly income

Apart from paying more for their homes from the beginning of next year, they also face a 13 percent increase in service charges next month and are angry that the city council failed to negotiate these moves with the Coloured Management Committee

A member of the CMC, Mr Don Mateman has called for solidarity in opposing the rent increases which he has described as "downright robbery."

The city council decided to increase rentals after the Department of Community Development increased interest rates on loans held by Johannesburg

The city council has also decided to sell about 1 600 houses to coloured residents, but those who are unable to afford to buy their units will have to pay the increased rents

The director of housing, Mr Thys Wilsnack, said tenants who were unable to buy their homes faced the prospect of being moved if an application to purchase was received from another resident

Last night the Progressive Federal Party's city council leader, Mr Sam Moss and his shadow chairman on housing, Mr Christopher Newton Thompson, met members of the CMC to find a solution

Mr Moss said he had given the CMC his assurance that he would meet the city treasurer this week

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Scouts to celebrate

BOY Scouts from all over the Witwatersrand will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the movement in South Africa at the weekend.

The ceremony, which will attract about 500 boy scouts will be held at the Thakgalang Lower Primary School in Duuza near Nigel, and will run from tomorrow until Saturday evening.

Mrs Puleng Mogale, a spokesman for the committee organising the celebrations, said that some of the speakers would include officials of the Department of Education and Training, and Mr E Kodisang, chairman of the Boy Scouts movement on the East Rand

Calling all tradesmen

THE EAST Rand Black Industrialist and Traders' Association will hold a meeting in Kwa-Thema, near Springs, today

Mr M J Radebe, chairman of this Association said yesterday that the purpose of this meeting would be to unite all backyard manufacturers such as welders and carpenters

He said another purpose for the meeting was to try and help backyard manufacturers obtain sites and loans so that they could expand their businesses

The meeting which will start at 11am, will be held in the Kwa-Thema Civic Centre committee room and about 200 backyard manufacturers and traders from the East Rand are expected to attend

Evaton bursts at the seams

MORE than 1 800 families are living in illegal structures in Evaton township with one stand-owner accommodating up to 40 families on a single plot

This startling revelation was made after the Evaton township manager, Mr J Myburgh, had conducted a survey in the township and said proper housing would have to be provided for the ever-increasing population.

In a notice served on residents, the chairman of the Evaton Community Council, Mr Sam Rabotapi, said that it was his council's policy to provide proper housing in order to alleviate the accommodation crisis in the township

Mr Rabotapi said his council had resolved to

- Have no more than eight families or eight shacks on each stand,
- That one toilet be provided for each two families residing on a plot;
- That the township manager, Mr Myburgh, would conduct another survey of all properties with more than eight shacks,
- That in order to ensure that only eight families reside on each plot, the director of housing, Mr C A Dev Steyn, would be authorised to resettle families on vacant stands,
- That families would be resettled on privately owned stands only after permission had been granted by the Orange-Vaal Administration Board;
- That only families who were permitted to reside in Evaton would be resettled,
- That persons not complying with these resolutions taken by the council or with existing legislation applicable in Evaton would be prosecuted."

magistrate, Mr P A Koetze, adjourned the hearing at about 1 noon and said he would give a ruling later, whether or not Mr M Aggett could supply the names of his alleged aggressors

When the hearing resumed, the magistrate said he had not been able to take any decisions on the matter and

THE NEIL AGGETT inquest was yesterday adjourned after counsel for the police had objected to a witness mentioning names of Security Police who had allegedly ill-treated him while he had been in detention — because he had "feared" to give their names in his affidavit.

By SAM MABE

Mr Ismael Momoniat secretary of an Anti-SAIC committee alleged in his affidavit that he had been slapped across the face and intimidated at John Vorster Square but had deliberately omitted the names of the policemen concerned because he wanted to name the

ONE of the accused in the Kempton Park terror trial told a former Soweto shopowner that he had nearly been arrested at a comment-

SP's names hold up Aggett inquest

Witness tells court of Regina Mundi episode

BY SELLO RABOTHATA

127 FM 24/9/82

Wrab jumps ahead

The appointment by the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) of G C Olivier and Associates to exclusively undertake the mass survey of Greater Soweto has caused much controversy (*Current Affairs* September 17) Indeed, according to the FM's information, the move contravenes confidential guidelines circulated by Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, to all administration boards and regional offices in March last year

The guidelines emanated from the approved recommendations of a report submitted to Koornhof at that time by the Barrie Committee, appointed in March 1980 to investigate financial and administrative control measures relating to administration boards and community councils

The land-surveying profession believes the appointment constitutes a monopoly — in direct contravention of the guidelines These state categorically that "administration boards and community councils must compile a panel of registered consultants for each profession in order not to favour any consultant in particular or to allow the forming of a monopoly"

In a letter to the FM last week, A B Schoeman, honorary secretary of the Transvaal Institute of Land-Surveyors, stated that the institute "has on file letters from 20 firms of land-surveyors in the Wrab area" indicating that using proven ground survey methods, 50 000 erven could be surveyed in Soweto within a year Wrab disputes this

The issue becomes even more complex in the light of the guidelines' instruction that

"when consultants are appointed by community councils and administration boards, the correct procedures must be followed and the personnel concerned must first determine whether approval in principle is required and has been obtained for the project"

Olivier and Associates were appointed for the survey on April 22 this year, prior to the approval in principle by the Soweto council on April 29 In addition, the Diepmeadow council only approved the appointment on June 2

There are serious financial implications Before community councils take decisions, according to the guidelines, "properly motivated reports with recommendations" must be submitted to them, "taking into account all technical, administrative, legal, financial and practical implications and considerations"

Wrab's Alec Rabie told the FM last week that the board was still investigating the financial implications of the survey

In addition, community councils and administration boards must submit draft estimates of expenditure to the Department of Co-operation and Development for each financial year, followed by revised estimates "Where items are included in a community council's draft estimates, care should be taken that the Minister has already given the power to supply such services/execute such projects to the community council concerned," the guidelines say

Yet, according to reliable sources, Koornhof has not yet approved the final

1982-83 budget for Diepmeadow, one of the three components of Greater Soweto
 A senior Wrab official refused to comment on the above article

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Hillbrow is a vacant lot

"Why don't you do something, dry out and stop lying here feeling sorry for yourselves," Mr Rudolph said

Both men were very shaky and Mr Cousins had an obviously painful wound Mr Rudolph advised him to go to hospital

About eight black hoboos lay in and around a makeshift shelter, all were male and a few were children

Only one replied to Mr Rudolph's questioning and said the police knew they were there but would not talk otherwise

Mr Rudolph said he would attack the problem in two ways "Firstly I will get the medical officer of health to inspect the area and secondly I will contact the cleansing department so it can clear away the rubbish

"I will raise the problem with the Hillbrow anticrime committee," he said

One of the major problems in cases like this is getting the owners of the ground to keep it clear"

He would find out who owned the land and contact them, he said

Mr Rudolph said although individual cases could be dealt with, the root of the problem should be attacked

He agreed the hobo situation was caused by widespread unemployment

In the case of the whites and their separated families he said it was a case of 'who had abandoned whom and why'"

127 ~~By~~ Gavan O'Connor ~~24/9/82~~
Black and white hoboos share the same home of filth on a vacant lot in Berea. In poverty apartheid does not matter and everyone is equal

Two groups of hoboos live only metres from each other on a vacant lot in Saratoga Avenue amid stinking refuse as the land is used as an unofficial dumping ground

Because of complaints from residents in the area Councillor Harold Rudolph met resident Mrs Jean Michelson at the lot to examine the situation and speak to the hoboos living there.

Mr Rudolph spoke to two white men on the lot who were making soup and lying on pieces of cardboard and sacking

They said their names were Lance Cousins from Vereeniging, and Gert Fourie, from New-lands

Mr Rudolph questioned both men who explained they had been there for about a week and were intending to move to Vereeniging

Both men had long shaggy beards and wore old, dirty overalls They said they had both bathed within the last week at a church help centre nearby This was where they got soup they said

Both said they had been married but had lost contact with their families Mr Fourie said all his relations were dead

"I am a painter but there are no jobs now," said Mr Fourie Mr Cousins said he had once had a job at a motor spares shop in Vereeniging



makeshift shelter in which black hoboos lived It was full and so some slept outside.

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Shock rent hike looms

127 By LEN KALANE
A MASSIVE increase in service charges awaits residents in townships under the jurisdiction of the West Rand Administration Board

Informed sources predict that the rise might be double the present rates with Mohlakeng township in Randfontein facing a possible increase of R21

It was pointed out, however, that the increases had nothing to do with the house rent. The hikes are on service charges, which include sewerage, water and refuse removal

The date for the increases has not been set yet, but Wrab's chairman Mr John Knoetze, is expected to make an announcement soon. Indications are that the increases may come into effect from October 1 or November

SURVEYING
Areas include Soweto, Diepmeadow, Dobsonville, Kagiso and Bekkersdal. This means that in Soweto residents will have to pay the increase plus 36 cents every month for the proposed aerial surveying of the area in terms of the 99-year leasehold

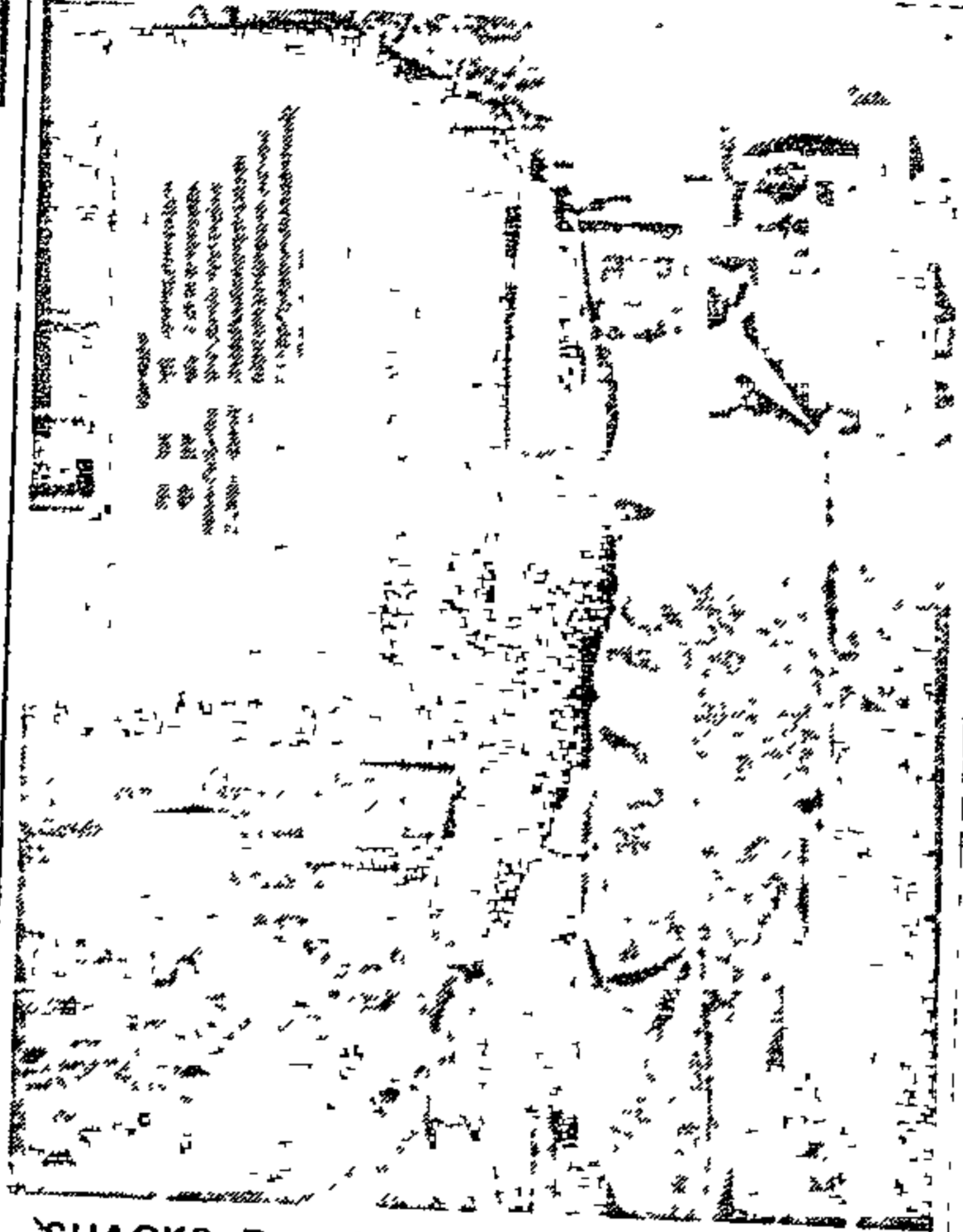
Mr Knoetze was cagey about the whole affair, saying that recommendations had been sent to community councils for a decision

He added "I must say there is nothing in the pipeline at the moment. The councils will decide on it. This matter is usually dealt with at the time of the budget in April. Due notice will be given"

Mr Alec Rabie, director of community services, said Wrab would release a statement on behalf of Bekkersdal, Mohlakeng and Kagiso community councils next week. The Soweto

TORTURE

CLASH



SHACKS Demolish or face prosecution

Shacks get thumbs down

THE Soweto Council is to prosecute thousands of residents who sub-let shacks in their backyards, if they continue to ignore the council's warning to demolish the structures.

The warning was disclosed yesterday by the council's housing director, Mr J J Oosthuizen, who added that summonses would soon be issued to tenants to demolish shacks within 10 days

This proposed action affects an estimated 23 000 shackdwellers, some of whom have been on the housing

waiting list for up to 15 years

Mr Oosthuizen appealed to residents to make use of the R3,5-million that they could borrow to add extra rooms onto their homes

The Orlando East Inkatha branch has announced it will call a public meeting, to discuss the latest threats by the Soweto Council

• The Soweto Council has dropped its project of re-planning Orlando East. According to Mr Oosthuizen, this project would have resulted in rent being raised

A WITNESS in the Neil Aggett inquest v him to do physical exercises to warm up; not show up in the post-mortem examination

The witness also told of the threat of being drowned in the Vaal Dam or being thrown out of the window on the 10th floor at John Vorster Square while undergoing interrogation for allegedly being a member of the banned ANC and the South African Communist Party

Before Pramanatahn Naidoo (38) gave evidence counsel for the police, Mr P Schobert, argued that his evidence was irrelevant to the inquest and asked the magistrate to reconsider his earlier ruling on the admissibility of his statement

The magistrate, Mr P A J Kotze said he was not prepared to reverse his earlier ruling and Naidoo was called to the witness box

A prisoner serving 12 months after being convicted for harbouring a member of the ANC who had fled from the maximum prison in Pretoria, Naidoo made numerous other allegations of police torture, which included being stripped naked and a strip of elastic band being used to shoot his private parts

He said on November 30 last year a Warrant Officer Smith had hand-

By SAM MABE

cuffed his right wrist to his right ankle and, when he had again denied that he was a member of the ANC a canvas bag had been placed over his head and he had been punched and kicked. Later the same day, the handcuffs had been removed and he had been made to do press-ups on the floor

The following day, he had been stripped naked and his wrist had again been handcuffed to his ankle. He had also been made to hold a chair above his head, and when his hands had sagged a Captain Venter had grabbed the chair and hit him with it on his head

During the last afternoon, while doing press-ups and running on the spot, he had started perspiring. Smith had told him that they wanted his body warmed up so that if he died the marks would not show up in the post-mortem. He told the court

During the interrogation, he had been made to run on the spot while waving an ANC flag. At one stage his interrogators had threatened to show him...

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Mike Looms

By LEN KALANE
 (127) A MASSIVE increase in service charges awaits residents in townships under the jurisdiction of the West Rand Administration Board

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Informed sources predict that the rise might be double the present rates, with Mohlakeng township in Randfontein facing a possible increase of R21

It was pointed out, however, that the increases had nothing to do with the house rent. The hikes are on service charges, which include sewerage, water and refuse removal

The date for the increases has not been set yet, but Wrab's chairman, Mr John Knoetze, is expected to make an announcement soon. Indications are that the increases may come into effect from October 1, or November

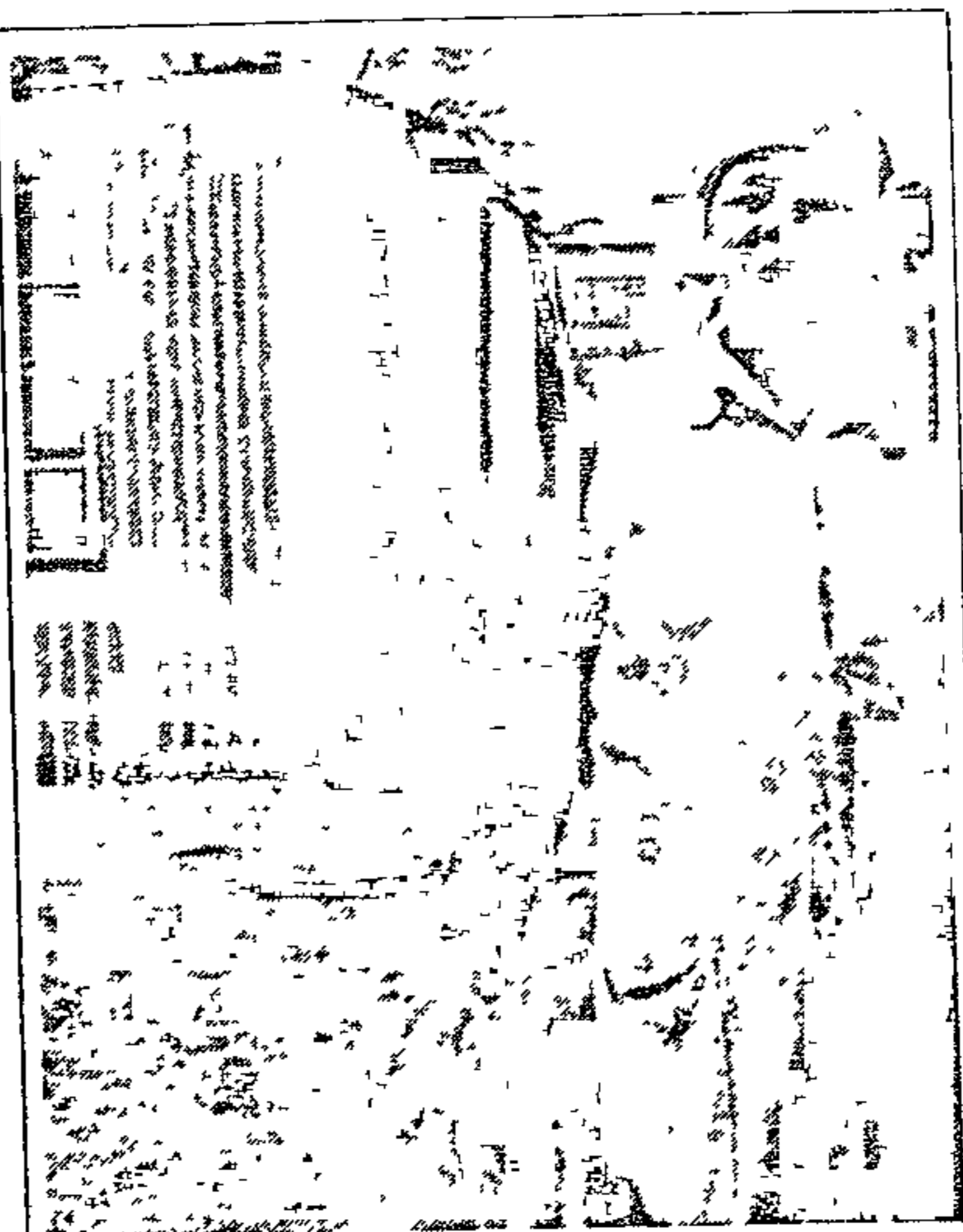
SURVEYING

Areas include Soweto, Diepmeadow, Dobsonville, Kagiso and Bekkersdal. This means that in Soweto residents will have to pay the increase plus 36 cents every month for the proposed aerial surveying of the area in terms of the 99-year leasehold

Mr Knoetze was cagey about the whole affair, saying that recommendations had been sent to community councils for a decision

He added "I must say there is nothing in the pipeline at the moment. The councils will decide on it. This matter is usually dealt with at the time of the budget in April. Due notice will be given"

Mr Alec Rabie, director of community services, said Wrab would release a statement on behalf of Bekkersdal, Mohlakeng and Kagiso community councils next week. The Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville councils were expected to make their own announcements.



SHACKS: Demolish or face prosecution

Shacks get thumbs down

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THE Soweto Council is to prosecute thousands of residents who sub-let shacks in their backyards, if they continue to ignore the council's warning to demolish the structures.

The warning was disclosed yesterday by the council's housing director, Mr J J Oosthuizen, who added that summonses would soon be issued to tenants to demolish shacks within 10 days.

This proposed action affects an estimated 23 000 shackdwellers, some of whom have been on the housing

waiting list for up to 15 years

Mr Oosthuizen appealed to residents to make use of the R3.5-million that they could borrow to add extra rooms onto their homes

The Orlando East Inkatha branch has announced it will call a public meeting, to discuss the latest threats by the Soweto Council

• The Soweto Council has dropped its project of re-planning Orlando East. According to Mr Oosthuizen, this project would have resulted in rent being raised

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A WITNESS in the Neil Aggett i him to do physical exercises to not show up in the post-mortem

The witness also told of the threat of being drowned in the Vaal Dam or being thrown out of the window on the 10th floor of Vorster Square while undergoing interrogation for allegedly being a member of the ANC and the South African Communist Party

Before Pramanatahn Naidoo (38) gave evidence counsel for the police Mr P Schobort argued that his evidence was irrelevant to the inquest and asked the magistrate to reconsider his earlier ruling on the admissibility of his statement

The magistrate, Mr P A J Kotze, said he was not prepared to reverse his earlier ruling and Naidoo was called to the witness box

A prisoner serving 12 months after being convicted for harbouring a member of the ANC who had fled from the maximum prison in Pretoria Naidoo made numerous other allegations of police torture, which included being stripped naked and a strip of elastic band being used to shoot his private parts

He said on November 30 last year a Warrant Officer Smith had hand-

By SAM

cuffed his right hand, his right arm and his right leg when he had tried that he was a member of the ANC. His bag had been thrown over his head and he had been punched and kicked. Later that day, the handcuffs had been removed and he had been taken to press-ups on the roof.

The following day he had been taken to the hospital and his wrist had been bandaged. He had been made to lie on his back above his head when his hand had grabbed a Cap and hit him in the head

During the night, while on press-ups and, run on the spot, he had been spitting. Some of the body warmers that they had used if he died, would not be shown in the post-mortem. He told the court

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Is Soweto's R4-m project just one huge pie in the sky?

THE controversial aerial surveying in Soweto under the 99-year leasehold has become a point of debate, with the Diepmeadow Council already on the verge of stopping the huge R4-million venture.

The aerial surveying, believed to be the first undertaken in the country, carries financial implications for each household in Soweto with a 36 cents a month increase on site rents to cover costs.

It emerged from the Diepmeadow Council meeting yesterday that each resident will have to pay the 36 cents, irrespective of whether he qualifies for the 99-year leasehold or not. People who already have their properties fixed under the scheme will have to pay for the bulk of the surveying.

The staggering R4-million will be extracted from the R150-million which was secured as a loan for upgrading services in Greater Soweto.

The aerial surveying project is also seen within Diepmeadow Council ranks as a deviation from the initial purpose of upgrading Soweto services.

As far as the council is concerned, the R150-million was to be used for roads, sewerage and so on. Not for surveying.

A question also arose on the accuracy of an aerial survey. Council vice-chairman, Mr L M

By LEN KALANE

- Wrab be instructed to stop the surveying work within 48 hours
- The paint marks seen around the township for surveying purposes be removed without costs to the council
- Wrab prepare a properly motivated report about the financial implications for the approval of the council
- A panel of registered land surveyors through the Transvaal Association of Land Surveyors for consideration of the council



A letter of apology from Wrab, regretting the step, was read at the council meeting. Wrab said it had made a "mistake".

They (Wrab) claimed that R8 000 has already been spent on the project. The Diepmeadow Council said they were not party to this and rejected the venture in principle.

It is not yet known what the stand of the other two bodies, the Soweto and the Dobsonville Councils will be towards the project. The three councils form the Greater Soweto planning council which suggested the surveying.

In the meeting, the Diepmeadow Council resolved that

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"experiment in the township since aerial surveying had never been applied in the country before"

"The method," he added, "had been rejected all over the world in favour of conventional surveying. They want to experiment with us at the expense of R4-million."

The Diepmeadow Council also claimed that Wrab had overstepped them by allow-

MULTI-MILLION RAND PROJECT UNDERWAY

1 300 homes

By MONK NKOMO

PLANS for the multi-million Rand project for the erection of flats in the Atteridgeville/Saulsville area were underway and would be submitted soon, local community council chairman Mr Joseph Tshabalala has announced.

At the council's monthly meeting, Mr Tshabalala announced that the council had acquired the services of a private company to erect the flats — estimated to cost R10-million, at a site in Masupha Street near the Vembe Bottlestore. The move, he said, was an effort by

the council to alleviate the acute housing shortage in the township. A total of 1 300 units would be built and each would be sold at a price of R16 000.

The flats, which would be on sale for both single and married couples, would however not be rented. The community council chairman stressed. The plans for the building would be submitted at the council's next monthly meeting.

The council also an-

nounced that the 6 roomed houses, built by a private concern and which were sold at prices ranging from R20 000 to R25 000, had now been reduced to R18 000. The houses, in Semanya Street, had not been bought since they were erected early this year. A snap survey in the township by The SOWETAN revealed that there were complaints among residents that the houses were "too small and unnecessarily expensive".

'Blacklog': ¹²⁷ 250 000 ^{flow} more ^{25/9/82} units needed

Staff Reporters

About 250 000 more houses will be needed by 1990 to house the black population in the Pretoria - Witwatersrand-Vaal area.

This estimate is based on indications given by experts at various conferences on the black housing backlog and takes into account the present shortage of about 70 000 houses for black families in the PWV.

But while white housing is largely supplied through the efforts of private enterprise, the black housing process is still hamstrung by major obstacles.

The main one is that at least half of black homes required are for those in the sub-economic bracket who cannot afford virtually any type of housing. They need some form of Government subsidised accommodation.

SERVICES

Another problem is the lack of land, particularly serviced stands available for black home buildings. Soweto, where 55 000 homes will have to be built in the next five years, has few serviced stands available for private developers.

Mr Justice J H Steyn, outgoing direc-

tor of the Urban Foundation, said any government which did not take into account the serious socio-economic problems facing South Africa, would also fall far short of securing peace for the country's inhabitants.

Speaking at the opening of the Afrikaans students' organisation Polstu's conference on the constitutional accommodation of the black man, Mr Steyn pointed to three issues "which will, above all, determine the future course of South African history".

FUNDS

These, he said, were housing, education and employment and business opportunities.

To cope with the critical housing backlog — 168 000 units in urban areas and 258 000 in rural areas — there was an urgent need to divert a substantial proportion of free funds mobilised by the private sector into the housing field, he said.

"The acceptance of the Viljoen Commission's recommendation that a dynamic housing process be created with extensive private sector participation is a major breakthrough," Mr Steyn said.

100 000 homes in the pipeline

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Star
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By Staff Reporters

More than 100 000 homes for whites will be provided by private developers and municipalities on the Witwatersrand and Vaal Triangle within the next five years.

This is expected to relieve pressure for housing in South Africa's most densely populated and financially productive region.

A comprehensive survey conducted by The Star in Johannesburg and 15 cities and towns on the Witwatersrand and Vaal Triangle showed that about 60 000 private homes and 40 000 flat units were on the drawing boards.

With more than 700 residential townships awaiting proclamation, the only drawback facing private developers and municipalities is the economic recession.

Sandton outstrips all other areas with 139 townships, but because of its wealth and consequent size of stands, the number of living units it will eventually offer are far fewer than either Johannesburg itself, or East Rand towns like Brakpan, Benoni and Boksburg.

Townhouses

Johannesburg has 106 new townships on its drawing boards which will offer 9 600 stands for individual homes, with a further 160 set aside for simplex, duplex and high-rise flat construction.

East Rand Bureau staffers report that 40 percent of the projected accommodation expansion will take place in their urban areas.

Nearly 23 000 home and 14 000 flat units will be built, stretching from Springs on the Far East Rand through to Bedfordview and Alberton on the borders of Johannesburg.

Our Vereeniging Bureau reports that more than 5 700 homes and 2 000 flats are being planned for the Vaal Triangle.

Population

While the West Rand shows the lowest growth rate, with a total of 1 900 homes and 854 flats in the pipeline, the Star's West Rand Bureau says Roodepoort has planned well ahead to cope with a projected annual population increase of five percent.

The city council is planning 100 townships, 20 of which will be proclaimed within the next 12 months. The main thrust of expansion will be to the north, with a total of 1 360 houses and 854 flats available by this time next year.

● Full details of township developments on Page 9.

A new Indian township soon

127 Star 25/9/82

By Eugene Saldanha

The critical housing shortage in Lenasia, the Transvaal's biggest Indian township, will be considerably alleviated by a development near the area by private enterprise.

The new township will cater mainly for the upper and middle income groups, and is called Lenasia South (Daxina). It is being developed by Brett-Meade Developments (Pty) Ltd, in which the NBS Development Company is the major shareholder. J H Isaacs and Company are the real estate firm.

The area is sited a

few kilometres south of Lenasia, and comprises 1 051 residential stands, five flat sites, a business site and several erven for educational, municipal and Government purposes.

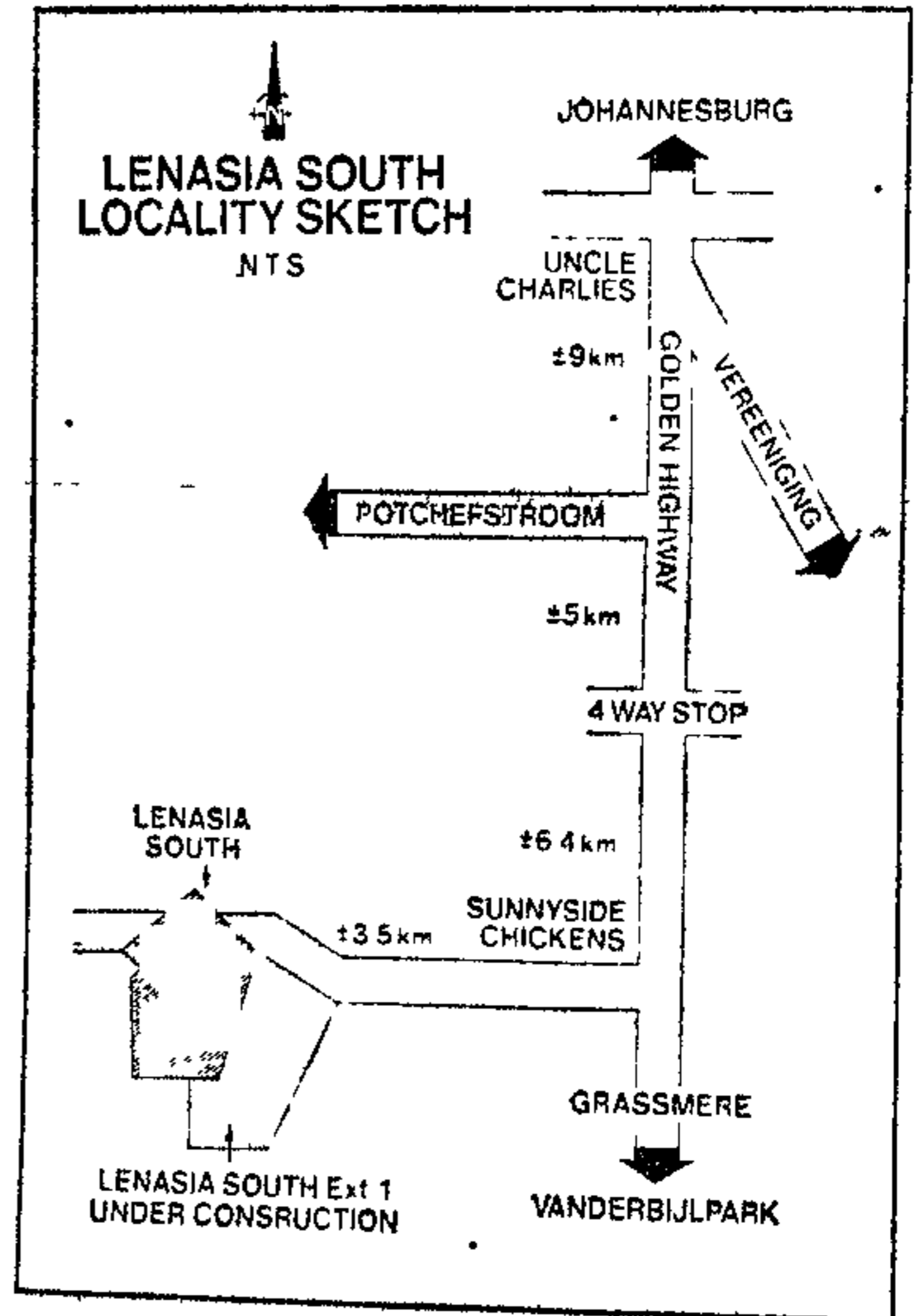
"There are already about 50 000 people living in Lenasia and the Department of Community Development believes the present backlog for the completed houses is between 4 500 and 5 000 units," said Mr Brian Clarence, director of J H Isaacs and Company.

"The department is providing housing for the lower income groups. However, now that it is being assisted

by private enterprise in the development of middle-class housing the process can be accelerated," Mr Clarence said.

NBS Homes is to build 330 houses in Lenasia South in various price ranges. The first will be completed by early 1983. The NBS is making bonds available on its usual terms and subject to its standard conditions.

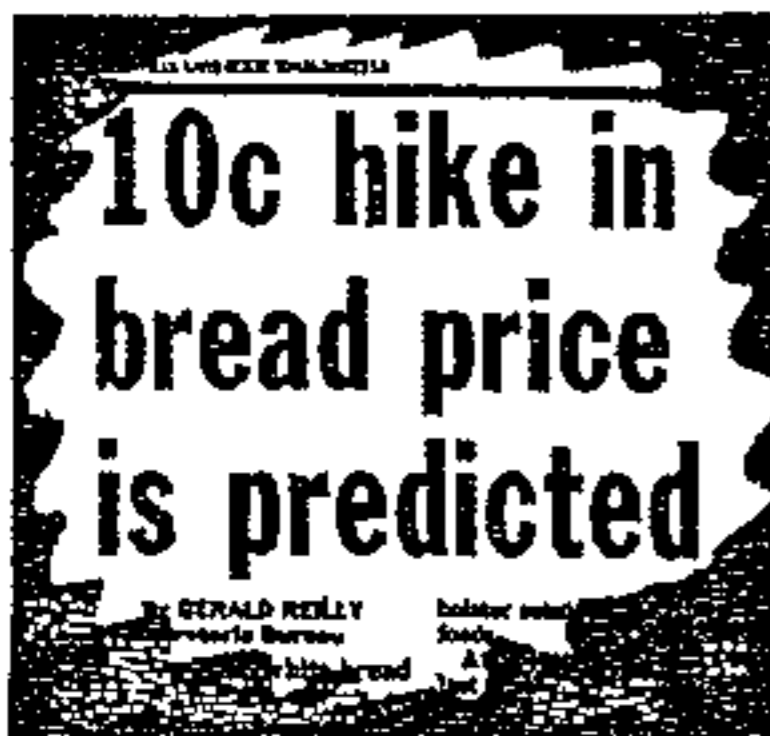
"We are basically to the needs of middle-income groups who either wish to purchase serviced stands and build to their own specifications or wish to obtain fully completed houses ready for occupation," said Mr Clarence.



A locality sketch of the Lenasia South (Daxina) township which is being developed by private enterprise.

The increases come one.

Announcing the increases at a Press conference in Pretoria yesterday, the Minister of Agriculture, Mr Greyling Wentzel, said white bread would rise by 25% and brown bread by 17,8%.



How the Mail predicted the bread price rise yesterday

35c charged for brown

Mail Reporter

ANOTHER shopowner is risking a R2 000 fine by overcharging for bread.

Last week the Mail investigated cafes which were overcharging for half loaves. And yesterday, after several complaints from members of the public, the Mail went to a cafe in Dunsward Avenue, Boksburg — and found the owner selling a loaf of brown bread at 35c and a half-loaf at 20c.

The owner said he had just bought the shop and could not understand why his staff were overcharging.

White bread would be increased by 10c to 50c and with general sales tax added to 53c. Brown bread will rise by five cents to 33c and with two cents GST to 35c.

The current price of white bread is 42c and that of brown 29c, including GST.

Economists and labour leaders said the lower income groups would be hardest hit by the price increases. For some, including more than 1 000 000 unemployed blacks, bread was becoming a luxury.

They warned, too, that the price hikes would add significantly to the country's inflation problem.

The Minister's announcement also meant the Government had yielded to demands for price hikes in all basic food products this year.

The bread subsidy has been raised by R32-million to a total of R191-million.

Mr Wentzel said at yesterday's Press conference that the Cabinet had approved a 13,9% increase in the wheat price, although more had been asked for by the Wheat Board.

He said it would have cost a total subsidy of R234-million to have kept the bread price stable, taking into account the higher wheat price and bigger margins for millers and bakers.

The stringent financial climate and a sagging economy dictated that no more than an additional R32-million could be made available.

half cent had gone out of circulation. Solutions were being looked at, he said.

Cafe owners said yesterday that if they sold half a loaf at 17c they would lose and if they sold it at 18c they would be prosecuted.

However, a source in the Department of Agriculture said yesterday it was expected that the price of half loaves of brown bread would be fixed at 17c plus 1c GST when the bread price is finalised at the end of this month.

Cafe owners have been told to sell half loaves because they could not sell it at 14½c.

But, according to the Department of Agriculture source, cafe owners will be allowed to sell half loaves at 18c, scoring a ½c on each half loaf.

Meanwhile, JORDON KLING reports that the chairman of Pick 'n Pay, Raymond Ackerman, said he was appalled at the extent of the rise and pledged to put "seven figure" amount of money into a fund intended to prevent implementation of the increase.

"We call on other retailers and milling companies to do the same," he said.

● Man in the Street view — Page 5

Plans going ahead for 100 000 homes

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By Lucille McNamara, Erik Larsen
Sarah Pennell, Gavin Engelbrecht

Despite the downturn in the economy which has heightened the nationwide housing crisis, plans are going ahead to provide at least 100 000 homes for whites on the Witwatersrand and Vaal Triangle within the next few years

Of the 16 cities and towns canvassed in the area, Johannesburg, Sandton and Randburg alone will provide nearly 50 percent of the homes

● **JOHANNESBURG** has 106 new residential townships in the pipeline, offering 9 600 stands for private dwellings and another 160 for flats, from simple to highrise developments.

● **SANDTON** is planning 139 townships for 3 273 homes, and its garden-living image will be intensified with an additional 5 320 townhouse, cluster and flat units.

● **RANDBURG** is breathing hard on its heels with plans for 3 977 houses and 4 113 flats in 87 new residential suburbs

● **BRAKPAN**, one of the smaller towns on the East Rand, appears

to be geared-up for the greatest township development

There are at least 12 new townships in the pipeline, which will mean an additional 10 118 dwelling units

According to a Boksburg Council spokesman, there are 91 townships being planned in the town, offering 6 000 housing units

Several of these townships will probably be proclaimed later this year and this means that development will begin next year, said the spokesman

● **BENONI** has 44 townships waiting to be proclaimed, which will mean an additional 6 492 dwelling units

According to a council spokesman, at least 500 housing units will have to be built annually to match the present growth rate in the town

● **SPRINGS** Town Council said that there was little need for any new townships at present as there were still 2 696 vacant stands waiting to be developed in the town. Nevertheless there

are nine townships being planned for Springs, which will mean about 2 100 dwelling units

● **GERMISTON** has 24 new residential townships in the pipeline which will be proclaimed within the next four years. These represent 3 374 plots for houses and 75 flat sites.

This is not a large number for the first largest city in the Transvaal, but according to the Town Planner, Mr A van der Schyff, most of the expansion taking place in Germiston is commercial and industrial

The fastest growing town on the near East Rand is Alberton which has 12 large townships planned comprising 3 500 new erven

● **EDENVALE** has 13 new townships in the offing. These are small and represent only 351 sites for houses. The number of flats in the town will increase, with sites set aside for nearly 200 blocks

● **BEDFORDVIEW** has 40 townships planned for the next

three years. Each consists of four erven. This will mean an additional 120 stands and over 400 flat units to the village

● **KEMPTON PARK** is growing at a rapid rate. It has 16 townships in the pipeline representing 864 erven. This is almost double the number it has had in the past few years

Planned township development in Vaal Triangle area during the next three to four years

● **VEREENIGING** is planning one new residential area, one block of flats and a number of economic houses

Provision has been made for about 600 houses and 73 economic units

The only new block of flats, which will consist of 80 units, will be erected by the council in Three Rivers. This will be for widows and aged women in the town

● **MEYERTON** is not planning any new residential areas in the near future, but 2 600 units (flats, homes and economic units) will be built soon.

● **VANDERBIJL PARK** has planned its township development until 1985, by which time at least four new residential areas will be developed

In 1982 770 houses and seven blocks of flats will be completed. In 1983 450 houses and seven blocks of flats will be available. In 1984 700 houses, 14 blocks of flats and 50 economic houses will be available. In 1985 600 houses, nine blocks of flats and 50 economic houses will be available

● **ROODEPOORT** the fastest growing city on the Rand with a population increase of five percent a year, has planned well ahead to accommodate this expansion

The city council envisages 100 townships, 20 of which will be proclaimed in the coming year and which will offer 1 200 housing units, 404 flats, 450 duplex units, and 162 other units

● **KRUGERSDORP** Town Council has three new townships in the pipeline. In these townships 2 000 stands will be made available over the next three years. About 300 housing units will be available in the near future

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Row over Wattville houses

THE Wattville Community Council has suspended the selling of houses in the area, following a tug of war between the council and

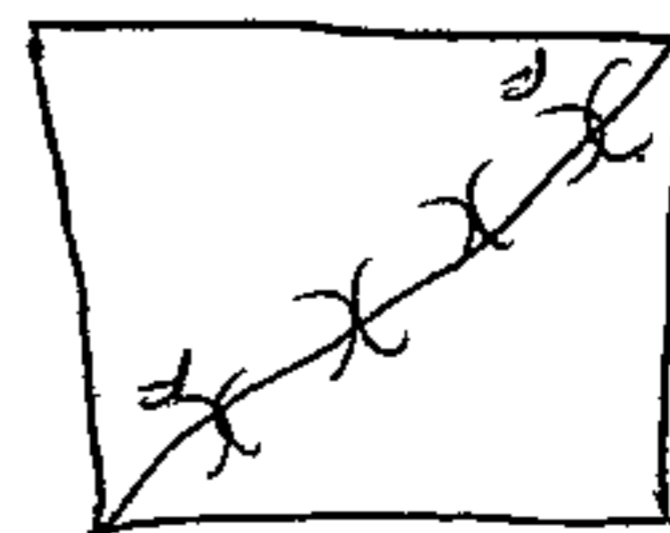
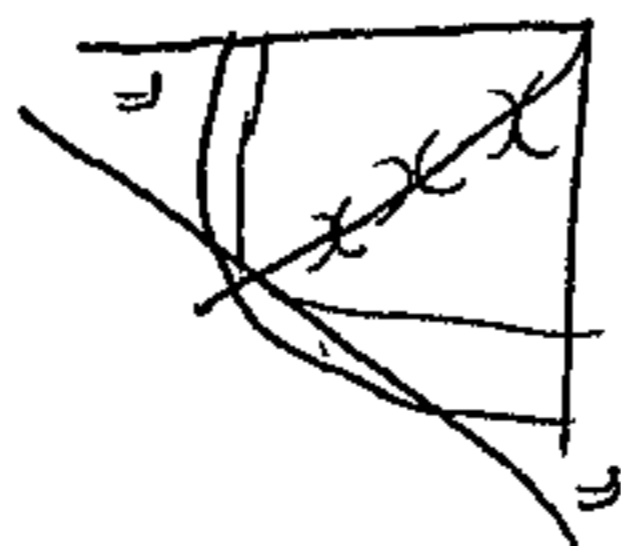
the Department of Community Development over the sale price of the houses.

The department says the houses should be

sold for R2 756, but the council advocates a mere R748 because they are "old and dilapidated"

Mr J M Moalasi, deputy chairman of the council, said they were going to state in the memorandum that since the houses had been built in 1955 there had been no improvements. He said that the houses' walls were old, cracking and falling apart, that the doors were "worn out" and that the roofs leaked when it rained

Mr Moalasi said the council had decided to suspend the selling of the 3 045 houses until they were agreed on a standard selling price.



Putco plans plush hostel

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PUTCO has set R300 000 aside for a hostel to accommodate 136 men near the company's Vosloorus depot

Putco's managing director, Mr Albino Carleo, said four men would share one room and cooking and ablution facilities of "the highest standard"

"You cannot expect the best from a man who is inadequately housed," Mr Carleo said "We recognise a widespread need but funds are limited, and the man who is worst off at the moment is the worker from the homeland"

Giving details of the complex, Mr Carleo said

the pre-fabricated construction was designed in a rectangle with the centre and surrounds beautified by landscaping

All the rooms will be basically furnished and

staff will be hired to ensure proper maintenance and security

There will also be a concreted parking area, he said

Contractors are expected to start work on the project shortly and to complete the project within four months

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Project tests low cost technology

Property Reporter

NINE houses have been built for the Eastern Transvaal Administration Board at Kabokweni, near White River, as part of a research project into the building of low cost housing.

They were constructed by the National Building Research Institute (NBRI), part of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, using a new shuttering technique, developed by the institute, which uses a sand-cement mix to form the walls.

The emphasis in the project is on the practical application of appropriate and low cost technology and rationalisation is applied to such aspects of construction as the foundations, roofing and plumbing to ensure the provision of maximum area under roofing at the lowest possible cost.

Estimated cost of the houses varies between R2 400 and R3 600 for areas under roof ranging from 56m² to 77m²

The price for the standard house of 56m² is R2 750, including painting, plumbing, drainage, sanitary fittings, shuttering and plant, plus the unskilled labour necessary to construct the unit

Cost of materials for the standard house is R1 850 or R33/m² — about 30% less than that for a low cost house built by conventional methods

The aim is to make it easy for home owners to use their own labour and financial resources to transform a simple, basic structure into a sophisticated home instead of having to build extensions

The institute believes the new procedure can be used to help eliminate the backlog of about 42 000 homes needed for low income groups

Using conventional building methods, this shortage calls for some R800-million to be spent each year for the next five years.

The new building procedure, says the NBRI, could result in the saving of more than R100-million of this

The nine houses at Kabokweni were handed over to the Department of Cooperation and Development last week



These nine houses were built by the National Building Research Institute as an experiment in low cost housing.

More costly stands in Daxina sell well

Property Reporter

J H Isaacs and Company last weekend sold another 50 stands in the recently proclaimed suburb of Lenasia South (Daxina), which is intended for housing for upper and middle class Indian families

More than 270 stands — well over a third of the 750 total available — have now been purchased since the proclamation at the end of August. While last weekend's sales were in all price categories, the greater part were of the bigger, more expensive stands

The township is being developed by Brett-Meade Developments Ltd. Its major shareholder, the Natal Building Society Development Company (not the National Building Society as erroneously stated in last Wednesday's Rand Daily Mail) is to erect 350 houses there, the first to be completed early in 1983

Residential sales guide

Soweto, W Rand ready ¹²⁷ to fight ^{29/9/82} rent ²⁰⁸³ hikes ^{Sowetan}

By LEN KALANE

CIVIC bodies in Soweto and the West Rand are gearing themselves for reaction to possible rent hikes to be announced in their areas.

Taking the lead this weekend will be the Mohlakeng Civic Association (Moca) which meets on Sunday to discuss looming rent hikes. Rumour has it that Mohlakeng may face a R21 increase on service charges.



MOTLANA: "Rent increases are a plot"

The SOWETAN reliably learnt that rent hikes were on the way for townships under the jurisdiction of the West Rand Administration Board. This includes Soweto, Diepmeadow, Dobsonville, Kagiso, Mohlakeng and Bekkersdal.

Wrab officials confirmed that the increases were under consideration and added that the matter had been referred to various community councils for a final decision.

Moca will have Dr Nthato Motlana, chairman of the Soweto Civic Association address their Sunday meeting. The Krugersdorp Residents' Organisation (KRO) has also been invited.

Chairman of Moca, Mr Pinky Ngakane, said "We intend to invite all affected bodies and work on a common strategy."

Mr Ngakane added "As Dr Motlana once said, rent increases in urban areas are a grand design to drive blacks to the homelands."

"The whites have got it all wrong. We are going to fight within these urban areas."

The Moca meeting will be held at the Methodist Church in Mohlakeng at 1.30 pm.



SOWETO CHAIRMAN Mr David Thebehali.

Survey goes ahead

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Soweto

says Wrab

29/9/82

THE Soweto Council will give direction on the controversial bulk surveying of Greater Soweto in terms of the 99-year leasehold at its monthly meeting tomorrow.

Already, the councils of Diepmeadow and Dobsonville have thrown out Wrab's proposals to have Greater Soweto surveyed for the purpose of fixing properties under the leasehold.

The councils have rejected the aerial survey, contending that proper channels are not being followed in appointing engineers supposed to undertake the project.

Executive officer of the Soweto Council Mr Nico Malan said a report had been prepared for debate.

There is also a likelihood that the Soweto Council might discuss the impending rent increases.

The meeting may also shed light on what effect the aerial surveying will have on Soweto residents' pockets.

It is believed residents will have to pay 36 cents extra on monthly rent to cover costs.

Mr Malan said the average fee for individual surveying was usually in the region of R400. It is not clear whether the 36 cents will automatically qualify prospective leasehold applicants for the survey without further costs.

Wrab has indicated that it will go ahead with the survey despite opposition.

Meanwhile, Soweto Council chairman Mr David Thebehali indicated R170-million might be raised to meet the housing shortage in Soweto and could help provide homes for 15 000 families.

Mr Thebehali said he hoped this money would be raised within the next few years.

Asked whether he hoped to raise the money from overseas, Mr Thebehali said "I would not like to commit myself at this stage whether this amount would be raised locally or abroad."

The Soweto Council's director of housing, Mr J.J. Oosthuizen, said yesterday that three areas in Soweto were still being considered for future multi-million-rand housing projects. The areas are MacDonald and Levine farms near Klipfontein, a buffer-strip near Dlamini.

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firm to help house workers

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SELLO RABOTHATA

THE SEVERE housing shortage has led to BMW (South Africa) Pty Limited's involvement in assisting employees to achieve a high standard of living.

This was said by the company's managing director Dr E von Koerber when he handed over keys to nine families for their new homes in Mabopane Pretoria. Another eight families will move into their homes by the end of the month as a result of the R360 000 first phase of the company's housing assistance scheme.

Mr von Koerber said

It is our belief that the most charitable act a company can perform, is to help employees to help themselves. This is why training, for instance, has always been high on the priorities list of BMW South Africa. But while training has helped black employees in particular to reach higher positions and to earn higher wages than was possible even a few years ago, many of them are now in a position where they can afford to buy a house — but find that neither houses nor funds are available.

Many more employees are in a position where their monthly income is high enough to repay the bond instalments on a house, but the deposit required to make up the shortfall between bond and price, is just not available,' he said.

The Mabopane houses have been designed in such a manner that the buyer can start with a basic house to which additions can be made as his income increases and his family grows. The houses cost from R17 000 to R27 000.

Ladies, Don't Miss it!

NOW that you have read the first two parts of our exciting Thursday Love Story, you simply must read the next exciting episode of A Woman Scorned

Last week Luthan had ended up in a car with Stan — on the M1 East. They had kissed and slid into a dream world. But that had just been the beginning of the drama. Read on and find out what happened tomorrow. Exclusive in The SOWETAN

Once more, however, there will be no OK phone-in contest. We'll let you know details of the final contest next week, when 10 vouchers will be given away. OK?

By CHARLES MOGALE
GOODS belonging to a 70-year-old Dobsonville granny have been thrown out of her house — four months after she got a court order restraining a community councillor from evicting and assaulting her.



OUT Granny Moilola of 2495 Dobsonville was threatened with eviction early this year by the president of the Urban Councils' Association of South Africa and former mayor of Dobsonville Mr Steve Kgama. It is alleged that Mr Kgama also threatened Mrs Moilola with assault if she refused to move out so that his sister could occupy the house.

A shocked Mrs Moilola said she had been forced to leave her house and live with a relative pending the outcome of a final Supreme Court application on November 11.

There was no peace.

Granny's belongings thrown out

in my house. I was forced to live with Mr Kgama's sister and another woman. Both were complete strangers to me. They forced me out of the bedrooms and left me with only the diningroom, which left me absolutely no freedom and privacy. I then left to live with a relative," Mrs Moilola said.

On Friday afternoon she was told that her goods had been thrown out of the house.

I found they had thrown out almost everything including my mattress and valuable sewing machine," Mrs Moilola added.

She told The SOWETAN

TAN she had lived in the house since 1950 and it was registered in her son's name.

Even at the moment I have to move out of my relative's house but I don't know where I will go because my home has been made a miserable place for me," she said.

Chairman of Dobsonville Council Mr Don Mmeseni said he was not aware of the incident. He promised to look into the matter after the council's monthly meeting yesterday afternoon.

The Legal Resources Centre, which is acting for Mrs Moilola in the matter, yesterday wrote letters to a Mr Vosloo of the West Rand Administration Board and Mr Kgama's relative.

The SOWETAN introduced Mrs Moilola to the centre when her plight first came to light in March this year.

GRANNY MOILOLA

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The Soweto Council will give direction on the controversial bulk surveying of Greater Soweto in terms of the 99-year leasehold at its monthly meeting tomorrow.

Meanwhile, the councils of Durban, Pietermaritzburg and Johannesburg have

crucial executive officer Mr Nico Malan, said yesterday that township planners were still searching for a suitable site for the building of the station.

At present only 12 ambulances serve the township's 1.5 million population. Two of the vehicles man the Dobsonville area and residents have called upon the township's community council to in-

the services of a new legal representative as he was dissatisfied with his defence. Mr Morris Basshan.

Mr Mchakalala asked the court to postpone the hearing until Friday as his new legal counsel needed time to prepare his case. He is facing an extra alternative charge of undergoing military training in Libya.

A SOWETO youth was yesterday sentenced to 18 months in jail for refusing to testify in the Kempton Park terror trial in which four youths are appearing.

Lazarus Moralela Shole of White City was sentenced after refusing to give evidence before Mr J J Luther against Mr Stanley Radebe, Mr Ephraim Madlale, Mr Ernest Mchakalala and Ms Innocentia Mazibuko.

They have all pleaded not guilty to a charge

BY SELLO

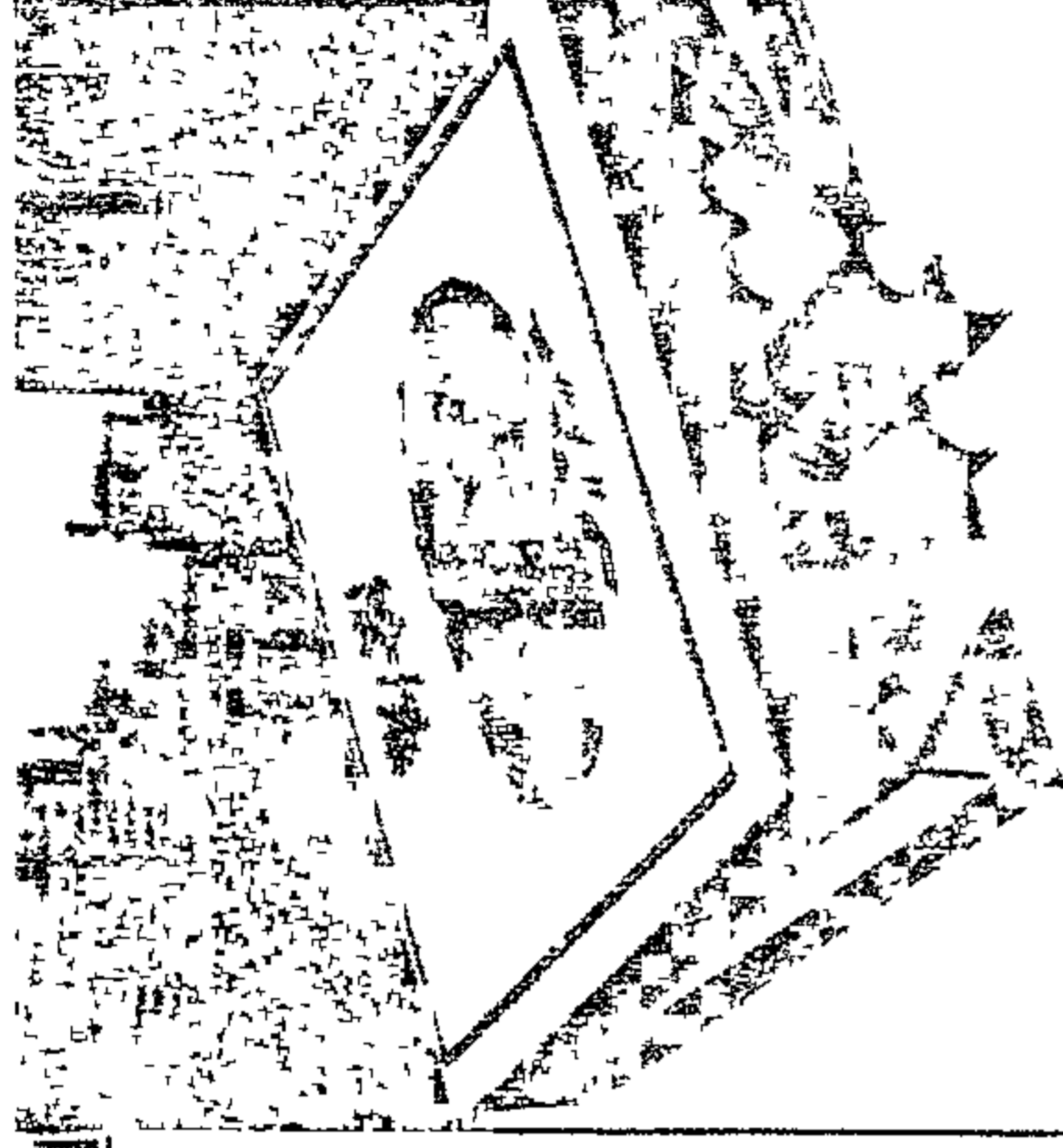
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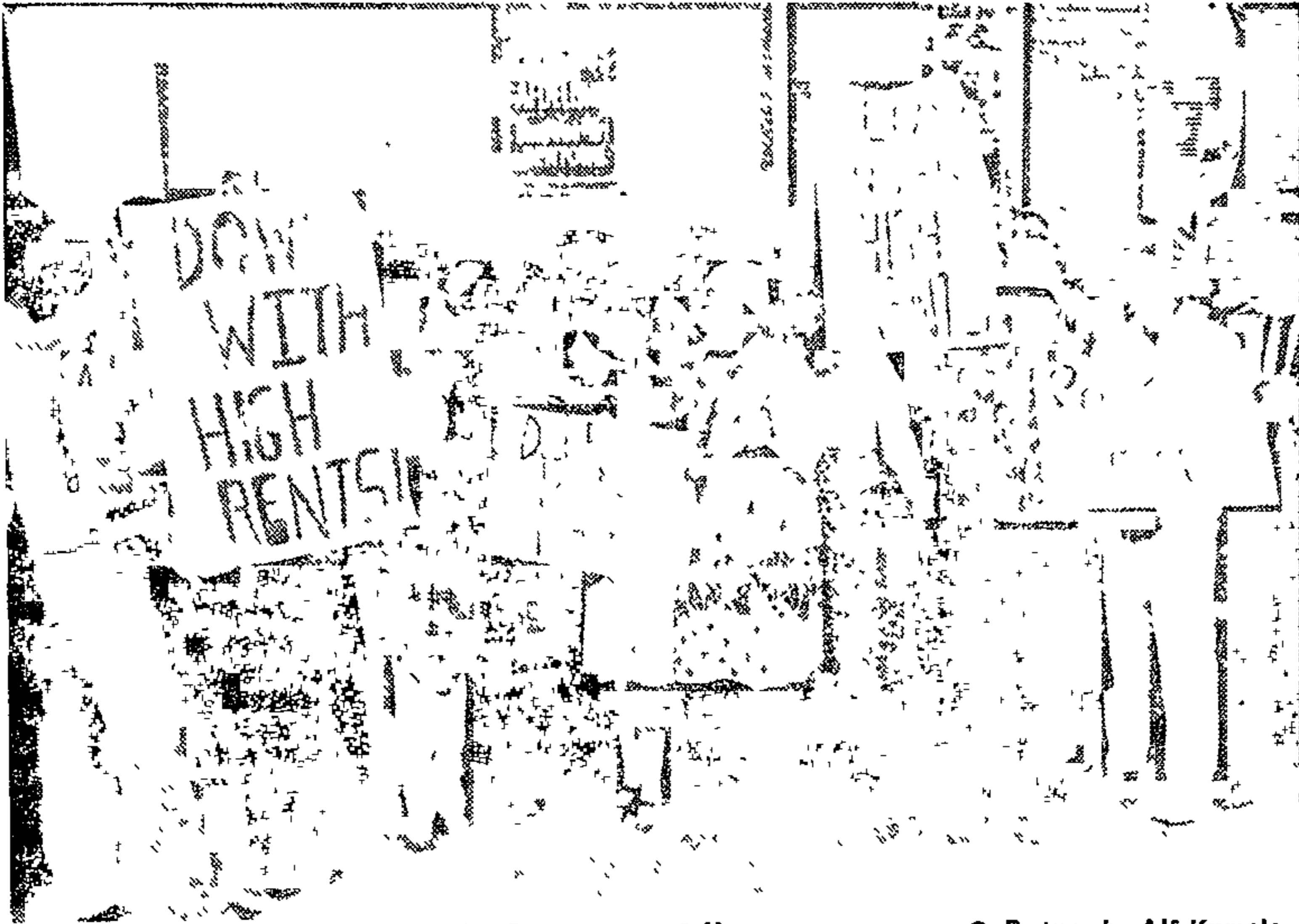
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GENERAL NEWS



Protest at the Department of Housing

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Angry demo over rents

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By Moira Levy

More than 50 angry residents of Western Coloured Township, carrying placards demanding that rent increases be scrapped, marched on the offices of the Housing Department yesterday to present a memorandum containing their grievances to the director.

They were met by department officials who said the director, Mr Thys Wilsnach, was too busy to see them.

After an angry interchange the officials accepted the memorandum which said housing in the area lacked ceilings, hot water and fences and had leaking roofs and cracked walls.

The memorandum was issued by the Coordinating Residents Action Committee, representing several coloured community organisations.

INHUMANE

It states, "With the economic recession setting in, people barely manage to pay their present rentals and it is grossly insensitive and inhumane to expect them to pay these inflated rents."

"The increased rents will adversely affect the community at large because parents will be forced to end the schooling of their children prematurely in order to supplement the family income."

The residents complained that their refuse was not collected regularly. "Why do we have to pay the same rates as people in other areas while we get an inferior service? The mess is a health hazard," said one.

When the group was told to approach the Coloured Management Committee with its complaints an elderly woman called out: "We don't trust them anymore. We don't believe they ever bring our problems to the committee meetings."

The residents demanded that all rent increases be scrapped unconditionally; rents paid to date be viewed as part payment of the purchase price of the house and all houses be sold at cost price.

Mr Wilsnach could not be reached for comment.

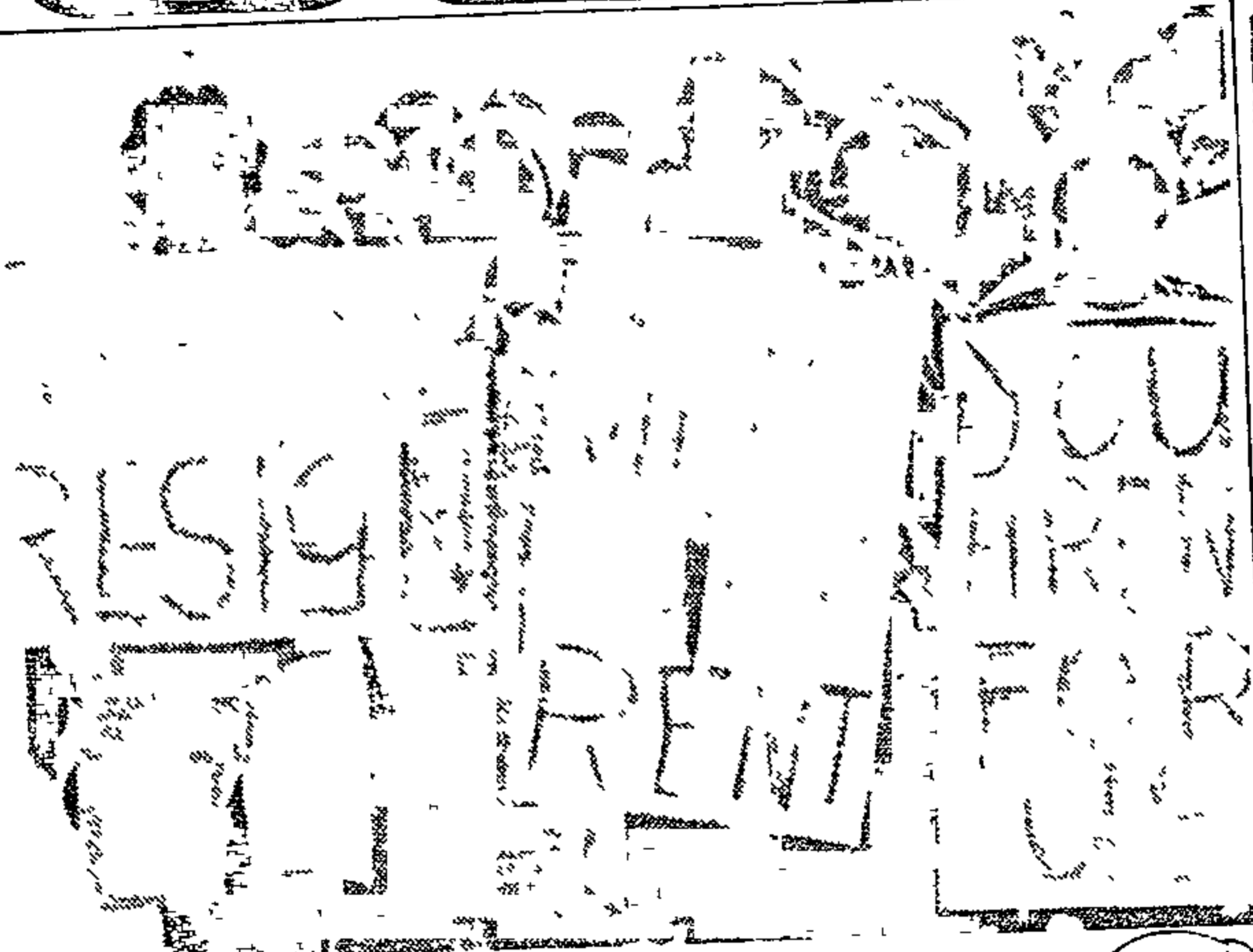
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PROTEST: Women marching in Mamelodi yesterday

Police stop 300 marching women

By **MONK NKOMO**

AN ANGRY group of about 300 Mamelodi women residents — mostly pensioners and widows — was stopped by police during a march to the local administration board offices yesterday morning in protest against the monthly rent increases in the township.

The women who were reluctant to disperse after efforts by police and leaders of the Vulamehlo Vukani People's Party, Mr B Ndlazi and Mr Joe Hlongwane, vowed that they would not pay the R8-a-month increase, which comes into effect tomorrow, until they are given an opportunity to air their grievances to the local township superintendent.

The increase in both Mamelodi and Atteridgeville/Saulsville townships, was published in the Government Gazette on March 26. The first instalment of R8 came into effect on April 1. The second instalment comes into effect tomorrow.

The placard-carrying women, who began marching at about 6am, were singing and chanting when they were confronted by the police near a shopping centre at 7.30am. Police persuaded them not to cause a riotous scene. Both Mr Ndlazi and Mr Hlongwane helped the police to disperse the reluctant mob, carrying placards that read "Why High Rent?" and "What about Widows?"

Mr Hlongwane promised the angry mob that he would arrange a meeting between a women's delegation and the local township superintendent. They said the increase was too much, and thought I was trying to stand in their

way. So I promised to arrange the meeting," Mr Hlongwane said.

The women dispersed at about 8am.

A spokesman for the police yesterday said no arrest had been made.

The police only talked to them to explain the unlawfulness of the procession. The 300 women, however, dispersed peacefully, he said.

Meanwhile about 100 placard-carrying women demonstrated at the Civic Centre, Bramfontein, yesterday in protest against the proposed rent hikes that come into effect as from tomorrow in Johannesburg coloured townships.

Police kept a low profile and no ugly scenes were reported. A three-woman delegation was later invited into the chambers of the Johannesburg mayor, Mr Danie van Zyl, and they presented him with a memorandum with their grievances. He promised to reply.

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THE TWO MEN who died in a Monday night have been positively identified as being saboteurs at a Boksburg military base and a sabotage

This was said yesterday by the acting Commissioner of Police and the Chief of African Security Police, Lieutenant Johan Coetzee.

The information was released after an intensive police investigation after the drama in which two men died and an innocent bystander was shot in the leg.

General Coetzee said yesterday the car in which the two men had been travelling in Boksburg had been stolen recently in Brixton from a student at the Rand Afrikaans University and had been spotted at the Uprising sabotage attempt.

He said one of the men had been positively identified as being one of the Voortrekkerhoogte attackers and police believed the second man was also linked. Both have been identified as being part of the group who fled the sabotage scene on the Uprising bridge.

Police have also lifted the ban on the publication of the picture of the stolen vehicle but have refused to allow the registration number to be published.

By **SOWETA REPORTER**

General Coetzee said other aspects of the case would be reported in the day.

The sabotage in Uprising on Friday last involved explosives on a rail line. The Orange side the men were from the they were Railways.

The explosives were discovered and were before it exploded and injured trains.

A bus launched the men have fled the car and towards the

On Monday they were last seen in the police patrol area.

New date for Chief

Family ¹²⁷ defies ^{Star} quit order ^{11/9/82}

A group of people living illegally in a building for single people in Davidsonville, Roodepoort, has defied an order from the municipality to shift out.

"I am living in a room with my husband and four children," said Mrs Hester Jacobs, one of the nine families.

"I am already separated from one of my children."

"I don't know where the rest of us are going to stay if we have to leave here."

A spokesman for the Roodepoort Municipality said the residents given notices to vacate the building — called High Chapparal — were living there illegally.

Another spokesman said the municipality would check today which illegal residents had not moved.

"We will probably give them until Monday to leave."

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METRO MAIL

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Council house rates go up — rents unchanged

TENANTS of all races in council-owned houses will pay increased assessment rates and service charges from today. But rent increases will only go into effect on January 1, says Mr Carel Venter chairman of the Johannesburg Management Committee. Rents, service charges and assessment rates were all to have gone up from today, but after representations to the Government by the Johannesburg Management Committee and the Coloured Management Committee, the rent increases have been postponed.

By MOKONE MOLETE

Alexandra coloured folk are still battling bravely to keep homes

ABOUT 700 coloured families are fighting for the right to stay in Alexandra, the township north of Johannesburg which has been their home for about 80 years

The township's coloured residents — 90% of whom work in neighbouring commercial and industrial areas — are resisting Government moves to be resettled elsewhere.

Chairman of the Save Alexandra (Coloured) Party, Mr Percy Williams, has warned "If we are forced to move — as were the communities of Pageview and District Six — the Government will have provoked it. We won't be

held responsible for the people's reaction"

The coloureds have been in the area since 1904 when Alexandra was proclaimed for "Natives and Coloureds" for freehold purchase of land.

Alexandra was deprived from possible destruction in 1979 and a year later the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koorhof, said coloureds would be allowed to stay in the

area for five more years while their "ultimate position" was being studied

In 1976, 136 families voluntarily moved to Klipspruit West, near Soweto. Two years later their school was moved to Vrededorp, about 20km from Alexandra

Mr Williams said there was a strong feeling among the 4 000 coloured residents against resettlement. They also have the backing of the Rev Sam Buti's

Alexandra Liaison Committee, the township's governing body

"We have not experienced any negative feelings between blacks and coloureds. Therefore we cannot understand why, after 70 years in the area, the Government wants us moved from Alexandra," he said

Families in the area signed an SACP petition to the Department of Co-operation and Development and the Depart-

ment of Community Development in March 1979.

It stated that the resettlement in a township further away was "economically wasteful and socially destructive"

In a memo from the SACP to the Government in August last year, it was pointed out that the 136 families who voluntarily moved to Klipspruit West had experienced transport difficulties and children had dropped out of school because of the long distances involved

The latest reply from the Department of Community Development, dated October 9, 1981, said Alexandra was overcrowded and, even when redeveloped, could not accommodate its present inhabitants."



MRS MERCY MALEKA . . . homeless for eight years.

Pic Vusi Zwane

Nomad life for pensioner

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A SIXTY-YEAR-OLD Soweto pensioner has been living a nomadic life for the past eight years because she cannot afford to pay rent and buy food.

By SELLO RABOTHATA

Mrs Mercy Maleka, whose son and husband died in 1968 and 1973 respectively, told **The SOWETAN** that she had been the registered tenant of house 104 Mapetla until 1974, when the local superintendent had evicted her. She said the superintendent had ordered her out, saying she could not afford to live in the house alone.

Mrs Maleka said "I have been living with other people as a lodger since I was evicted. I am really suffering because no-one can spend their whole life as a lodger. I have been to social workers so many times and each time they promise they will help but nothing has been done so far.

"I don't have any belongings because I had to sell everything I had when I was told to move. I have been on the road since 1974. When I inquired if there was an old-age home I could stay at, I was told there was none besides in Lesotho."

Mrs Maleka said she had requested assistance from her local com-

munity councillor, Mr M Tjeeko, who had taken her to the superintendent. They had been told that nothing could be done for her as she was a pensioner and could not afford rent and still be able to eat.

She was told to bring a friend or a relative whom she knew who had accommodation and the superintendent would talk to that person to take her in as a lodger. Mrs Maleka said

Mr Tjeeko yesterday said he was still trying to find Mrs Maleka accommodation. "She was ordered out of her house when there was still a regulation that widows could not occupy houses alone. Mrs Maleka has no children but I believe that if she can afford to pay rent then she should be given a house."

Mr J G Jacobs of the Soweto Council said he did not know anything about Mrs Maleka's plight but added that he would try to help her if her case was brought to his notice.

Fire razes tin shack

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dents, some carrying buckets of water, braved huge flames to save four children and a 15-year-old schoolgirl from death when their shack was razed by fire in Evaton at the weekend.

The children, Paulina (3), Mirriam (3), George (1), Buti (5) and Emily Vilakazi (15), of plot 1379 Evaton, were seated in the house when the fire started.

The cause of the fire is still unknown and damage has been estimated at over R2 000

Mrs Maria Radebe, owner of the shack, said that she had gone to the nearby shops when she had received a message that her house had caught alight

"I ran back home and found my house engulfed by huge flames. People were busy carrying my children out while others were extinguishing the fire

"I had left the children with Emily, who is the eldest," Mrs Radebe said

She was happy to see all her children safe after the whole ordeal

The Radebe family are among the hundreds that have been allowed to build tin shacks in the township as a result of the housing shortage, and have been in their shack for the past 12 months. They are now staying with neighbours.

Snags hit rent plan for Soweto

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By LEN MASEKO

SNAGS HAVE hit the Soweto Council's plan to phase out uniform rents in the township.

According to the council, poor response from residents has caused the delay for the introduction of the "pay as much as you earn" rental system

The council had sent circulars to residents earlier this year, inquiring how much they earned, with the aim of phasing out the uniform

rental system and also to plan for the township's housing needs — for which it needs about R170-million

The council's deputy chief executive officer, Mr J G Jacobs, said yesterday his council had failed to get positive response from residents but added that more circulars would be distributed around the township

"The council has a number of housing projects in mind, and particulars of residents' income will help us in the planning of housing

schemes. People in the higher-income bracket will be expected to move into houses with rent matching their income," Mr Jacobs said

The system has already been introduced in the 800-unit housing scheme in Tshiawelo Extension 3, where only residents whose income ranges between R550 and R650 were being allowed to occupy the houses

He could not say, however, when the council aimed to introduce the system to the rest of Soweto.

EVATON OWES OVER R39 000

EVATON residents owe the Oranje-Vaal Administration Board in excess of R39 000 because they are in arrears with their water tariffs and ground tax.

This was announced by the Evaton Community Council's chairman, Mr Sam Rabotapi, after he had been re-elected to the position of chairman for the council for the 1982/83 term with Mr Petrus Twayi as vice-chairman, at the council's monthly meeting in Evaton this week.

Mr Rabotapi said that the deficit would ultimately prompt the council to sell some properties to recover capital, because of people who masquerade as plot owners but who fail to attend to their dues.

Mr Rabotapi said that in some instances the plot owners had been served with notices to attend to their arrears but had not reacted.

"As the council represents property owners, we will take action only after we have studied each case thoroughly," said Rabotapi.

Referring to the replanning of the township Mr Rabotapi said that the council had decided to direct change in Evaton in 1978 "because if change

was not brought under control Evaton was going to become an undesirable area".

He said residents were totally against change and others even said blood would flow.

His council was not intimidated by these threats and would forge ahead with the replanning of the township.

People who could not use land profitably deserved to be disowned. "The Government has given people land they must use it for agricultural, housing and other beneficial purposes," Mr Rabotapi said.

The council also announced that it

- met the Vaal Transport Corporation on September 30 and complained about the behaviour of its drivers who harass commuters on the buses.

- requested the VTC to provide free buses to ferry pensioners from Sebokeng to Ogies on pension days.

- is planning to move residents from the area that was flooded in 1976 to a safer area.

- will allow the Department of Education and Training to build a Training College in 'Parktown' (Evaton).

Struggle

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on rent

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continue

By Moira Levy

Residents at a meeting in Western Coloured Township last night vowed to continue their fight against proposed rent increases.

Mr Elvis Daniels, secretary of the Western Residents' Action Committee, said "Some people received notices last week saying their rents would be reduced, yet they still have to pay increased service rates.

"The people know they are being fooled. The increases are just being transferred.

"We are going to continue our struggle against these increases in support of residents who cannot afford to pay"

Residents in Western Coloured Township decided to continue to pay the old rates "in solidarity with people from Eldorado Park, Riverlea and other communities who are doing the same"

Last week the Coordinating Residents' Action Committee, a steering committee representing several coloured community organisations, marched to the offices of the housing department in Johannesburg to present the director with a list of their grievances

They demanded that all proposed increases be scrapped and described the increases as inhumane

In a later letter to the department, the committee urged the housing director to respond to the complaints and demands by last Tuesday

"But we have had no response," Mr Daniels said.

Duduza says no to hikes

By SELLO RABOTHATA

RESIDENTS IN Duduza, Nigel, are up in arms and have called upon the East Rand Administration Board (Erab) to reduce their rents until improvements have been made to their new houses.

Residents have said they are prepared to settle only for R22 rent and not the R35 suggested by Mr Johnny Mokoto, the deputy chairman of the Duduza Community Council. Mr Mokoto said yesterday the council had agreed to meet the Action Committee to discuss a reduction of rent from R72 to R35.

According to a statement released by the residents, they demand that sinks, toilet seats, piping, wiring, globes and taps be fitted at cost to Erab.

They also complain that water is included in accounts without their consent, lack of fences makes their homes accessible to intruders, and only some houses have taps in the front gardens.

Toilets do not have a sewerage system and are not ventilated, and some of the houses still do not have a water supply.

They are also calling on Erab police to stop waking people to sign documents.

Houses should fall under the 99-year-leasehold scheme so that they know what they are paying for according to the statement. They also would like to know where ash bins are supposed to be placed and how much rent pensioners are supposed to pay.

Mr F E Marx, chairman of Erab, yesterday said rents for the houses were determined by the costs of the houses.

"Some of the things they demand, such as fences and wiring, were not included in the overall costs, so that should be the responsibility of the houseowner. The sewerage system will still be installed," he promised.

Pay rent as you earn . . .

By SELLO RABOTHATA

RENTS for the new sub-economic houses in Alexandra Township will be determined by the income of a family's breadwinner, a spokesman for the Alexandra Liaison Committee said yesterday.

Mr Nunka Mkhalipe, the ALC's PRO, said the 25 families occupying the houses completed in the first phase of the township's redevelopment were paying R9 50 per room. The figure varied on the number of rooms a fam-

ily had *Sowetan*

Mr Mkhalipe said. This means that for a four-room house a family pays about R38, and for a six-room house the amount would obviously be more. The rents are presently worked on this structure of agreement. They are based on the average cost of the building and the servicing of land. The infrastructure is more expensive, that is why rents are what they are at present.

Residents will pay the R9 50 per room rent until February next year, when rent per unit

is determined by the Alexandra Liaison Committee and the West Rand Administration Board. A dual meeting was held between the two parties and an agreement was reached that families should pay the amount that they had been paying for their previous houses he added.

The decision was reached after social workers had done an economic survey to determine the income of families breadwinners for the sub-economic houses. The 25 families pay under

what is called a differentiated rental scheme.

There are two housing schemes in the township. The luxurious homes with three bedrooms, bathroom and toilet, kitchen, dining-room and lounge, and the sub-economic houses, some of which have four rooms and others six rooms. The private sector is involved in the building and redevelopment of the township.

The new houses occupied by families whose houses in Rotherham, London Street and 11th and 12th Avenues were demolished. The ALC hopes to complete 94 houses and 174 flats, as well as two higher primary schools, one high school, a sporting complex including three tennis courts and four netball courts, and a football complex that has a pavilion and changerooms by February next year.

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WR shanties get the chop

WEST RAND police have started demolishing shacks in Kagiso, a move that might leave thousands of families homeless as the backyard structures go down

Yesterday, Wrab police started pulling one shack down in Kagiso One's Dastile Street forcing mothers and children out on the street. The police have a list, and more shacks will follow.

There are thousands of shacks in Kagiso in which families house people to ease overcrowding in their "matchbox" houses.

The sudden move by Wrab will affect these families and hundreds might end up without roofs.

A spokesman for Wrab, Mr Alex Rabie, said the structures were illegal.

Residents in Kagiso were previously fined for the shacks but authorities have become

stricter now, pulling the shacks down and confiscating material.

There was panic in Kagiso yesterday when the first shack was pulled down with each family fearing that it might be next. Officials are taking their time demolishing the structures one shack a day.

Meanwhile, hundreds of Sowetans face the prospect of being "repatriated" to the homelands should the Soweto Council carry out its threat to prosecute the shack-dwellers.

The council's director of housing, Mr J J Oosthuizen, disclosed yesterday that about 60 per cent of the people staying in shacks in the townships were illegal — mostly from areas outside Johannesburg.

"We cannot find alternative accommodation for these people. The council is faced with the enormous task of providing homes for 16 000 families on the waiting

list," Mr Oosthuizen said.

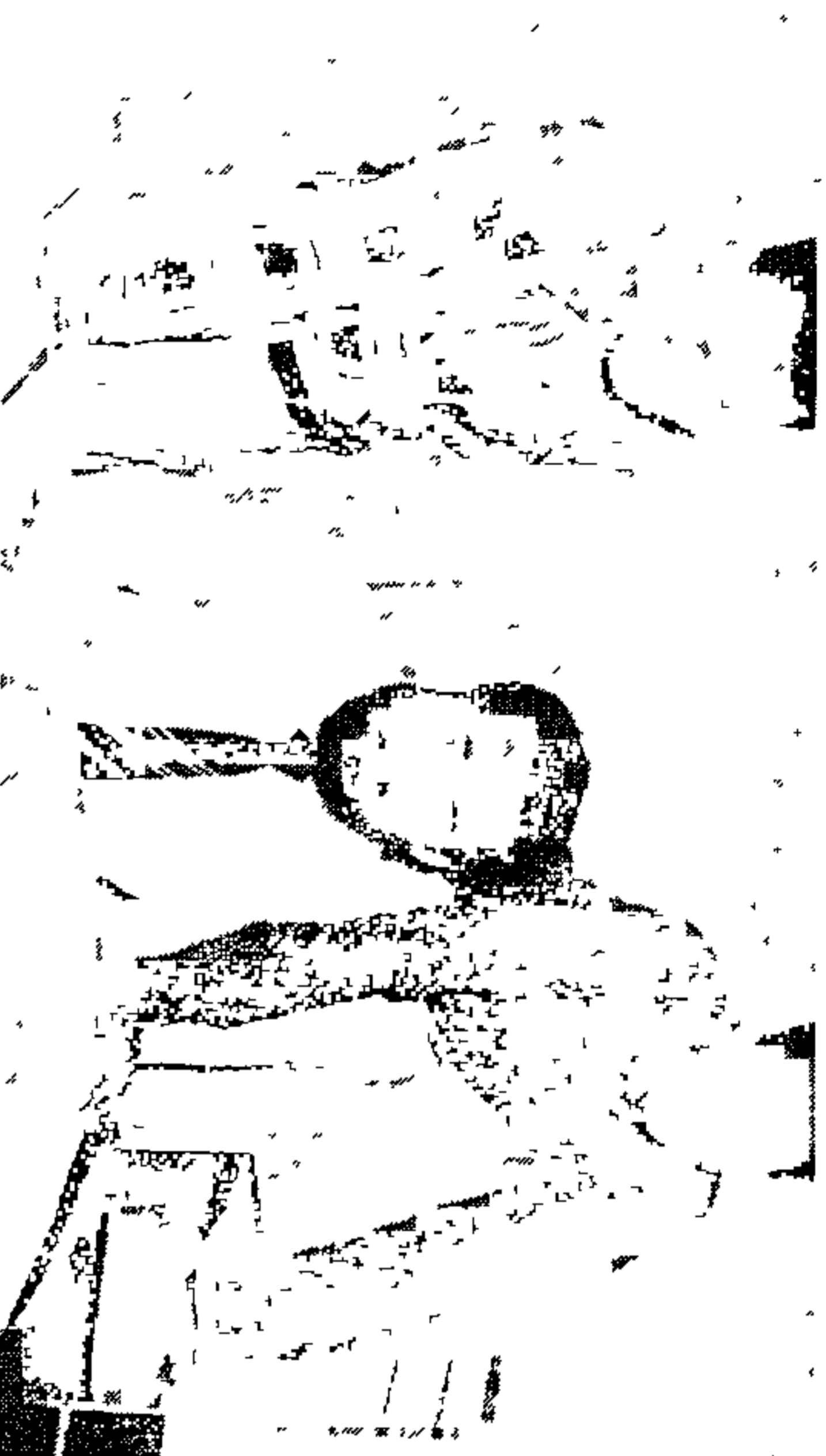
The council has given people who sub let shacks in their backyards, as well as those staying in these structures, an ultimatum to demolish them or face prosecution. It has handed the matter over to its security division to carry out the prosecuting.

Mr Oosthuizen added that the future of the illegal families would be decided by the West Rand Administration Board's labour department which dealt with influx-control matters. In other cases, such as that of Kiptown shack-dwellers, the board trucked illegal families to the homelands.

But he would not be drawn into saying whether Wrab would repatriate those staying in the area illegally. "The illegals will have to face the consequences."

BMW housing plan

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Mr A P DASHWOOD, managing director of Afcan Muffler Co (Pty) Ltd, discusses the plans of houses being built for two black employees — Mr JOHNSON NCOKO (left) and Mr MORIS SECANI.

THE first phase of BMW South Africa's R360 000 housing scheme for black employees came into practical effect recently when the first nine homes in Mabopane, near Pretoria, were handed over to staff members.

Another eight families will be moving into their own homes soon through the help of BMW's housing assistance scheme

"The severe shortage of housing has led to our involvement in assisting our employees," said Dr E von Kötter, managing director of BMW South Africa, when he handed over the keys

He said BMW's part in the project had comprised

- Finding good sites in an attractive neighbourhood

- Commissioning a firm of architects to design an interesting variety of houses, and to engage a firm of building contractors to construct the homes

- Investing funds with building societies as collateral for bonds

"The Mabopane houses have been designed in such a way that an employee, if he so wishes, can start with a basic house to which additions can be made as his

income increases and his family grows," Dr Von Kötter said

The houses are registered in the names of employees

The stands are about 600m² in size while the floor area of the houses varies between 70m² and 116m²

Many more employees are in a position where their monthly income is high enough to repay the bond instalments on a house, but the deposit required to make up the shortfall between bond and price is just not available, said Dr Von Kötter

EVERY evening they leave plush, comfortable suburban flats to spend the night in dimly-lit rooms with often inadequate ablution facilities

They are local domestic workers — the forgotten people of Johannesburg's flatland

Now health officials are calling for a revision of the by-laws governing the conditions of servants' quarters — many of them on top of expensive apartment blocks

Chartwell, a block of flats in the prestige area of Killarney, was found wanting after an examination last week by the Johannesburg municipality's assistant chief health inspector, Mr J Modlin

A spokesman for Chartwell's owners, Herjoe Investments Chartwell, said the company was prepared to upgrade conditions dramatically if employers' were willing to pay R20 to R30 extra for their rooms

"We employ a full-time inspector who periodically inspects servants' quarters and every few months we spend money on improvements," said the spokesman

About two months ago

Low living up on the roofs of posh Killarney

By ARLENE GETZ

we spent more than R500 on the bathrooms but the toilet seats have been stolen"

Chartwell can accommodate about 50 employees on its roof

One resident complained that there were only five baths available for the women

The paint in her room was peeling, and the only electrical outlet was a tiny light on the ceiling

Yet the servants' quarters at Chartwell are no worse than the average block of flats in the area

"I would say that Chartwell is on a par with other flats I have seen," said Mr Modlin

Mr Modlin, acting in re-

sponse to a complaint about conditions at Chartwell has served a statutory notice on the owners of the building compelling them to repaint and clean the bathrooms

But he has not taken action against other flats as he "very seldom" received complaints

Mr Modlin said that he would like to see an improvement in the limited by-laws which provide for one toilet for every 12 residents, but make no allowance for baths or cooking facilities in servants' quarters

While the municipality now insists that all new apartment blocks have a communal stove double-compartment washing sink

and hot and cold water, they have little control over facilities offered in old buildings, said Johannesburg's chief health inspector, Mr J A Oxenhan

The PFP city councillor for Parktown, Mr Ian Davidson, has also called for a revision of existing by-laws

"However, it's not enough to revise these laws. Employers must be made aware of the condition of their workers' rooms," he said

According to Mr Davidson, facilities at nearby Dukes Court were worse than those at Chartwell

Thirty-one rooms for women — some of which are shared — were serviced by four toilets and two showers

The rooms, connected by a long, narrow passage, did not have ceilings, and domestic workers "fried in summer and froze in winter"

A spokesman for Unidev, one of the owners of Dukes Court, said his company was investigating the installation of plugs and ceilings in the flat-roofed rooms

They would discuss the issue at their management committee meeting at the end of the month, he said

An Indian Hillbrow wanted

GIVE Pageview back and we'll build an Indian Hillbrow to help beat the housing crisis — that's the message to the Government from some Indian leaders

They also want a chunk of white Mayfair. The executive committee of the South African Indian Council has drawn up proposals for an in-city Indian township and will discuss them with the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, and various community leaders this month.

Bulldozers — or front-end loaders — have already put paid to much of Pageview, rezoned a white residential area, and most of the Indian community has been resettled in Lenasia, 30km away.

The Department of Community Development is already building sub-economic ready housing in Pageview

AND THAT INCLUDES WHITE MAYFAIR

By STEPHANIE VENTER

But members of the Indian community want the area back, plus about 35 blocks in

Mayfair and parts of Vrededorp, Newtown, Fordsburg and Burgersdorp.

The proposals stem from the SAIC's rejection of a Government suggestion that Fordsburg and parts of Newtown and Burgersdorp be proclaimed Indian areas.

"We want a larger area in the city centre and an area within reasonable distance from the city," said the chairman of the SAIC executive committee, Mr Armand Rajbansi, this week. He suggested the estab-

lishment of a residential area within 10km from the city centre.

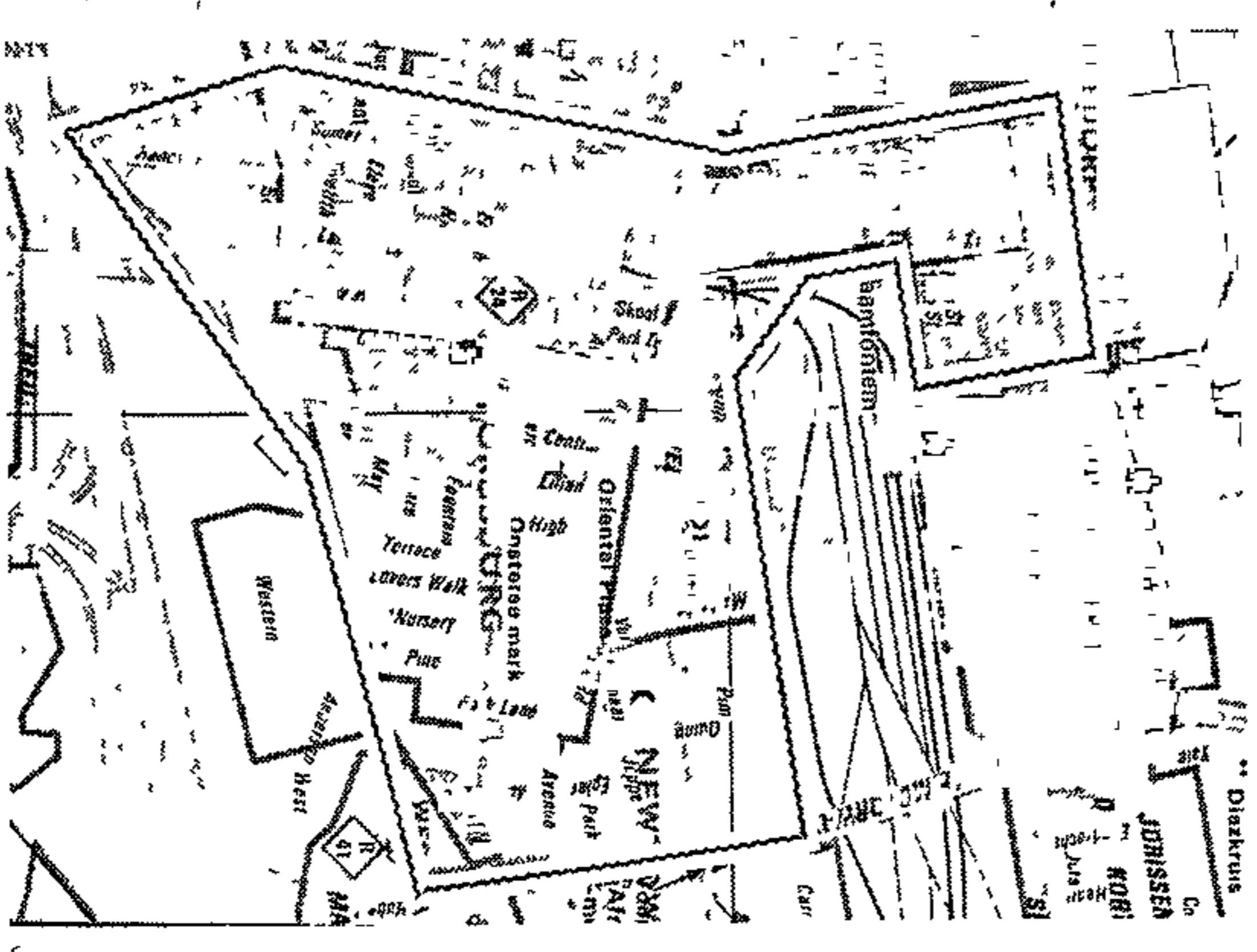
Mr Rajbansi stressed that no decision had yet been made on the areas proposed.

According to the latest figures issued by the Regional Representative of the Department of Community Development, 6 843 Indian families are on the waiting list for housing. Four years ago, about 2 000 Indian families were waiting for houses. "We found our proposal feasible because Indians are

living in the part of Mayfair adjoining Fordsburg," said Mr Abie Choona, the leader of the National People's Party in the Transvaal.

He estimated that about 2 000 families could be accommodated in high-rise, low-cost blocks in Pageview, where he envisaged "an Indian Hillbrow".

According to Mr Choona, about 70% of the families on the housing waiting list are living below the breadline.



● The area the Indians want — including land in Pageview, Mayfair, Vrededorp and Fordsburg

Evictions, thugs and more thugs

Sowetan BY ALI MPHAKI (127)
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FEAR has gripped residents of the semi dilapidated MacDonald's farm near the Nancefield Men's hostel in Soweto.

Not only are they afraid of being evicted in the near future, but are also constantly on the alert against very possible attacks from thugs and hostel men.

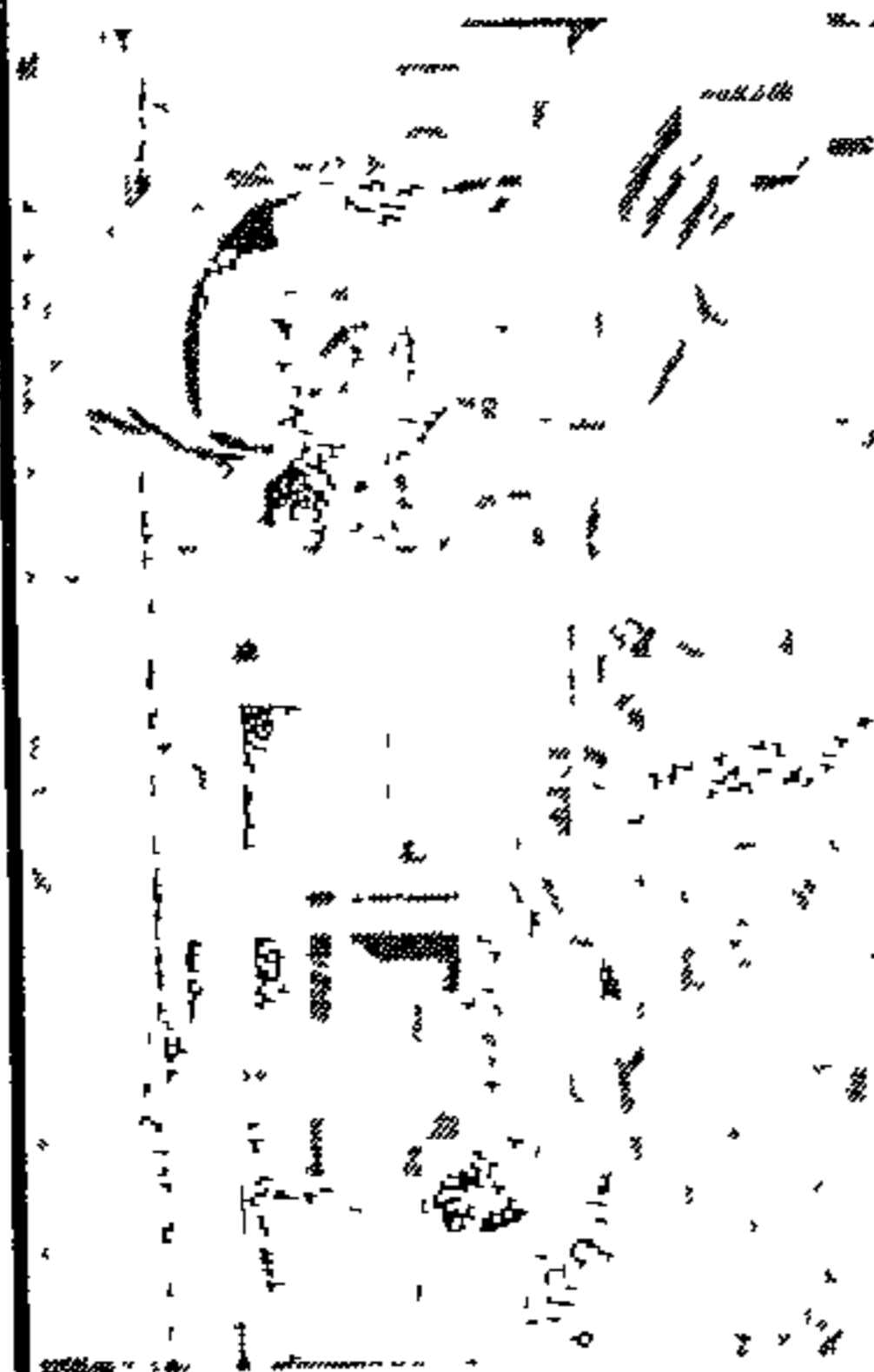
This was revealed to The SOWETAN during an interview with the inhabitants of the farm. The farm, which has about 200 inhabitants, is not far from the prestigious Selection Park, and Dube, but has no water tap and no 'civilized' toilet system. The Bucket system is all that exists.

Mr Reuben Williams (70), who has been staying at the farm for more than 20 years, said since 1959 he had been promised a house, but until today nothing had been done. "It is always the promise we get when we go to the officials," he said.

He added that earlier this year, certain officials, allegedly from the West Rand Administration Board, came and took their names and particulars, promising them accommodation "somewhere" soon. "We are still waiting."

Another inhabitant Mrs Lydia Mekanelo (37) who was been staying at the farm ever since she was 22, said it was always a struggle to get water as police and some hostel dwellers harassed them. "I can't even go to the toilet at night for fear of being attacked or raped by the hostel dwellers," she said.

"I have been in the waiting list ever since I came to live here, but I have lost hope that I will ever get a house."



NOT A DROP OF WATER: Mrs Lydia Mekanelo.



TWENTY YEARS: Mr Reuben Williams has known hard times

MAC'S FARM IN CONSTANT FEAR

When asked to comment on this matter Mr J J Oosthuizen, Director of Townships for the Soweto Council said "You cannot give priority to an illegal squatter in favour of a more senior applicant on a waiting list."

He added "If somebody staying in Mofolo applied for a house in 1980 and somebody from the MacDonald's farm applied in 1959, then to give a house to a MacDonald applicant is encouraging squatting."

"That person from Mofolo will start thinking that if he too goes to stay on that farm he will soon get a house."

"You must by all means try to discourage squatting," he said.



JUST LOOK AT THAT: Miss Irene Mngqabeni.

Duduza council, com row looms

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A CONFRONTATION is looming between the Duduza Community Council and the Duduza Resident Action Committee concerning the reduction of rent, and living conditions in the area.

A meeting between the two parties was set for Wednesday night in the area to discuss the two "hot" issues, but never materialised.

Mr Johnny Mokoto the deputy chairman of the Duduza council told The SOWETAN that they were supposed to meet the Action Committee on Wednesday night to discuss reduction of rent from R72 to R35 but the committee failed to turn up. On the other hand, Mr Peter Mavuso, chairman of the Action Committee denied any knowledge of Wednesday's meeting.

Some weeks back we wrote to the council and asked to meet them to discuss resident's grievances including the reduction of rent. We are prepared to settle for R35 a month," said Mr Mavuso.

In a statement, the Action Committee apparently also demanded that sinks, toilet seat, piping, wiring, globes and taps be fitted at a cost to the East Rand Administration Board. They also complained that toilets did not have the sewerage system, they were not ventilated, and some houses still did not have a water supply.

Although Mr Mokoto confirmed that the Action Committee has approached them some weeks ago asking them to reduce the rents to at least R35 a month, he was adamant that the council would never consider another meeting with the Action Committee until they learnt to keep their appointments.

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Ratanda faces R15 rent hike by end of year

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

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Inmates living in fear

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DUBE Hostel inmates are living in fear of their lives after the fatal shooting of an inmate and the injuring of three other people, including a woman, during a new wave of faction fighting at the hostel

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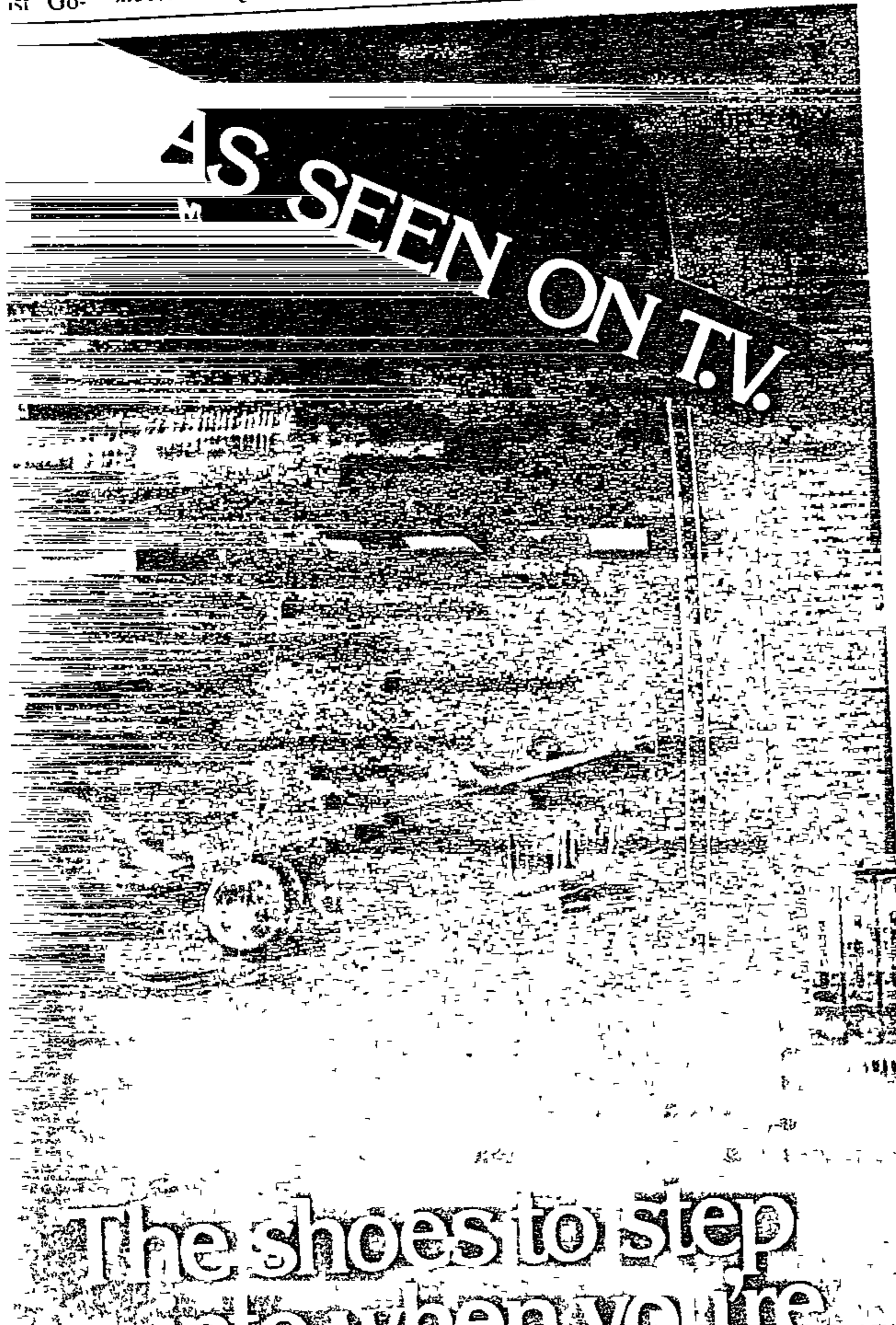
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New township for black mineworkers

The LTA group is building a shopping complex, the first phase of a civic centre, and 900 houses in the Umuzimuhle Township near Orkney for black mineworkers of Vaal Reefs Mine.

Contracts for the shopping centre and civic centre were awarded to LTA Building (Southern Transvaal), while LTA Housing, recently established to combine the expertise of the conventional and block housing sections of the group, hopes to complete a contract to build 900 family homes and a 16-classroom primary school in the township.

Town planners for the village and architects for the civic centre and housing are the architectural department of the Anglo American Corporation.

The shopping centre, developed and to be operated by Retail Property Projects, an LTA subsidiary, will have a lettable area of 3 600 sq m and will comprise 13 shops ranging from kiosks to a departmental store.

The first phase of the civic centre will have a multi-purpose hall with a cinema, and an administrative block. Architects are H Moross and Partners.

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Bid to cushion rent shock for coloureds

Mail Reporter

GROWING resistance in the local coloured community to housing rent increases next January 1 has prompted the Johannesburg City Council's management committee to seek an urgent interview with the Minister of Finance Mr Owen Horwood

Rents will be increased by up to 30% Service charge increases of 13% have already been implemented

The deputy chairman of the management committee and chairman of the housing committee Mr Carel Venter said yesterday the Minister would be asked to reduce interest rates on the city council's housing loans from the Department of Community Development and to subsidise the difference

"We will also ask the Minister to review the basis of the repayment on the loans in an effort to soften the blow. It might be possible to distribute the increases over two six-monthly periods," Mr Venter said

"It will not be possible to waive the increases. The loans have to be repaid and the tight budget of the council will not make it possible to absorb the increases"

The decision to approach the Minister follows a management committee meeting on Monday at which two petitions against the increases signed by 5 000 coloured residents were discussed

"I regard these petitions in a very serious light," Mr Venter said "If only 50 people had signed them it would still have been a serious matter. People do not go to the trouble of drawing up petitions for no reason"

The petitions were handed to the mayor Mr Danie van Zyl at the last monthly meeting of the city council after a placard protest by 250 coloured women

The women represented the Coloured Labour Women's Movement, chaired by Mrs Margaret Mateman, who handed the petitions to the mayor

The protest by the labour women's movement followed a placard protest by

50 members of the Co-ordinating Residents Action Committee two days earlier

Yesterday the chairman of the Johannesburg Coloured Management Committee Mr Riley Richards said if an appointment could be arranged with the Minister of Finance, he would make a passionate plea to the Minister to come to the assistance of the community

"Even though the city council has agreed to sell the homes which are being rented (thereby avoiding the rent increase and paying a fixed monthly instalment), many people cannot afford to do so and will have to face the rent increase," he said

● Mr Venter said yesterday he would also investigate allegations about the poor quality of housing and services mentioned in the petitions and that he was compiling detailed information about specific complaints. The management committee would discuss the rent issue again at its weekly meeting next Monday

There has been a doubling of jobs and it has become cheaper for the employer to hire lower skilled workers being used for higher skilled jobs. This method can be used to alleviate unemployment shortages in higher skilled jobs.

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Roodepoort gets to grips with housing headache

Mail Reporter (127)

ALL 61 houses of the new economic housing scheme near Florida Lake, Roodepoort, have been snapped up. They have been built in an attempt by the Roodepoort Town Council to alleviate the housing shortage.

Yesterday the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, officially opened the Florida Extension 10 housing complex. The units sold for R23 000 each. The total cost of the complex was R1 300 000.

Each house consists of a lounge, dining room-kitchen, three bedrooms and a bathroom.

The tenants had to qualify under certain regulations. Total family income could not exceed R6 500 a year.

A spokesman for the Roodepoort Town Council said there was a long waiting list for houses in the area. At least 600 people were looking for economic housing.

The spokesman added that the houses were a bargain and anywhere else would have cost at least R60 000.

which included social, business, political, sports and professional dignitaries, was the most unique — and in fact — the first of its kind in Soweto, in that it set a new trend by breaking all traditional norms of black funerals

The only aspect of the funeral which conformed with black tradition was the holding of a church service and the washing of hands from the graveyard

WIDOW

No vigil was held as is usually done the night before the funeral. No beasts were slaughtered or food prepared for the mourners. Only light snacks and cool drinks were served.

Dr Denalane's widow, Nancy, and other family members did not pour soil into the grave of South Africa's first black dentist, instead, they threw flowers into the grave.

Judging by Soweto standards, and the fact that it was held during the week when most people would normally be at work, an attendance of more than 2 000 people made it the biggest funeral in Soweto.

Among the mourners were Dr Denalane's brother George, also a dentist, who came from Germany where he is now living

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R900 a month for electricity

SHOCK

SOME SOWETO householders face incredible monthly electricity accounts of up to R900 while average bills on West Rand townships are slightly below R20 for about the same current used.

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The SOWETAN investigation also revealed that while the Krugersdorp Town Council charges ,0384 per unit in each household, its black counterpart, the Soweto Council, was charging a flat 3,5 per unit

The probe has also shown that the Johannesburg City Council charges 3,93 for the first 25 kilowatts a day, and thereafter the rate goes down to 3 19 per unit

The Johannesburg, Krugersdorp and Soweto Councils all get their power direct from Escom

The SOWETAN has in its possession an electricity bill of one five-star shebeen in Kagiso township, Krugersdorp, which amounts to R53,92, metered up to the period August 31, 1982

For an ordinary house

in Dube Soweto, a family is facing a monthly bill of R928,78 for the same period as the shebeen in Kagiso

Mrs Helen Suzman, MP Lower Houghton was surprised when she was told about the R928,78 electricity bill

She asked 'Are you sure that these people are not owing electricity for the whole year?'

She added 'This is ridiculous. Is that house a bakery or a four-roomed house? Then there is a terrible mis-

take somewhere'

These incredibly high electricity bills in Soweto, are 'normal' with other householders getting accounts of more than R1 000

West Rand Board assistant electrical director Mr Rene du Toit, said a normal electricity bill should be under R30 for an average family. He said tariff charges for electricity differed from one municipality to another, and that the Soweto Council was charging the 3,5 to com-

ply with rates from Escom

He said it was impossible that a family could have a bill of up to R900 in a month

'Rip-off'

Mr du Toit added 'Even if the family was in arrears for three months the amount would still be less than R200

But R200 is what an average Soweto family pays for electricity each month, investigations have shown

Mrs Suzman told The SOWETAN 'This is a rip-off. There must be a fault somewhere with the whole scheme in Soweto

She added 'I'll personally look into it. There ought to be an inquiry

While officials have assured that monthly bills might not exceed R12 55 the astronomical fees in Soweto are common

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EVATON residents will be expected to pay R3,50 extra for water tariffs as from November 1.

The recently re-elected chairman of the Evaton Community Council, Mr Sam Rabotapi, confirmed the increases and said it was to recover capital lost in bills that are in arrears.

Mr Rabotapi said the increased rates would be included in the residential permit of every legal resident of Evaton.

"The R3,50 will mean we no longer have to install water meters and will have to replace the old meters," Mr Rabotapi said.

On the question of land being repossessed as a result of standowners being in arrears, Mr Rabotapi said that in the case of some 18 plotowners who have not been attending to their dues, "the council would sit down and review each case, before any action is taken."

The Council's "sympathetic" stand has been encouraged by the fact that local residents at one time owed the council in the region of R1 million, "which has since been drastically cut as a result of those who paid their dues," said Mr Rabotapi.

He added that he was surprised to find that there were standowners who were in arrears, "as some of these plotowners charge tenants R70 rent for corrugated-iron housing structures."

Mr Rabotapi said standowners should take into account that the Orange-Vaal Administration Board would have to pay R3 600 for the provision of infrastructure on their properties.

ALC, WRAB ON RENTS

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THE Alexandra Liaison Committee is to meet with officials of the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) to determine how much rent a family living in the new sub-economic houses will have to pay.

According to the ALC's Press Relations Officer, Mr Nunka Mkhahpe, the meeting which will be held on a date still to be set, will determine rents in relation to what a family's breadwinner earns. The new rents will come into effect as from February next year.

Mr Mkhahpe said "The 25 families who are presently occupying the new

houses pay a monthly rental of R9 50 per room. The figure differs in the number of rooms a family has. For a four-roomed house a family would then pay, say, R38 a month. For six rooms, the figure would be much higher."

A dual meeting was held between the ALC and Wrab where it was agreed that residents would pay the R9 50 per room, the amount they have been paying in the previous homes. Next year, rents will be based on the average cost of the building and the servicing of the land.

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Gold price plunge stalls mine's R25m hostel plan



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● The new hostels — photographed from inside an unfinished dining room

BY DEENA SHAPIRO

THE heavy drop in the gold price during the past two years has forced Rand Mine Properties to halt construction of a R25-million hostel complex for blacks at Durban Reef Mine

Although the 109 houses planned are complete, construction of the kitchens and recreation facilities have been stopped. It is not known when work on these facilities will be started.

Until the kitchens and dining rooms are built the houses will probably stand empty unless Durban Deep Mine decides on alternative ways to supply the miners with meals.

The hostel plans — said to be the most sophisticated in the country — consists of 109 houses on 30ha. Each house has bedrooms, bathrooms, a lounge, change rooms, three hot and cold showers, toilets, laundry basins

and a washing line.

The decision to build the hostels was taken two years ago when the gold price stood at \$620 an ounce but, when building started six months later, the price had dropped to \$541 an ounce.

Construction finally stopped when gold reached a low of \$296 in June. It is not known when it will be resumed.

In the year of construction before building was halted, contractors completed 73 eight-bedroomed houses and 36 15-bedroomed houses.

Mr Dave Morgan, labour consultant for Rand Mines, said the aim of building the hostels in separate units was to get away from the traditional barracks-type accommodation.

The houses will accommodate four men in each bedroom. In the old hos-

tels 20 men shared a room. The complex, it is estimated, will cost Rand Mine Properties R6 000 a person to build and will accommodate 4 000 senior black miners.

It will eventually include a sports stadium, soccer field, tennis courts, swimming pool, literacy classrooms, liquor outlets and an administration block.

Housing units are also planned to contain a TV, two-way communication with the administration block, electric heating and hotplates.

Two hostels at Durban Deep mine will also be upgraded when the new hostels are finished, according to Mr Morgan.

"We are trying to make it as pleasant for black miners as we can within the system," he said.

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Rush for cheap stands in Pretoria

By DEENA SHAPIRO

TWO schemes to help middle-class families beat the rocketing costs of building a home and the squeeze on bond loans have been launched in Pretoria and Springs

The Department of Community Development is selling 54 plots in a new Pretoria suburb — near the elite suburb of Waterkloof Glen — for half the price private developers were paid in the same area

The department is not making a profit on the deals

Springs Town Council will invest R3-million in building societies during the next three years to make it easier for middle-income homebuyers to obtain building loans

Providing the building society concerned approves the loan, the council will invest up to R40 000 for that person

The community development scheme is in the new Pretoria suburb of Newlands Extension 2, where stands will be sold for about R12 000 New-

lands Ext 2 lies between Waterkloof Glen in the south and Menlyn in the north

This is half the amount received by private developers, Newlands Proprietary Ltd, for stands in Newlands Extension 1

The department's scheme has started a small land rush as 200 hopeful homeowners applied for stands the day after the project was announced.

When 218 stands in the same area were sold by the department earlier this year 1 500 applications were received

Many of the successful applicants have already started building

"I think they are building as fast as they can get loans," said a spokesman for the department which will decide later this month who will buy the stands

Applicants have to be married or

have dependants, not own another house, occupy the house personally within four to five years and earn a salary of between R651 and R1 500 a month

The board will consider each applicant "on merit", but large families will be given priority

The Springs Town Council investment will provide loans for 70 to 100 houses. The only condition of the loan is that it must be for the building of a new house

The council hopes the scheme will help alleviate the serious shortage of housing in Springs

The gesture will probably cost the council R90 000 as it could get higher interest rates elsewhere.

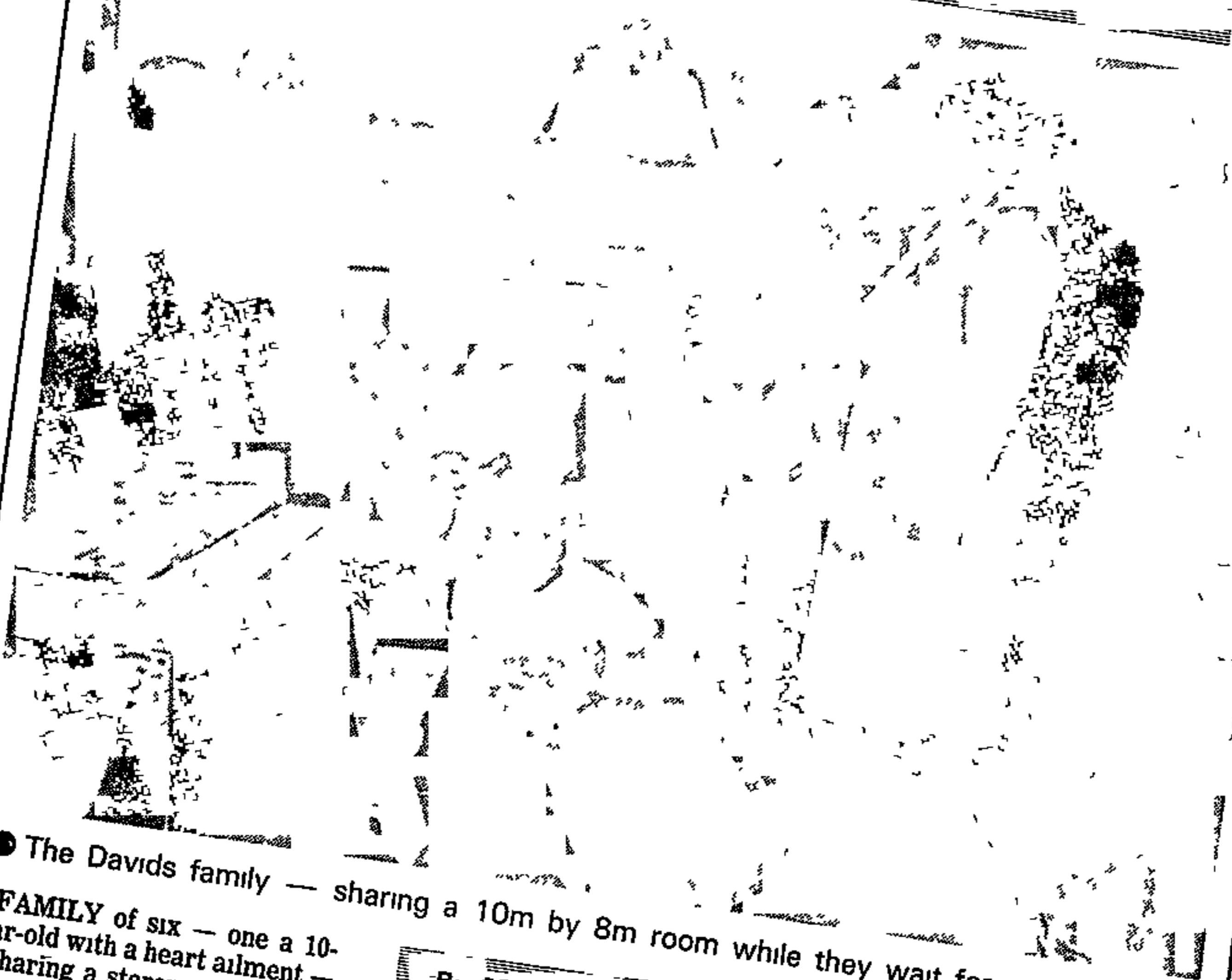
The loans will not be restricted to whites, said Mr Henry Kock, manager of the Allied Building Society in Springs.

Each applicant will have to earn between R1 000 and R2 000 to qualify for a loan

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Storeroom still home to Newclare family



● The Davids family — sharing a 10m by 8m room while they wait for a new home

A FAMILY of six — one a 10-year-old with a heart ailment — is sharing a storeroom in Newclare while they wait for the Johannesburg City Council to give them a house. The first time the Davids family asked for a council house their application was turned down. Mrs Saloama Davids, her husband Abdul and their five children have been living in Mrs Marriam Omar's Newclare storeroom for about a year. The family has to share a 10m by 8m room. The parents share

By MOKONE MOLETE

a single bed while the children share two bunks. All their belongings are in the room. Before moving to Newclare the family lived as legal sub-tenants at the house of a family in Western Coloured Township. "When we first applied to the council for a house, they refused us because my husband works in Boksburg," Mrs Davids claimed. "We cannot go to that area because my son, Abdurakiep,

underwent a heart operation and has to be near Baragwanath Hospital for treatment." Another child, 17-year-old Yola, suffers from asthma and the eldest daughter is receiving treatment for her eyes. The Davids could afford to pay rent if they were given a house, she said. The family has now submitted a second application. Mr Thys Wilsnach, director of housing for the Johannesburg Municipality, said the Davids had been put on the priority waiting list.

GENERAL NEWS

Residents fight high-density plan for Oakland area

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By Lucille McNamara

Municipal Reporter

A delegation of Oakland residents has made strong representations to Johannesburg City Council's town planning committee against a blanket rezoning scheme to allow higher densities in their suburb

The main thrust of their argument is that in a blanket rezoning the merits of individual applications might be disregarded

Mrs Susan Graham, secretary of the Oakland Action Committee, said residents had spent large sums to buy properties in a prestige area. Subdivision would debase their investments and disturb the character of the area.

Mrs Graham said subdivision was neither necessary nor desirable and she felt the commercial interests of individual lot-holders should not be given preference over the wishes of home-owners

"I feel that such an indiscriminate manner of handling cases, instead of considering each case on its individual merits, is shortsighted in the extreme," said Mrs Graham

The rezoning scheme will enable the council to approve applications for the sub-division of Oakland residential stands, mostly 3 000 sq m, to 1 500 sq m

"I have invested a large amount of money in my property to achieve a particular lifestyle and environment and believe it is unfair and unjustified that my objective should be thwarted," said an Oakland resident, Mr C Jowell

Another complaint is that subdivision will increase the value of properties so that rates rise

Mr P A Pearcey of Meyer Street said soaring land values would force more home-owners to subdivide to meet increased rates

"I feel attention

should be paid to the retention of areas with larger stands which enhance the beauty and graciousness of the city"

According to a report by council officials, these objections can be discounted because blanket rezoning does not imply that individual applications for subdivision will automatically be approved.

They point out that the council will remain fully empowered to refuse subdivision applications which do not conform to the condition that higher density should not adversely affect the environment

According to the report, if the council approves a blanket rezoning it will increase the value of stands by about R2 500 which will amount to a monthly increase of R8,50 in rates

Residents of Craighall have also objected to a blanket rezoning scheme in their suburb

The town planning committee is expected to announce its recommendations this month

Anti-cancer drug to be produced cheaper

WASHINGTON — Scientists have developed a synthetic form of an extremely costly and toxic drug which attacks cancer tumours, the American Chemical Society said

The breakthrough could be promising in the fight against cancer

University of Virginia researchers found a synthetic form of an antibiotic called bleomycin which is produced from tiny soil organisms

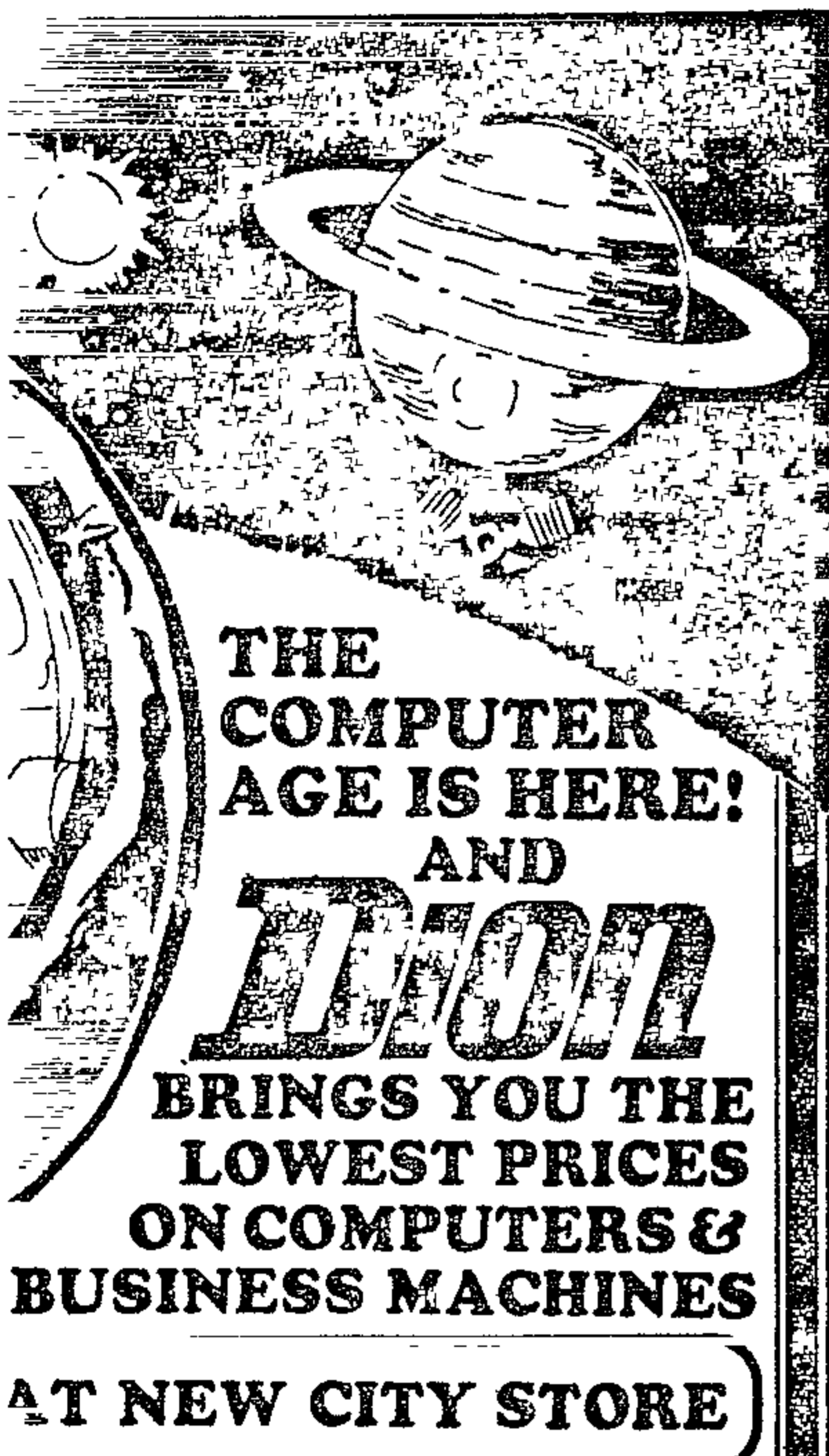
Bleomycin, which costs about R10 million a kg to produce, is highly toxic. Now experiments could be done to reduce its side effects

The society said bleomycin seeks out body tumours and concentrates itself there — Reuter

Swimming in juicy water

LAUSANNE — After one of Switzerland's best harvests, wine-growers in the Lausanne region can literally swim in surplus grape juice

Because of a lack of storage space three private swimming pools near here have been filled with excess juice — Reuter



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Soweto service gripe: taps dry, bills high

By Jon Qwelane

Areas of Soweto were without water at the weekend. The Soweto Civic Association yesterday announced it had set up a committee to look into the matter as well as residents' complaints about electricity bills.

Zola North township had no water for most of Saturday. Diepkloof Zone 2 had its supply cut off for most of the weekend.

Women and children roamed the two townships with buckets and pots in search of water. Residents said the least they expected was forewarning of water cuts.

Mr Ike Mogase and Mr Tom Manthatha, both executive members of the Civic Association, told a Diepkloof meeting yesterday a committee had been appointed to examine the reasons for the water cuts which occur almost every weekend.

AVERAGE

"The committee will also examine the average amount of electricity consumed in our four-roomed houses. It will suggest the average minimum to be paid by a householder. Beyond this amount residents will be called upon to refuse to pay," they said.

"The committee will investigate why the Soweto Community Council chose to buy its power supply from Eskom and not the cheaper Kelvin and Orlando power stations, which supply Johannesburg.

"As it is Johannesburg pays much less for its power which is generated here in Soweto while we pay high fees for power from elsewhere."

INFORMATION

A nursing sister at a city clinic told the meeting her electricity bill for last month was R140.

Mr Mogase said all high bills should be brought to the association because information was being compiled as the basis for action to protect consumers.

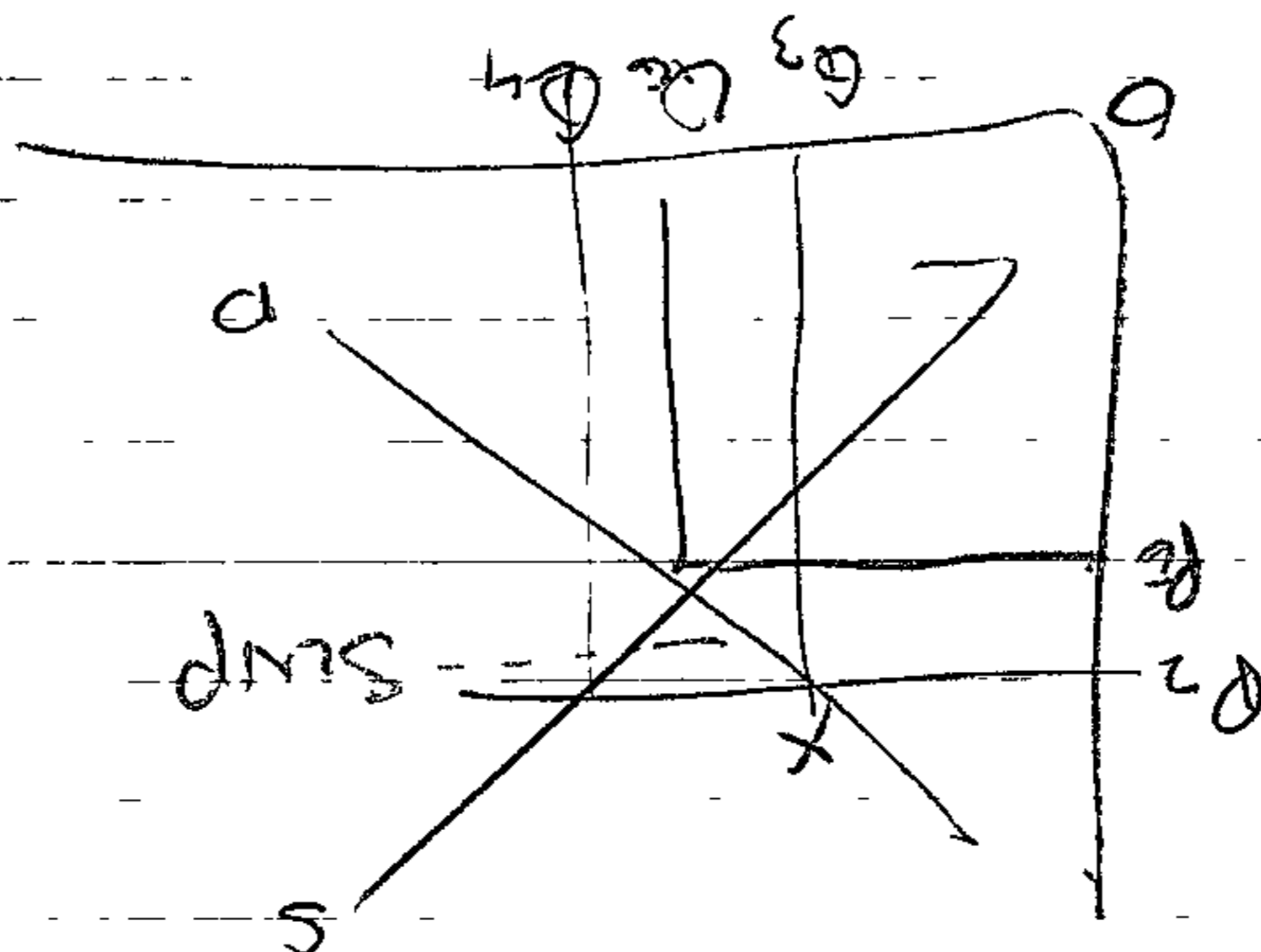
The deputy chief executive officer for the Soweto Community Council, Mr G J Jacobs, has said the number of complaints about high electricity bills is decreasing, but the Civic Association insists more people are complaining.

Duduza ⁽²⁾ rents soar

Sowetan 18/10/72

DUDUZA residents may be expected to pay R9 more for rent from the beginning of next month, according to sources in the East Rand Administration Board.

The increase will cover sewerage installation costs, the sources said. Another R6 increase is envisaged for next April and in the last phase of the sewerage project, rent will be increased again by R7,03.



R8,5-m extra for new schemes

Jo'burg acts to ease the homes crisis

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Despite Government cutbacks and a climate of economic stringency, Johannesburg City Council is going ahead with ambitious plans to reduce its housing backlog

**By Lucille McNamara,
Municipal Reporter**

It recently clinched an overseas loan which will provide an additional R8,5 million for housing, is buying up blocks of empty flats and has now decided to acquire State-owned land for two housing schemes for the aged

But, apart from the white community, the city council is also trying to acquire additional land to expand coloured and Indian townships and is trying to accelerate the progress of housing schemes to ease the housing crisis

It has agreed to arrange a tour of newly erected homes and schemes under construction in its coloured and Asian suburbs for members of the Diepmeadow Council

And on Friday council officials will be visiting Eldorado Park to inspect a housing scheme of 225 houses

being built

At present the council has 4 092 applicants for homes in its coloured areas, of which 790 are from families who live outside the Johannesburg municipal area

On Friday management committee chairman Mr Francois Oberholzer, housing committee chief Mr Carel Venter and coloured management committee chairman Mr Miley Richards will be visiting the new Eldorado Park housing scheme

The contract for 225 homes was given to S P Construction who moved on site in August. A spokesman for the company said that although the contract was for an 18-month completion date, progress was such that the homes should be ready

for occupation in 11 months

According to progress reports, only one unit remains to be completed in a new coloured housing scheme of 313 houses in Westbury Extension 3, while 486 of a total of 1 020 homes in Klipspruit West extensions 1 and 2 have been built

By the end of August there were 1 668 people waiting for homes in the council's white economic, assisted and old age schemes — of which 332 are pensioners

The council is now planning two housing projects for the aged in Vrededorp and Southdale

It intends building 48 flats for single people and 12 for couples on State-owned land in Vrededorp

The estimated cost of the 60 flats and essential services is more than R1 million. Rentals will be based on monthly incomes and will range from R32 to R228

In addition the council wants to buy State-owned land in Southdale to build 30 units for the aged

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Tenants face huge costs in geyser fight ⁽¹²⁷⁾

By JEANETTE MINNIE
COLOURED residents of Westbury, better known as Western Township in Johannesburg, are fighting for the installation of hot water geysers in 315 newly built houses

The fight for geysers in the coloured slum area just off Main Road, in the western suburbs of Johannesburg is the most recent flashpoint in a history of long-standing community grievances

The 315 houses fall in the sub-economic category and National Housing Commission policy does not provide for geysers in this category

The Johannesburg City Council, which built the houses, has investigated the implications of providing geysers and found that the cost will be very high

In a survey conducted among 200 tenants it was

found that 138 earned salaries below R150

The cost of supplying a 90l geyser is R500, which would result in a rent increase for each house of R1,20 a month over 40 years or R4,15 over three years. In addition, the added monthly electricity consumption would cost tenants an extra R15,00 a month

The present rental for this income group stands at R25,05 a month, and the added costs attached to acquiring a geyser would push it up to a R41,25 minimum, excluding the normal monthly water and electricity account.

The city council report says that the overall rental would be excessive in terms of a tenant's monthly income

The member of the Coloured Management Committee in charge of Westbury, Mr Philip Bades, said yesterday that the people were very dissatisfied

"They do not like the

houses, which have been built of inferior materials

"In future we will ask the city council to build a model house for approval before another housing scheme commences," he said

The CMC has also rejected a report stating that the contractor should be paid an escalation fee. The original estimate of the housing scheme was R3 608 028 and the final estimated cost is R4 728 681

"This is criminal. The escalation costs will be yet another burden," Mr Bades said

A spokesman for the city council's housing department said yesterday that the Johannesburg management committee was very unhappy about the escalation costs and had not yet decided to pay

Reports on the matter were being awaited from the city engineer's department

METRO

Duduza council hammered

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

THE NEWLY-formed Duduza Civic Association (Duca) has condemned the proposed R9,00 rent increase imposed by the Duduza Community Council, which will come into effect from next month.

The council decided to increase rents in the township by R9 from next month in order to

meet the costs of the installation of a sewerage system in the area which is already under construction. The council has also decided to further increase rents by R6 next April, and by another R7.03 in April 1984, to complete the proposed sewerage project.

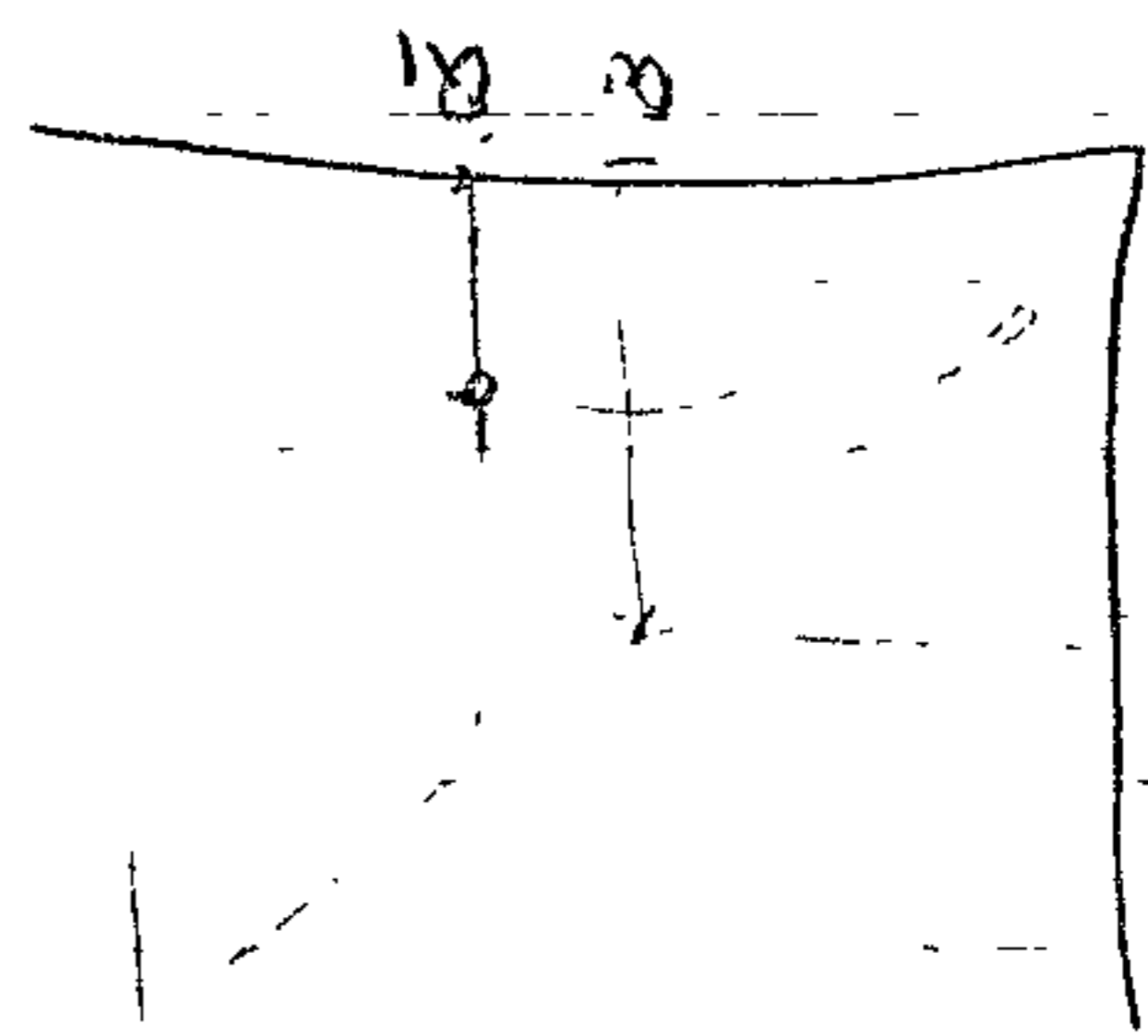
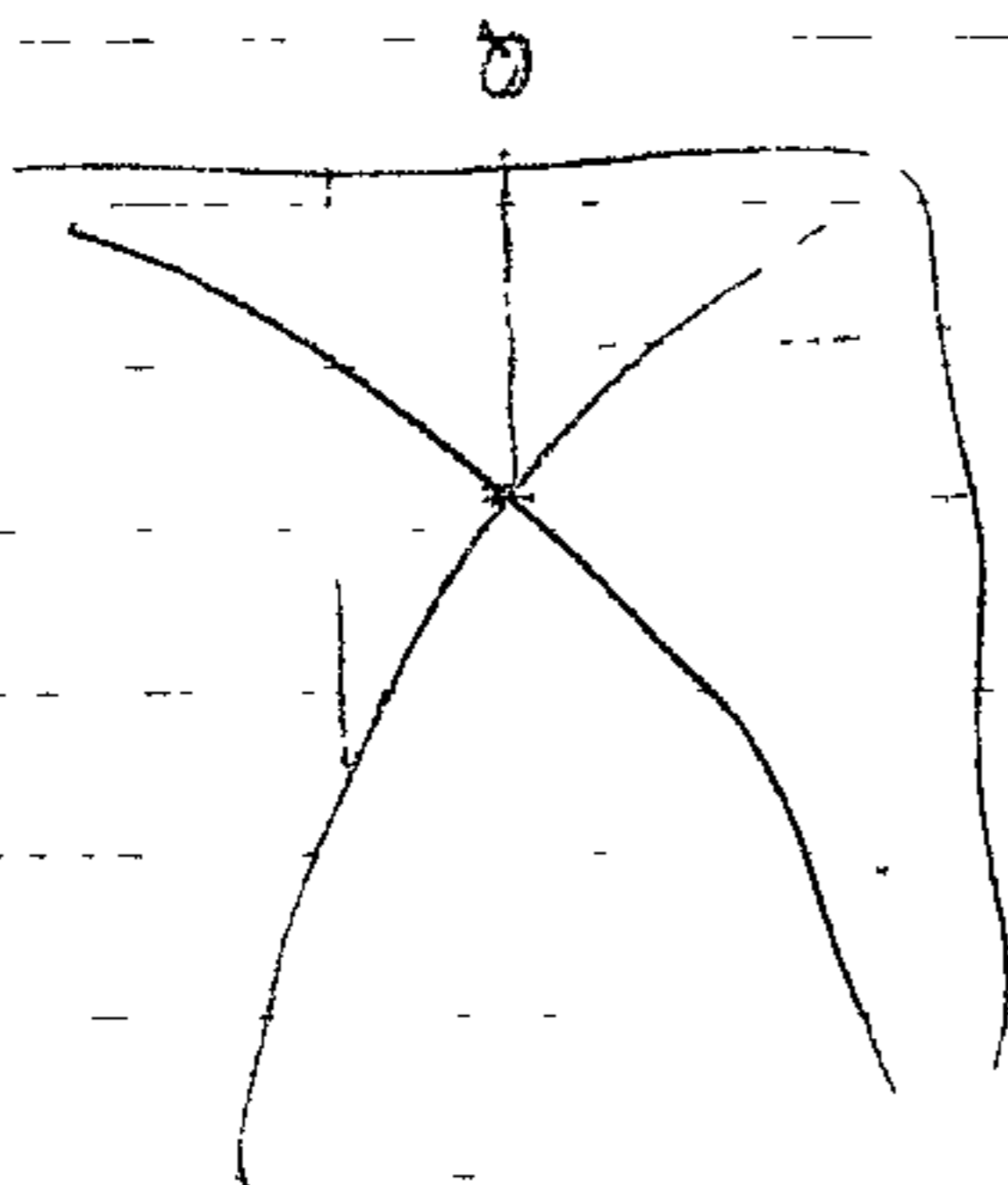
Interviewed by The SOWETAN yesterday,

Mr Alexandra "The Great" Montoedi, chairman of the interim committee of the association said the association was totally against the increase. He said that the association was calling on the council to scrap the proposed rent increases as soon as possible.

"The association last week met the council to discuss the proposed rent increase and the installation of sewerage in the area. The meeting ended in a deadlock because the council was adamant that they were going ahead with the increase in order to pay back the loan for the installation," he said.

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Indian couple evicted from flat

By MIKE LOUW

THE shortage of housing in Johannesburg has forced a couple from Natal to return home, a Johannesburg magistrate heard yesterday.

Roy Subramoney, 19, of Soper Road, Berea, appeared before Mr L S du Toit in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on a charge of contravening the Group Areas Act.

He pleaded guilty and said he married in November last year and came to Johannesburg with his wife that month.

They both started working and hired a room in Lenasia. They left because the landlord wanted the room.

Subramoney said he and his wife moved to Berea on June 6 and were still staying in the premises.

The owner of the building had said they would not be in trouble with the law.

After he was charged he applied for accommodation in Lenasia, but the owner demanded they pay R2 000 before occupying the flat, as well as R410 rent in advance.

They could not afford to pay this amount, he said.

Subramoney said the only option was for him and his wife to return to Durban, where he had already been offered a job.

He was fined R400 (or six months') of which R300 (or five months') was suspended for five years.

Mr Du Toit ordered that they vacate the premises on or before December 31.

Meanwhile, similar charges of contravening the Group Areas Act were withdrawn against 14 others and 12 people were warned to appear on various dates. Warrants of arrest were granted against two who failed to attend proceedings.

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Impact Homes refunds money

Mail Reporter

SOME of the would-be homeowners who have been owed money by Mr Mark Guthrie, of Impact Homes, have at last been refunded their R250

They had paid the R250 as a "management fee" to the firm, but when it was discovered seven months ago that

Impact Homes had no stands for development in either Soweto or Diepkloof, they repeatedly tried to get their money back

One of them, Mr Samuel Khathide, was given a cheque by Mr Guthrie in May but it bounced. He has now told the Rand Daily Mail he has received a refund from Mr

Guthrie

Last week other people interviewed by the Mail at Impact Homes' office in Johannesburg said they were still waiting for refunds. However, the secretary at the office said yesterday that people who wanted their R250 refunded were being paid out. Mr Guthrie was not available for comment

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said we would not get into trouble living there."

Subramany was fined R400, or six months' jail, of which R300 or five months was suspended for five years.

In the same court yesterday, 14 cases of illegal occupation were withdrawn, 12 cases postponed, and two arrest warrants issued for people who had failed to appear.

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GENERAL NEWS

Lenasia meeting on housing

The Federation of Residents' Associations of Lenasia (FRA) will hold a mass meeting at the Lenasia Civic Centre on Wednesday to discuss the housing crisis in Johannesburg.

"The increasing shortage of houses in most Group Areas has created a serious situation," said FRA chairman Dr. R.A.M. Salojee.

"The hardships of the homeless, the backyard tenants and exploited families need to be exposed.

"This has been made more urgent by the State's decision to stop building houses except for families earning less than R150 a month."

Dr. Salojee said this shifted the responsibility on to "hard-pressed individuals and profit-seeking enterprise."

Eldorado housing scheme at a gallop

Municipal Reporter

A R4,5 million housing scheme at Eldorado Park is seven weeks ahead of schedule and the first 55 homes should be ready for occupation by the end of next month.

This good news greeted Johannesburg city councillors and coloured community leaders during a tour of the 225-unit housing estate.

"This is the first time a contractor has been ahead of schedule and it will be a record if the contract proceeds at the present rate," said the city council's housing committee chairman, Mr Carel Venter.

The new scheme has 203 three-bedroomed and 22 four-bedroomed houses — all to be sold to private buyers.

Although prices have yet to be set, the cost of each house is about R27 000, excluding land and essential services.

The contract was awarded to S P Construction whose chairman, Mr Salvatore Pereira, said that since moving on site in mid-August his company had laid foundations for 175 homes and started building 120 homes.



Johannesburg city councillors, officials and coloured community leaders at the new Eldorado Park housing estate. They are, from left: Mr Albie Pop, Mr Thys Wilsnach, Mr Aleck Jaffe, Mr Carel Venter, Mr Salvatore Pereira, Mr Don Mateman and Mr Mohammed Dangor.

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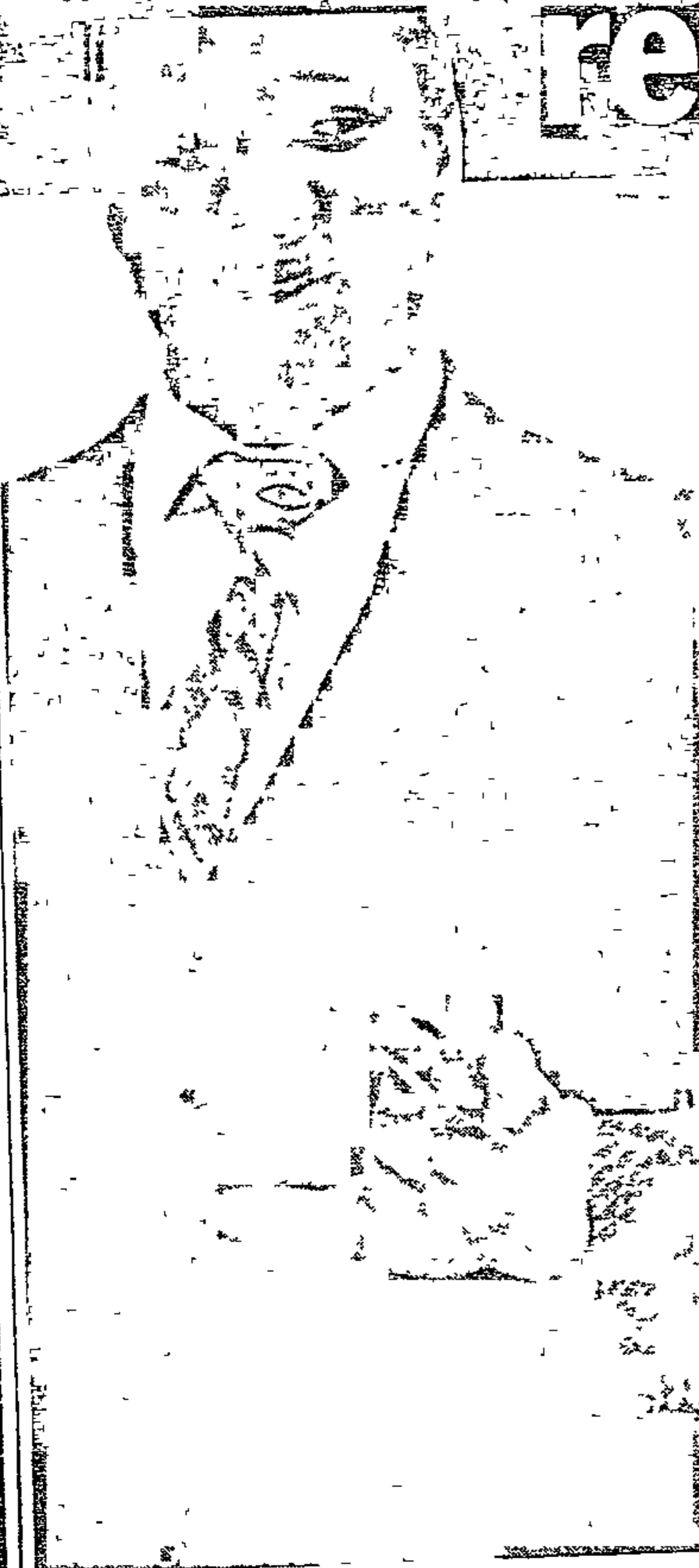
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Residents to fight rent battle



CHAIRMAN Mr Alfred Tekwane see the au-
thorities.

By LEN KALANE

Oct. 1982

THE "mavor" of Mohlakeng township, Mr Alfred Tekwane, has issued a directive that residents who cannot afford the new rent should immediately approach authorities. *127 SOWETA*

He spoke to The SOWETAN after his meeting with the Mohlakeng Civic Association a body fighting the rent increases in the area. The civic body (Moca) the community council and an official from the West Rand Administration Board Mr Alex Rabie met on Tuesday evening to discuss the rent issue.

It is not known what transpired at the meeting but Mr Tekwane said "I want to make it clear to the residents that I've fought hard to bring the amount of the increases to what they are now. At no stage did I say Mohlakeng people could afford to pay increased rent." Some newspaper quoted me as saying thus.

He said the increase in Randfontein was supposed to be something like R21 — "and we fought" he added "to bring it to R14 96. My council tried its best to reduce the amount."

Mr Tekwane said those who have bought the houses need to pay R11 96 in increased tariffs. He said the increases differed with the type of house one stayed in.

He said his council gave Moca "a hearing" in the meeting held on Tuesday but did not elaborate.

He added "We were quite sympathetic. Wrah was represented by Mr Rabie and the whole Moca executive was present. I respect Moca's views but nothing could be altered at that stage."

Meanwhile the massive rate increases facing Mohlakeng residents as from November 1 still stand. There will be another protest meeting on Sunday.

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FAMILY EVICTED . . . BUT NO NOTICE GIVEN

Wrab in the wrongs

A SOWETO mother of five who was locked out of her home for owing this month's rent, is back in her house — thanks to The SOWETAN.

Mrs Fikile Ngcobo had gone to work last week, and received a message that her 75-year-old mother-in-law, and two little children, had been evicted from her Orlando West house West Rand Administration Board police-

By LEN MASEKO

men told them that rent for October had not been paid.

When The SOWETAN team, together with Mrs Ngcobo, contacted the Soweto Council's acting director of housing Mr J Clarke about the matter, it was discovered that she had been evicted without notice. It was also discovered that since Mrs Ngcobo had bought her house under the 99-year leasehold scheme, the township manager was supposed to have first summoned her to his office.

Mrs Ngcobo's house was then saved from being sold on an auction sale, which in normal procedure when a home owner staying in a property bought under the 99-year-leasehold scheme, is in arrears with rent.

"I was angered by the way Wrab policemen treated my family. They didn't allow them to take out essential things, like food for my little children," she said.



BACK IN: Mrs Ngcobo with some of her children after they were locked out of their home.

pic: LEN KUMALO

Old permit brought back

By LEN KALANE
 THE notorious lodger's permit system is to be re-introduced in the West Rand, and this is despite the fact that a High Court threw out the system about two years ago.

At the time administration boards on the Reef scrapped the lodger's permit system after the High Court ruling, in which a judge ruled that the practice was illegal.

The test case brought relief to thousands of dependants on the Reef when authorities were forced to do away with the system which required any male over the age of 18 to pay a certain monthly fee if he was not a registered householder.

The practice has now been re-introduced in

the West Rand and retrospective from July 1 all lodger's permits in Mohlakeng township are renewable at R3 a month.

The West Rand Administration Board said in a statement. It has also been decided that in order that lodgers may share in the cost of the improvement of your township they will be required to pay a monthly fee of R3.

The directive is contained in a statement analysing proposed rent increases in the area which will be implemented as from November 1.

Wrab said that during consideration of the 1982/3 budget, it became clear that there was a deficit in the running expenses of Mohlakeng. It therefore became unavoidable to increase site rents from



CHAIRMAN: Ngakane

R17 66 to R32 62 and from R19 41 to R34 37.

The proposed increase is made up as follows: Administration costs (R1), refuse removal (R1), water supply (R3), capital costs (R7 96), road and stormwater (50c), water reticulation (R1), sewerage system (50c).

This brings the amount to a total of R14 96 in rent increases.

The statement said the amount of R7 96



EXECUTIVE: Tihapane

provides for the following capital work to be executed in Mohlakeng:

- Electrification — R500 000
- Completion of creche — R50 000
- Erection of sports stadium — R400 000
- Purchase of vehicles for refuse removal — R130 000
- Purchase of vehicles for security services — R20 000
- Water reservoir and

sewerage disposal — R838 000

Wrab said if the rents were not increased it would mean that the standard of maintenance of housing and services would be lowered. Essential capital programmes would have to be shelved and essential administrative services demanded by the public curtailed.

But the Mohlakeng Civic Association (Moca), a local watchdog organisation, contends that residents can't afford to pay so much for these match-box houses.

A Moca delegation was told that the rent hikes could not be reversed.

Moca will now hold a Rent-Protest meeting at the Anglican Church on Sunday, October 24, at 1 00 pm.

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Homes in Edwardian Village

By Sarah Pennell,
East Rand Bureau

face bulldozer

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The Department of Community Development is considering knocking down some empty houses in Edwardian Village in Germiston which are considered a health hazard

Mr Paul Kendrick, a village resident and leading figure in the bid to save the houses, said he had received a letter asking for his

comments on the possible demolition of some of the houses

Aikin House in Spilsbury Street, a semi-restored Edwardian Restaurant in Prince Street and all the houses in Long Street have been mentioned as buildings which, because of vandalism

and dumping, are the origins of serious health problems

Talks on the possible demolition of the houses come after a request last month by the Germiston City Council for the Department of Community Development to clean up Germiston West,

which the councillor for the area, Mr Pierre de Robillaud described as unpalatable and disgusting

Mr Kendrick said he could not sanction any form of demolition because it was against everything he was fighting for

"The Department of

Community Development must clean the houses and secure them properly," he said. "Arkin House was the residence of a former mayor of Germiston, and is the most historically important house in the village. If we lose it we might as well lose the whole village"

The department will not comment on the issue

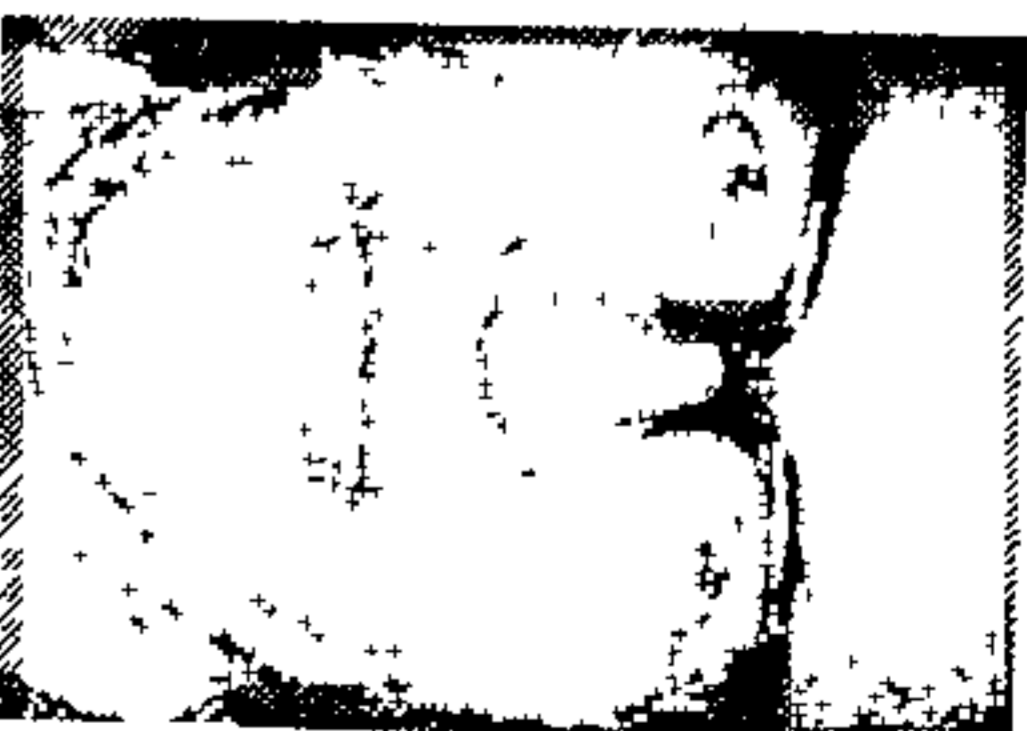
Mr Kendrick is trying to raise money to lodge an appeal against the Supreme Court's decision that he has no legal standing regarding the village

He is still confident the village can be saved from the bulldozers

"It has been 2½ years now and financially I am almost drained," he said

He has appealed to anyone who can help him in his battle

Johannesburg pleads to ease township planning



Mr. Francois Oberholzer... facing the frustrations of township development.

Johannesburg has appealed to a Commission of Inquiry appointed by the State President to ease the laws governing the proclamation of new residential townships.

During last night's council meeting councillors were told that it would cost the city R177 million to solve the housing backlog for white and coloured families.

The council's management committee chairman, Mr. Francois Oberholzer, said municipalities had to wait

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for comment from as many as 40 different authorities before proclamation was eventually granted

The city council has asked the Commission of Inquiry into township establishment and related matters to give local authorities the authority to approve the creation of new resi-

dential areas

Mr Oberholzer said that because of building cost rises, Johannesburg would have to pay an extra R10 million if it waited for proclamation of a township before it started building homes

The State President appointed the Commission of Inquiry in June

to report on and make recommendations regarding

● Methods and proposals for speeding up the provision of more residential areas.

● Investigating this possibility by easing the laws and streamlining procedures and practices

● Methods to pro-

mote the use of land by allowing, where possible, a freer rein for the subdivision of properties.

● Methods to promote the provision of sufficient residential land

The commission has been instructed to report on its findings by the end of this year.

Mr. Aleck Jaffe (PPP, Bellevue) said the commission's terms of reference were of great significance and the fact that it had to

submit a report by the end of the year was an indication of the urgency of the matter

He said it would cost Johannesburg R177 million to solve its housing backlog for white and coloured people and welcomed the inquiry into the critical housing shortage facing the country

Landlords 'ripping off tenants'

By Yussuf Nazeer

Landlords are asking desperate Asian and coloured home seekers up to R3 000 goodwill and rents of up to R450 for a house or flat.

Goodwill of R500 and between R150 and R200 rent is being asked for accommodation in a garage.

Asian and coloured management committee members and spokesmen for welfare bodies confirmed this after an investigation by The Star in the wake of a complaint by a Lenasia woman

The woman said the malpractice was rife

Two members of the SA Indian Council, Mr Abe Choonara and Mr Faiz Kahn, said unscrupulous landlords were "ripping off" desperate home-seekers without shame or conscience

Said Mr Kahn "There is nothing we can do about it as it is a private transaction" He blamed the Group Areas Act

"The Act has limited our people from obtaining homes on the free market and has confined them to an ethnic area where the State has failed to supply sufficient homes and land for home seekers," Mr Khan said Mr Choonara said

the home shortage had not only given landlords the opportunity to push goodwill and rent up beyond accepted standards, but had also allowed a corrupt housing racket to flourish

They said the SAIC was powerless to change the situation and that the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, had shown no real interest in solving the housing problem.

A civic leader on the coloured management committee, Mr Ralph Peffer said "Even white landlords are ripping off desperate coloured home seekers in city flats"

The chairman of the Federation of Residents' Associations Dr R A M Saloojee, said thousands of people were "sick and tired" of the housing shortage crisis

A public meeting will be held tonight by the federation at the Lenasia Civic Centre to protest against the home shortages, cut-back in State funds for housing and alleged bribery and corruption

A spokesman for the Department of Community Development said goodwill was not illegal and there was nothing the department could do

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Residents up in arms over rent

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IN A desperate bid to fight massive rent increases, the Mohlakeng Civic Association (Moca), plans to hold another protest meeting in the area on Sunday.

In this meeting, the local community council will be called on to explain the hikes, according to Moca chairman, Mr Pinkie Ngakane

Yesterday Moca met the top brass of the West Rand Administration Board, including chairman, Mr John Knoetzee and director of services, Mr Alex Rabie in another attempt to stop the hikes

The outcome of the meeting will only be

By LEN KALANE

known today

Wrab had previously claimed it was running Mohlakeng township at a loss and so tariff hikes were inevitable

All West Rand townships face massive hikes which will be in effect as from November 1.

In Kagiso, the rates have been doubled from R15 66 to R36.66, while

Munsieville face massive hikes from R9 70 to R30 70 Rates in Mohlakeng have increased from R17 66 to R32 63 and in Bekkersdal from R18 64 to R32 63

Sunday's meeting is a follow-up to last Sunday at the local Anglican Church which ended with Moca's followers marching to a local community council chairman's house

• The Krugersdorp Residents' Organisation (KRO), has also announced that an emergency meeting was imminent in the area concerning the rent debate.



CHAIRMAN: Mr Pinkie Ngakane . . . briefed lawyers.

Lenasia housing corruption claim

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Reports by
Tyrone August

The chairman of the Federation of Residents' Associations of Lenasia said yesterday the housing crisis in the township had led to rampant bribery and corruption

"In 1977 the housing backlog in Lenasia was 2 200," Dr R A M Sal-

ojee told the 300 residents who attended a protest meeting at the Lenasia Civic Centre.

"Today the backlog stands at 8 800 This has led to bribery and corruption.

"It has been alleged that one has to pay up to R3 000 before one can get a house. There can be no doubt that

this kind of exploitation is rampant"

Dr Salojee said some individuals were making handsome profits through rent racketeering, sub - letting houses and accommodating tenants in backyards

He dismissed bodies such as the Lenasia Management Committee and the South African Indian Council as spineless

"Dialogue and negotiation have brought only frustration and despair," he said.

The secretary of the Durban Housing Action Committee, Mr Virgil Bonhomme, said it was the responsibility of the Government to provide proper housing

He attacked the Government's new housing policy for making provision only for those earning less than R150 a month

"This is shifting the responsibility of housing to individuals and business," he said.

Lenasia votes for Sri Lanka boycott

A call to boycott the tour by Sri Lankan cricketers was made at a meeting in Lenasia yesterday.

"We condemn the tour," said the resolution. "White sportsmen are trying to get back into international sport by soliciting the support of the oppressed.

"Large sums of money are being spent to attract overseas sportsmen to South Africa instead of being spent on housing, education and other basic needs of the people.

"We believe a sports and cultural boycott is an effective means of struggle to further our aims towards non-racial democracy."

The resolution called on school principals to deny the Sri Lankan cricketers access to school-children during the tour.

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600 voteto reject
rent

increases

More than 600 residents of Geluksdal, a coloured township near Brakpan, have voted not to pay the proposed rent increases on November 1 because it is "an abnormal increase".

"By accepting high rents, we are depriving our families of the basic necessities of life," East Rand community leader, Mr George du Plessis, told a protest meeting.

"We will be depriving them of decent food and a decent education. By paying more to the town council we will be doing so at the expense of the comfort and security of our families."

Mr du Plessis said the rent of a disabled pensioner, Mr P. D. Swartz, would be increased from R52,70 a month to R68,79. "How is he going to survive on his monthly pension of R71?" he asked.

"Many factories in Brakpan are working only three or four days a week and many workers have already been retrenched. The rent increases are inhuman and irrational."

The Women's League of Geluksdal, which has called two public meetings in protest against the proposed rent increases, has decided to seek legal action against the proposed increases.

"They feel they have a good case as they were not informed 30 days before the increases were supposed to be introduced," said Mr du Plessis.

"In some cases the rent increases are more than 100 percent."

A spokesman of the Brakpan municipality said letters were received from residents about the proposed increases. He said the issue would probably be discussed at a meeting today with the Geluksdal Management Committee.

Council turns down donation

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THE PRIVATE sector has made R12.3-million available for housing projects in West Rand townships — but the Soweto Council was sharply divided on whether to accept the money or not at its monthly meeting yesterday.

The sum, R8-million which would have been spent on Soweto housing projects was rejected outrightly by a majority of councillors who were dissatisfied with conditions laid down for the allocation of the money.

The private sector through the Urban Foundation had offered the money on condition that it be sold to the Protea North area for development into housing schemes for middle and higher income groups. But the councillors said the money should be given to the Soweto Council with no strings

By LEN MASEKO

attached"

The private sector's condition included

- That the Urban Foundation or consortium design and install all services in Protea North
- that the entire project be funded by the consortium and capital will be recovered from home-owners in terms of the 99-year-leasehold scheme

The council's chief executive officer, Mr Nico Malan, said in his report that the council needed the money to fund its housing schemes. The

projects included the development of about 2 200 stands building of about 1 700 flats in Jabuani, Protea North and Tshiawelo areas. The completion of the 800-unit housing scheme in Tshiawelo Extension Three.

"The companies cannot give us the money and then say we should give them land. We reject their offer outright," Councillor F K Mahlangu, chairman of the housing committee, said.

The matter was postponed until the companies submit a report on their proposals.

Star 29/10/82

Soweto turns down R77-m housing aid

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The Soweto Council yesterday rejected a R77 million development plan offered by the Urban Foundation and the private sector to reduce the city's 35 000 backlog of houses.

The Transvaal regional director of the Urban Foundation, Mr Brian Whittaker, said

his organisation found the decision disappointing.

Councillors at yesterday's meeting rejected the loan offer because they felt that the money would be shared by two other Greater Soweto community councils, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville.

In addition, accep-

tance of the loan from the Urban Foundation, would mean recognition of the foundation as "a State agent."

The councillors also felt the foundation favoured people connected with the Soweto Committee of 10, which is under the leadership of Dr Nthato Motlana

Mr Whittaker said the proposal had two features — a loan of R12 250 000 to be made available to the local authorities in Soweto and other areas in the Reef for low cost housing, and a major private sector housing development in Soweto North worth R65 million

"This proposal included participation by employers and developers and also supported self-help housing schemes," said Mr Whittaker.

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Mr Whittaker said the foundation would continue to try to get its principles accepted and demonstrated in practice, and would negotiate with other local authorities as well as the Soweto Council.

The councillors were divided on whether to accept the loan offer, and Mr David Thebehali, chairman of the council, was then obliged to refer the matter to his executive committee

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Soweto Council rejects R77m housing

By LIN MENGE and HARRY MASHABELA

A R77-MILLION housing development plan by the private sector to help solve Soweto's critical housing shortage was turned down by the Soweto Council yesterday. The plan, put forward by the Urban Foundation, would have marked the first major attempt by the private sector to help solve Soweto's housing problem.

A shocked Dr Nthato Mot-

lana, chairman of the Committee of Ten, said last night the rejection of the plan was the action of "political cretins".

The two-part plan was put to yesterday's Soweto Council monthly meeting. It involved a loan of R12 250 000 made available by Anglo-American Life through the National Housing Commission, for low cost housing on the West Rand, but particularly in Greater Soweto.

The loan was to be given on condition the Urban Founda-

tion could coordinate a major private sector development of Protea North worth R65-million. The developed sites would have involved some 2 500 housing sites and 800 flats. It would have involved both employers and developers, as well as a supported self-help housing scheme.

Explaining why they rejected the entire plan, councillors interviewed by the Rand Daily Mail last night claimed that by giving the loan through the Urban Foundation, Anglo-American Life did not "recognise the au-

thority of the council". They said if they accepted the loan from the Urban Foundation it would mean they accepted the Urban Foundation was a "State agent".

They also claimed the Foundation favoured people connected to the Committee of Ten, which has always criticised the council and refused to participate in community council-elections.

Mr Brian Whittaker, Transvaal-regional director of the UF, said last night he was disappointed at the deci-

sion. He said there were difficulties in getting private sector principles for the provision of housing accepted by a community "that has not previously had the opportunity to work on this type of development on this scale".

He said the Urban Foundation remained convinced of the soundness of involving the private sector in solving the critical housing shortage in South Africa.

"While this proposal is only one of many similar housing initiatives currently undertaken by the Urban Founda-

tion, the difficulty of introducing private sector principles in this area is clear, and negotiations will continue with other local authorities as well as the Soweto Council," he said.

Dr Motlana said "I am shocked and disappointed, but not surprised. It's the kind of thing of which these political cretins are capable. We are painfully aware that in the past few years similar schemes, proposed by people whose credentials were not acceptable to these so-called representa-

tives, were turned down. He said it seemed eminently acceptable that a body such as the Urban Foundation, which had been instrumental in raising the money for this development, ought to be involved in its final disposal.

Dr Motlana added, "We have said time and again that it is not the present Government's intention to build houses for blacks in the so-called white South Africa. It seems quite obvious the decision to reject this loan could

not have been taken by the puppet body. It reflects, in our opinion, the standpoint of the administration which could so very easily, if it wanted to, have forced its minions to toe the line and accept the loan whatever the conditions."

In its news bulletin, the SABC quoted its reporter at the Soweto Council meeting as saying it was evident the councillors were ill-informed about the details of the plan.

There is a shortage of 35 000 houses in Soweto.

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Businesses advised to remain closed for duration of indaba

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Huge rent protest

BUSINESSES and shops in Mohlakeng will be closed on Sunday when crowds are expected to flock to a rent protest meeting.

The township's "mayor", Mr Alfred Tekwane, who was also expected to attend the big indaba, has already sent a letter saying he won't be able to attend the meeting "because there will not be enough protection for the councillors".

The chairman of the organising body, Mr Pinky Ngakane of the Mohlakeng Civic Association (Moca), also agreed that protection could not be guaranteed for Mr Tekwane and his men.

Mr Tekwane added "But to show our concern, we have agreed to give them the local community hall to use for the meeting on this day".

He said "It's just un-

fortunate I cannot attend for safety reasons. We are trying to normalise the tense situation in our township."

The rent issue has had tongues wagging in Mohlakeng, and much

BY LEN KALANE

kane said, shops would have to close and other entertaining activities could also have to come to a halt.

He said businesses would be expected to close between 1pm and



'MAYOR': Mr Alfred Tekwane . . . apology in.

5pm. The same rule applied to shebeens.

The Sunday meeting comes after other sporadic occurrences which have been taking place in the township since Wrab announced new

tariff hikes in the area about two weeks ago.

A similar meeting took place last week after which, a procession of protesters marched on the house of the "mayor", demanding an explanation for the hikes. Police were summoned.

The massive increases will come into effect as from November 1.

In Krugersdorp, another affected area, a similar situation is prevailing and the local Krugersdorp Residents Organisation will also hold a meeting on Sunday. The venue still has to be fixed.

Five townships in the West Rand have been hit by the increases. They include Bekkersdal, Dobsonville, Munsieville, Mohlakeng and Kagiso.

Wrab said rent hikes were inevitable in order to maintain the running costs of the townships.

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SEWERS FOR SINKING HOUSES

HOUSES IN the East Rand township of Natalspuit are beginning to sink in a mess of night soil.

This is caused by dirty stinking water from sewerage pipes which burst in I Shongweni Section

Five houses and backyard shacks are submerged in water which runs into the houses and down the street

Residents say the pipes burst on Wednesday afternoon. This is not the first time as it happens three to four times in a year they told **THE SOWETAN**

Fighting for the residents has become something they cannot enjoy as they have become part of the mess. Debris and win-

BY SELLO RABOTHATA

Windows are kept shut in the hope of stopping the stench coming from the burst sewerage pipes

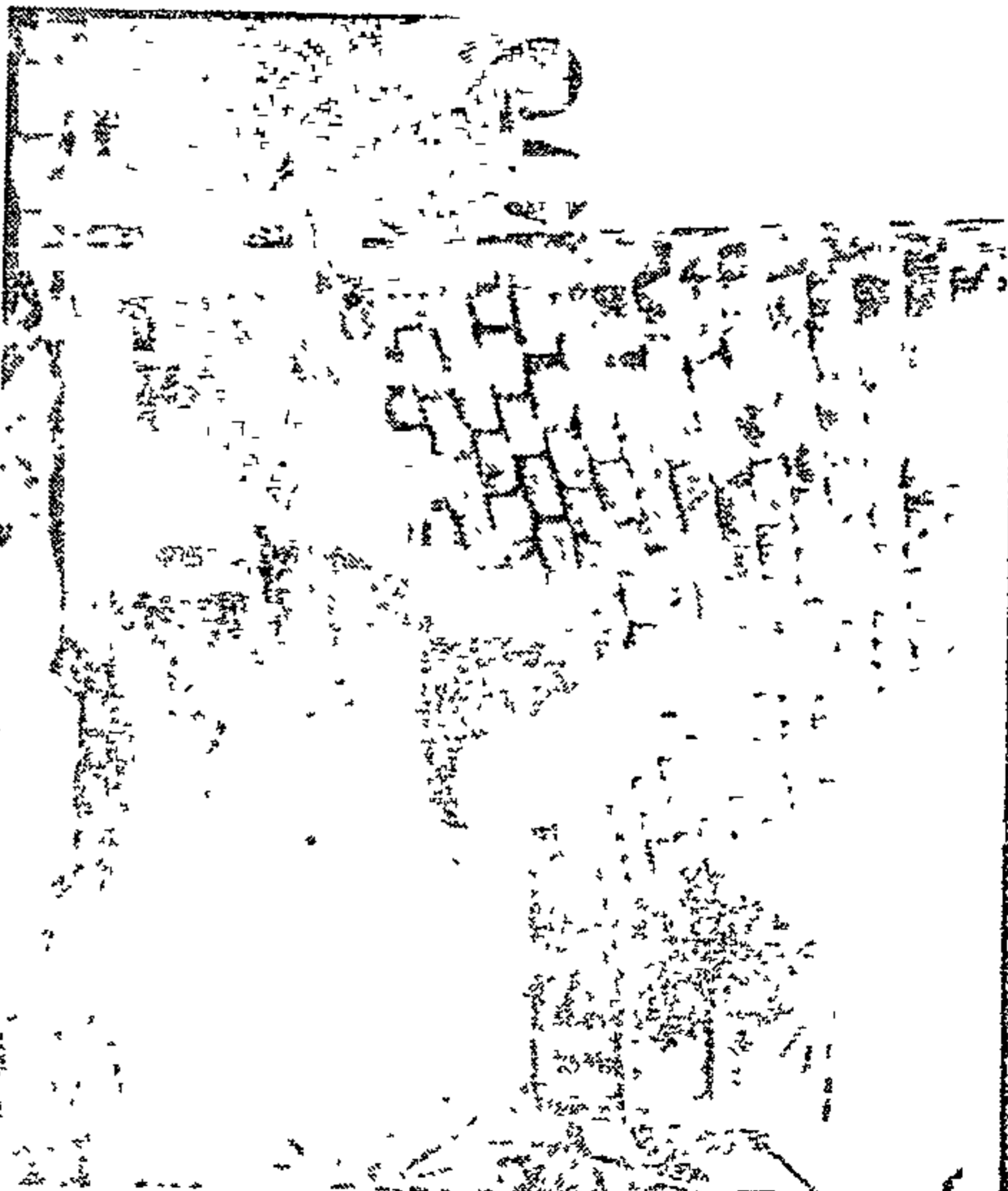
An angry resident Mrs Johanna Mabuso, told **THE SOWETAN** that when she went to report the matter she was told this sort of thing was caused by the system being overloaded. She has two shacks in her yard but says pipes often burst even before the shacks were erected. She has finally built a stoep around the yard to stop the water flowing into the house

She added: "We find it difficult to eat because of the smell. Sometimes we cannot even keep the windows closed for need of fresh air. I wanted to build a garage but I

was told I could not because of these pipes which keep on bursting time and again. Look at how the dirty water flows into the shacks. This is just not healthy."

Mr T M Rabothata whose kombi is parked across a night soil drain said he could not even fix the car because there is no way he could get near it. The family is not using their back door anymore because all the dirt is concentrated there. The **SOWETAN** reporters could see all kinds of toilet dirt in the yard especially under the car where the drain is situated.

The chairman of the local community council Mr A P Khumalo was yesterday not available for a comment. The **SOWETAN** found East Rand Administration Board workmen busy repairing the burst pipes.



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Tearing down the building blocks

By LIN MENGE

THE Soweto Council's rejection of the R77-million development plan for Soweto not only sets back efforts to solve the critical housing shortage, but also Government attempts to introduce a more enlightened housing policy.

This became clear yesterday when Urban Foundation spokesmen revealed the extent of the changes in Government policy which have already taken place.

These changes have gone unnoticed since the Government accepted the principles of the Viljoen commission report on the private sector and the housing backlog in Soweto last year. The Steyn Committee, which must implement the Viljoen report, is not due to report back until next year.

In the meantime the Government has begun reversing its former policy of treating urban blacks as "temporary sojourners" and limiting and strictly controlling urban black housing.

Four recent developments illustrate this.

● The Government recently allocated R28-million through the

National Housing Commission for the surveying of every urban black housing site in the country, in a five-year programme, to make them eligible for 99-year leasehold. The lack of surveyed, serviced stands has been a major stumbling block to the provision of housing. Building societies will not grant mortgages on sites which have not been properly surveyed.

● The Government will concentrate in future on the provision of land and infrastructure, and of welfare housing, leaving the provision of all other housing to the individual and his employer.

● The National Housing Commission (NHC), which finances low income housing, can now raise money from the private sector. Financial institutions may lend the NHC money for specific housing projects — which means the private sector now has some say in where housing will be provided in return they receive a reasonable rate of interest, and the Government guarantees repayment in case the local authority which uses the loan is unable to repay it.

Sanlam recently lent the NHC R15-million for 25 years for

coloured housing in the Western Cape. In the same way, Anglo-American Life was prepared to lend the NHC R12 250 000 for specific housing projects in Greater Soweto, on condition the Urban Foundation could coordinate a R65-million private sector development for housing in Protea North. In both these negotiations, the Urban Foundation, as a non-profit organisation, acted as midwife.

If others followed the example of Sanlam and Anglo-American Life, it could lead to up to R500-million being invested in low income housing. That is why the Soweto Council rejection could have tragic consequences for black housing development generally.

● Non-blacks can now qualify for 99-year leasehold. This means employers will be able to own stands

in black areas, although they may not occupy them. It means they will no longer have to hand over their completed company housing schemes to the administration boards and then rent them back for their staff, or sell the houses they build only to people nominated by the community councils.

● Site and service schemes, core or shell housing and self-building schemes, which were totally rejected in the past, are now policy.

The Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr G de V. Morrison, last week spelled out the new guidelines on black housing to administration board chiefs.

within the boundaries of their own states, and

- the Government's new regional development policy must be used to develop both the national states and the white areas so that the urbanisation process can move towards the national states — Dr Morrison also said
- "Blacks who must live in white urban areas must be helped to acquire their own houses within their own capabilities"
- "To make an impact on the huge housing backlog", the housing strategy must be planned in such a way that the greatest possible number of people are helped to acquire their own home in a planned area which has, at least, water, sanitation and basic community services
- There should be a uniform poli-

cy on housing, because contradictions such as selfhelp schemes in the national states as opposed to sophisticated subsidised housing in white areas were "unacceptable and counter-productive"

- In deciding the size and position of plots, an upper-and-lower-end-of-town (*boedorp en onderdorp*) differentiation must be applied so as to "take into consideration the needs of better-off and middle class blacks"
- To help blacks to acquire security of tenure and to be able to build houses, there should be site and service schemes, core or shell houses, self-building schemes or unconventional building methods available provided these were strictly controlled to prevent slums

State housing for the lowest income groups

This is why the R77-million plan for Soweto would have made R1 250 000 available to the local authorities for low-cost housing, while the R65-million development would have included opportunities for self-building and for employer and developer built houses

The problem is that the normal housing market principles do not allow for the allocation of houses according to a waiting list — while the allocation of houses has always been one of the main tasks of the community councils. The Urban Foundation tried to bridge this problem by recommending that people on the waiting list be given first option to acquire the houses built by the private sector.

The Soweto Council still said no. The Urban Foundation will try again — because it believes private sector involvement is essential if the housing shortage is to be solved for both better-off and poorer people. In the meantime the Soweto Council's extraordinary action is bad news for the homeless — everywhere

RIOTOUS Riotous mobs kept "vigil" outside the stadium while waiting for Wits and the referee to leave

ACCUSATIONS shown a red card in

Outrage over rent hike

TEMPERS RAN high when more than 3 000 residents attended a rent protest meeting organised by the Mohlakeng Civic Association (Moca) at the Ramosa Hall in Mohlakeng yesterday.

The West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) announced massive rent increases in five West Rand townships. Among these affected were Mohlakeng, Kagiso and Bekkersdal. The Kagiso Residents' Committee also held a meeting at the local Anglican church yesterday.

The crowds who attended the meetings sang freedom songs amid shouts of "Amandla awethu" and other political slogans.

In Mohlakeng people at the back of the hall could hardly hear the speakers, because of the uproar.

Kagiso residents planned to march to the community council chairman's house after the meeting at which they resolved not to pay the new increased rents. The SOWETAN could not establish whether this was done after the meeting.

Rents in Mohlakeng were supposed to be increased by a whopping R21, but will instead be

increased by R14. The "decrease", according to Mr Alfred Thekwane, the local mayor, was due to the fight councillors put up on behalf of residents.

All shops were closed, except one at the entrance to the township, for the duration of the protest meeting.

One speaker, Mr Keabarata Moolwa said "You should not allow these people to dig holes into your pockets. They should first clean these streets, tar them, elec-

trify the township and make sure that we earn enough to afford a higher rent.

Outside the Ramosa Hall, where hundreds were milling about after failing to get entrance into the already full hall, residents were demanding the presence of Mr Tekwane, "to explain these hikes".

Mr Tekwane had been invited to the meeting by Moca but said he could not attend because the safety of his life and council was not guaranteed.

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By MONK NKOMO
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Writers must write it black



It was only some months later, after confessing to his wife, that he decided to give himself up to the police, he had with her a can of cold-drink and a handbag. Kriel told the court that when he met Miss Balozi at the station and loaded her into his car, she had with her a can of cold-drink and a handbag. Kriel insisted she should see the doctor, but on the way she started jerking about and foaming at the mouth. After a while he noticed that "this thing" (as he referred in court to the young woman), of Miss Balozi but she only believed it when an investigation was started. She then asked him to give himself up to the police.

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Five years of the to him some months afterwards and told him she was pregnant. He then tried various methods to obtain an abortion. His wife took Miss Balozi to a local doctor, who refused, however, to have anything to do with the "mess". Kriel then arranged for Miss Balozi to see a black doctor, but when he met her at a nearby station, she told him she did not want to see the doctor.

OWN CORRESPONDENT
is to hang for poisoning a young black... after having sex with him.

Five years murderer

Death sentence for farmer who became a

Azapo urges rent boycott

By ALIMPHAKI

Sowetan 11/12/82 (127)
THE R13.40 rent increase which comes into effect in Dobsonville today is, a way of getting blacks out of the urban areas and dumping them in the various bantustans according to a statement by Azapo.

The peoples' money is used to develop these areas and to host endless functions by community councils like mayors' banquets, the statement reads.

The rent hike has pushed monthly rents up to R44.80 from R33.40.

STATEMENT

The Dobsonville branch of Azapo called community councils "imposed structures not representative of the people," which did not have the peoples' interests at heart. They were Government instituted bodies which were concerned with upholding the aims of the Government and frustrating the people.

The people have no confidence in community councils, according to the statement.

The council has not taken into consideration that the country is presently undergoing an economic slump and thus a lot of people are being retrenched from work and a lot are losing their work, the statement said.

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Civic group may take legal action

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

THE newly-formed Duduza Civic Association (Duca) has threatened to take legal action against the Duduza Community Council if the council goes ahead with the R9 rent increase which comes into effect on the East Rand next month.

The Duduza Community Council decided on the rent increase a few weeks ago, saying the money would cover installation fees of a sewerage system in the township.

The council announced another R6 increase in April next year and to complete the last phase of the installation of the sewerage system, rent will be increased further by R7,03 in April 1984.

Rent

Residents presently pay a monthly rental of R22,55.

The council has started with phase two of the sewerage project, which involves the installation of taps in the 3 664 houses in Duduza.

The council hopes to implement the system in 1984.

Meeting

Mr Alexandra "The Great" Montoedi, chairman of the association told The **SO-WETAN** last week they met the council and officials of the East Rand Administration Board two weeks ago asking them not to go ahead with the increases but their meeting ended in a deadlock.

He said that if the council went ahead with the increases, the association would take legal action.

Mr Johnny Mokoto, new chairman of the council, refused to comment on whether the council would go ahead with the increase or not.

He said the council would meet residents at the weekend to discuss sewerage installation before making a decision on rent.

Jump in water and light rates angers tenants

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Mail Reporter

TENANTS of a Germiston block of flats are furious over the increase of their electricity and water bills which, according to a statement, have risen from R23,77 to R60 during the last four months

A letter received by the Rand Daily Mail from the tenants of Elandshof, George Town, says they paid R23,77 in August but in September this rose to R35, an increase of 68%. For November this has shot up to R60, a further increase of 58%

A photostat copy of the statement was enclosed

This amount of R60, the residents say, is the same for a couple without children or

a family of six

Mr Tom Pretorius of De Witt and Pretorius, the agents handling the block, said they had received complaints from the tenants. Recently they sent out a questionnaire to the residents asking for certain information to try to sort out the matter

The questionnaire asked for such details as how many people lived in the flat because, according to Mr Pretorius, "there are people staying there illegally and the flats are over-accommodated. The tenants have friends just moving in without permission from the agency"

There are no separate meters in each flat so a general reading is taken and divided

among the tenants. This makes accurate reading impossible, but installation of separate meters, Mr Pretorius said, would cost too much

He said he had received three huge bills from the Germiston municipality about which he had complained. The municipality told him they were having difficulties with their meter readers and would look into the matter

"At this stage both the tenants and the agency are very upset," said Mr Pretorius

The liaison officer at the Germiston municipality said that to his knowledge the municipality had received no complaints, but if there were any they should be submitted to him in writing

Council on VISION

council's former planning committee chairman Mr Eddy said that the decision could lead to "major surgery" which could change the character of the area. Mr Magid said that instead of agreeing to

course for students

The college is offering a six-week course in basic cleaning skills which costs about R25.

An organiser said the tutors were all qualified cleaners who would guide the students through the intricacies of operating buffing machines and other equipment.

blanket sub-division for the suburbs, the council should consider drawing up a higher density scheme similar to one recently introduced in Lower Houghton.

"Blanket sub-division will confuse the layman and could lead to floods of applications which, if approved, will change the character of the area.

"Once you agree to sub-division it is final and we should rather do a Lower Houghton exercise on these two suburbs," said Mr Magid.

His fears were echoed by Mrs Janet Levine, councillor for Oaklands who expressed regret that the council had not invited public participation in planning before going ahead with the new scheme.

"I share the fear that irreversible damage will be done to the character of these two suburbs," said Mrs Levine.

Boksburg to seek loan for housing

East Rand Bureau

Boksburg Town Council will apply to the Department of Community Development for a loan of more than R750 000 to resettle residents of the white suburb of Delmore.

The Minister, Mr Pen Kotze has announced that Delmore will be rezoned as a coloured area and incorporated into Reiger Park, which will be extended by 261 ha as it is seriously overcrowded. Councillors agreed at their monthly meeting last night to seek the loan to build 34 economic and sub-economic houses in Van Dyk Park and also instal essential services.

A survey shows that of 103 families in Delmore four earn less than R150 a month and four R150 to R350.

They are entitled to sub-economic houses and the council plans to build them homes which will cost R17 652 each.

Twenty six families, earning R350 to R800 a month are entitled to economic houses.

The council plans to build them R23 200 houses, in five different styles, which they can buy.

The council decided that the 69 Delmore families earning more than R800 a month could afford to buy their own homes.

They can apply to the Department of Community Development for loans of up to R29 700.

They will be given first option on certain council stands in Van Dyk Park.

Seven-year water project

Vereeniging Bureau

The entire water reticulation system in Vereeniging's town centre will be replaced in a seven-year project at a cost of more than R1 million.

Dr Mario Milano, chairman of the Vereeniging Management Committee, said the present system, which was more than 60 years old, would be replaced in phases.

He said the new system would greatly increase water pressure, and the nuisance factor of maintenance on the old water pipes would be eradicated.

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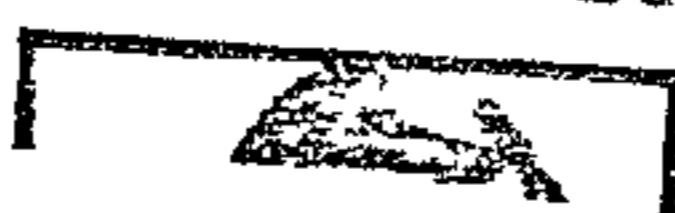
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By **LEN MASEKO**

ANGER is mounting over the Soweto Council's rejection of the R77-million development plan proposed by the private sector to ease the serious housing shortage in the townships.

Residents yesterday attacked the council for rejecting the loan while thousands of families in the townships were desperately looking for houses.

The development plan, proposed through the Urban Foundation, would have resulted in the three Greater Soweto community councils receiving about R12,2-million to help reduce the critical housing backlog. The Soweto Council would have received nearly three-quarters of the loan — about R8-million.

In turn, the private sector had offered to develop, at a cost of about R65-million, land in Protea North for housing purposes. But all this was rejected by the council which gave one of its reasons as being that it wanted the loan

“with no strings attached”.

A resident, Miss Aggie Kgole, said: “I fail to understand why the council rejected the money while many families have been on the waiting list for houses for years. Perhaps the council has its eyes set somewhere for raising funds for housing, like the R150-million loan from overseas banks”.

Mr Simon Mbele, of Rockville, called for the disbanding of the council, and said: “I wonder why they are still claiming that they represent the people of Soweto when they ignore the community's needs”.

Azapo's publicity secretary, Mr Ishmael Mkhabela, said reasons given by the council for rejecting the loan were irrelevant. “In view of the fact that both the council and the Foundation are controversial organisations, Azapo is not in a position to reject or condone the council's decision.”

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No rent for 18 oldies ⁽¹²⁷⁾

THE SOWETO Council has exempted eighteen pensioners from paying rent for the next three months.

The pensioners' applications for a rent reprieve were approved at last week's monthly council meeting after it was found that they could not afford to pay rent. Their case, together with hundreds of others who have been granted such a reprieve, will be reviewed every three months.

According to the council's chairman, Mr David Thebehali, the council had decided that all pensioners who were registered tenants should be relieved from paying rent. These people received a meagre bi-monthly pension which could not match the high cost of living, he added.

"Many pensioners in the townships have had their rent remitted over the past months, but, of course, this has not received the necessary publicity in the Press," Mr Thebehali said.

Council drops rent increase

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

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THE DUDUZA Community Council has suspended the R9 rent increase which was to come into effect this week.

The council decided to suspend the rent increase at a public meeting held in the township at the weekend. Hundreds of residents, who attended the meeting had earlier called on the council to scrap the increase.

The council also announced another R6 increase in April 1983 to complete the last phase of the installation of the sewerage system. Rent would also have been increased by a further R7.03 in April, 1984

Residents now pay a monthly rent of R22.55. The council has already started with phase one of the project, which involves the installation of taps in 3 664 houses in Duduza

Mr Kebane Molo, the deputy chairman of the Duduza Council, said the council had decided to suspend the rent increase until it had held a meeting to discuss other means of raising the R7-million needed for the installation of the sewerage system.

Eviction:

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Seven Indian families who were yesterday threatened with eviction from a building owned by the Johannesburg Stock Exchange have been granted a reprieve until tomorrow morning.

Demolition of the building was temporarily halted yesterday morning after the PFP city councillor for Sandringham, Mr Les Dishy, appealed to the acting president of the JSE, Mr V B Ruiter, to intervene.

Mr Ruiter agreed to a temporary halt to the demolition, but said the JSE committee would make a final ruling on the matter later today.

Eviction threat: talks to be held

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Tenants of Arenel House in Kerk Street, under threat of eviction to make way for parking facilities for the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, will have talks with the JSE, which owns the building

the Anti-South African Indian Council committee, the Federation of Residents' Associations of Lenasia and the Action Committee to Stop Evictions (Actstop) told the meeting they supported the tenants' actions

The JSE agreed late yesterday to hold discussions with the tenants. The building has been home for seven families for almost 10 years

A tenant, Mr J Kalidas, said that under no circumstances would the families move until they found other accommodation

Talks were announced at a meeting at Arenel House last night attended by tenants and more than 30 supporters from community organisations

Tenants had initially been told to vacate the building by Monday morning but won a last-minute reprieve from the JSE allowing them to remain in Arenel House after the November 1 deadline

Representatives of

This was followed by the JSE's announcement that it was prepared to hold talks with tenants

Pay up or it's lights out!

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ABOUT 8 000 Soweto families in arrears with their electricity bills may have their power supply cut as the Soweto Council carries out its threat to "get tough" on defaulters.

This week at least 30 families in Pimville had their power supply cut after they ran into arrears ranging from R100 to R250.

The "tough act" is a sequel to an announcement by the Soweto Council's director of finance, Mr Irwin Florence, who warned that defaulters would have their electricity supply cut "even if they owe only R5".

Oriando East, which has the highest number of defaulters, will be the worst hit when the council acts in the area. Mr Florence said some consumers in the area were up to nine months in arrears, while the Soweto average was six months.

In monetary terms this is well over R2-million. The situation had been very serious at the beginning of the year when the figure rocketed to R2,5-million, said Mr Florence.

He urged people in arrears to make "a special effort" and pay off their balance.

The big stink that won't go away

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By ALI MPHAKI

THE overpowering stink from communal toilets at the Mzimhlophe hostel camp units has been going on for over a month but nothing has been done about it, residents of the area told The SOWETAN yesterday.

Flies were buzzing in and around the toilets when The SOWETAN visited the area

The smell coming out of the toilets could be smelt from about two hundred metres away

Mr Andries Ramela told The SOWETAN that they had reported the matter but it appears the authorities are tired of fixing the ever blocked toilets

- "A week does not pass without a toilet being blocked. This is a health hazard. Flies are coming in and out of our houses and the smell in the area is unbearable. Something urgent should be done," he said

Another resident, Mr Lion Macala, said they were now used to the smell but now feared tuberculosis. "On two occasions my children have been admitted to the local hospital with TB," he said

"I cannot stand it anymore," he said

Repeated attempts to get a comment from the Soweto council were fruitless. Councillors were said to be locked in a meeting

West Rand townships to defy recent rent hike

WEST RAND residents will stick to paying the old rent in defiance of the new tariff hikes which came into effect from November 1, according to anti-rent hike bodies.

In Kagiso, the Krugersdorp Residents' Organisation (KRO), has asked people not to pay rent until after their meeting this Sunday to which the local councillors have been invited.

Community councillors have indicated, however, that they might not attend the meeting. In a letter of apology, the Kagiso Council said it was not prepared to meet the residents but agreed to meet the KRO as a committee.

In Randfontein, Mr Pinky Ngakane of the Mohlakeng Civic Association, said residents in his area had taken a resolution not to pay the new tariff hikes "and to stick to the old rent".

The authorities have indicated that they might take tough measures

against rent defaulters. It is not known at this stage, however, whether residents are paying the new tariffs or not.

Moca, on the other hand, said that if things came to a head, they might engage in a legal battle. Already a committee has been formed to collect R1 notes from residents for court costs.

The Mohlakeng civic body has also taken a resolution not to pay the controversial lodger's permit which has been re-introduced in the area.

In a range of resolutions taken at their last meeting on Sunday, Moca also agreed to:

- Boycott white bread — Moca said it had the full co-operation of students and parents in this regard
- Boycott the only creche in the area, "because of its 'silly' age restrictions, and time-table".
- Boycott taxis belonging to councillors.

'No' to R77m

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The decision by the Soweto Council (SC) to reject a proposed R77m development plan in the face of a critical housing backlog is difficult to understand. However, it has highlighted the fact that private sector participation in the black housing market is fraught with difficulties and that housing provision is not simply a technical issue. It has become a political one.

The plan proposed to make R12 25m available to the Soweto authorities for low-cost housing. In addition, R65m was set aside for self-building projects and employer- and developer-built housing. The whole project would have provided for 3 000 families.

However, what has emerged is that the establishment of anything like a free housing market in Soweto will not be easy.

The reasons for the plan's rejection are unclear, but seem to hang on the issue of the allocation of housing. At present the SC is responsible for allocation, which is done on the basis of priority and a place on the official waiting list. An injection of private sector money would mean the effective introduction of a housing market. Houses would be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis — apparently unacceptable to the council.

The Urban Foundation (UF) project coordinators proposed that all detached housing, except employer provided housing, would be allocated only after an option period had elapsed during which only people on the waiting list would be eligible. This is also apparently unacceptable to the SC at this stage.

There are various theories as to why the plan was rejected. Brian Whittaker, UF Transvaal regional director, says that "the introduction of a housing market seems to represent an erosion of authority to the councillors. The public and private sector approaches to housing provision are fundamentally different, and it is not possible to move from one to the other overnight."

"A dual approach is essential, as neither the public nor private sector approaches can solve the problem independently. Both should play a role. Public sector funds should be concentrated on people at the lower end of the income scale, which isn't easily catered to by the private sector. Par-



Thebehali thumbs down to a R77m project

Says Whittaker "We accept that like any new idea it will take time to be accepted. We were surprised and disappointed by the rejection of the plan, but we will continue to negotiate. We're fundamentally convinced of the appropriateness of this mechanism to deal with SA's growing housing market."

□ SC chairman David Thebehali was unavailable for comment.

ticipation by the private sector in the provision of middle-income housing will make more funds available and ease the provision of additional housing for the poor."

Other observers believe that the scheme was rejected on grounds of personal objection. One source told the *FM* that "the UF has board members who are members of the Committee of Ten, and this is unacceptable to the SC although they were elected before the Committee of Ten existed."

Soweto 5/11/82

Council gives ultimatum — 10 days or else



OUTCOME: Time is short for shack-dwellers if the Soweto Council carries out its plans.

ORLANDO East residents have been given summonses to demolish their back-yard shacks within 10 days or face prosecution

This directive was confirmed yesterday by Mr A B B Clarke, Soweto Council acting director of housing, who said "Time has come for the illegal structures to go. We have tolerated the situation for too long."

Mr Clarke said the decision to take this drastic action in stages, was because shacks were mushrooming at an alarming rate.

"It must be understood we are doing this at great pain and have given residents ample warning. I must also add that we are disappointed at the poor response we have received for our R3½-million loan available for building additional rooms," he said.

According to the summonses, those people who fail to remove the shacks will have legal action taken against them. On conviction the council may effect demolition and removal and recover the cost from those involved.

In the meantime Mr Ambition Brown the general secretary for the Orlando East Inkatha branch said they had made several representations to the council which have been ignored.

R77-m loan to be reviewed

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Urban Foundation plans to open talks with other Soweto councils

THE URBAN Foundation is to consult with the Diepsloot and Popsonville councils, as well as other negotiations with the private sector, over its proposed R77 million development plan.

Mr Brian Whittaker, a member of the foundation, disclosed yesterday that the deadline set by the private sector for the negotiation of the housing loan had lapsed, meaning that new talks would have to be started to clinch the deal.

But, Mr Whittaker added that negotiations would start only after the Foundation had "cleared up any misconceptions" with the Soweto Council over the housing development plan.

A storm broke out last week over the two-part plan which was aimed at solving the critical housing backlog when it was rejected by the Soweto Council. The council expressed its dissatisfaction over the role of the co-ordinators of the project, the Foundation, and other conditions laid down for the loan.

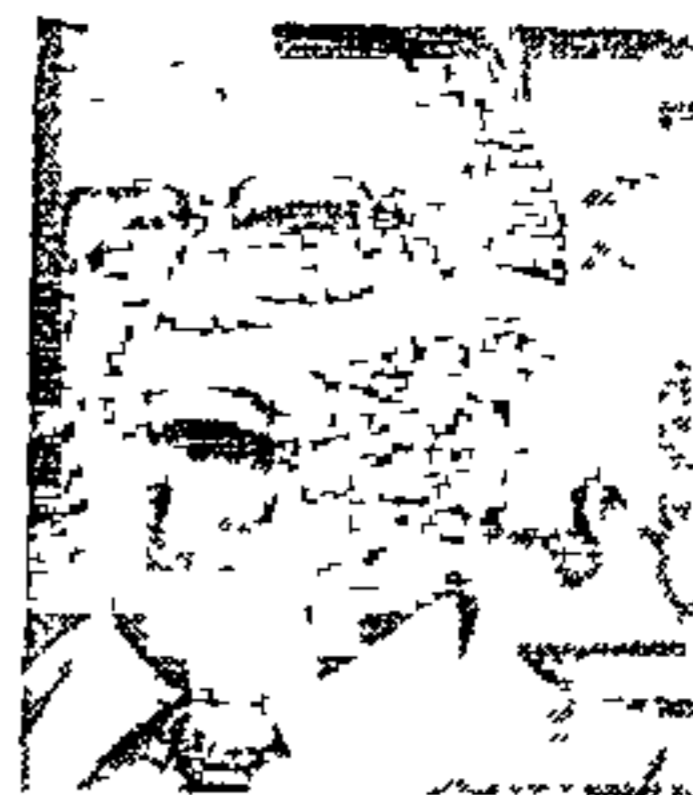
Although the Foundation is to consult with the two other councils, much depends on the decision of the Soweto Council on whose territory lies Protea North, which the private sector is proposing to develop at a cost of R65-million for various housing schemes. The council's executive committee is still to review its deci-

sion on the matter.

The newly-elected Dobsonville Council chairman, Mr B. Mahabane, said yesterday he could not say whether his council would accept the loan.

"We can only give our decision when we have studied their conditions. We are still waiting for them to approach us," he said.

His De la Meadown



THE BEHALI: His council turned down R77 million

counterpart Mr Joseph Mahubane was not available for comment.

Mr Whittaker said the Foundation is working towards changing the conditions for the loan to satisfy the Soweto Council.

"Our role in this project is not to usurp the authority of the councils but we are acting as a channel through which the private sector can provide funds," he said.

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No room to move

RESIDENTS of Mzimhlophe Hostel camp units are complaining bitterly of terrible overcrowding in their two-roomed houses.

A snap survey by The SOWETAN revealed that more than 15 people shared each of the two-roomed houses in the area.

A resident, Mr Lion Macala, who came to live in the area after he

was forced to leave Klip-town when his shack was demolished by floods, complained of a lack of privacy in the house.

He said when time to sleep came, it was just chaos in the house. "We've got to move chairs and place them on the table as there is no space for my children to sleep."

He added that his 15 children used the

kitchen for their bedroom and he and his wife used the dining-room.

The house is divided into two rooms by planks and the size of the house equals that of a single room of a match-box house.

Another resident who stays with her 7 children and 6 grandchildren, Mrs Noxolo Msibi, also complained of a lack of

privacy in her house. She said that she could hardly wash when her children are awake.

She said that the R22 50 rent they pay was too much for the "toilets" they are staying in.

"When my family is all present at night you don't even have a chance to shift from where you are seated," she said.



OVERCROWDED Some of Mr Lion Macala's children use the kitchen as a bedroom during the night.

15 squeezed into minute hostel rooms

Public meeting rejects increase

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More than 100 residents in Kensington Section, Sharpeville, last week rejected an order by the Orange-Vaal Administration Board to pay R25,50 "arrears" in their service charges.

The rejection was voiced at a public meeting held at the Sharpeville Night Club on Wednesday night.

The residents said the Board had forced them to pay undue charges in the past, and the claim that all residents in the section were in arrears was "absolute nonsense".

When they moved into the section — which was previously a men's hotel — the houses were already electrified and sewerage facilities had already been installed.

However, when the Board provided the facilities for the rest of the township and raised rentals, Kensington residents were also charged.

Several delegations to the Board have failed to get the "arrears" cancelled.

Said a resident: "If the Board was charging us for better houses, then we would perhaps be less angered".

Call for full attack on Soweto's ultimatum

Unite to fight council

THE ORLANDO East Civic Association has called on all black organisations and churches to help fight the latest ultimatum from the Soweto Council that residents demolish their back-yard shacks within 10 days or face prosecution.

A spokesman yesterday told The SOWETAN that should the council carry out its threat, they will seek a court interdict and hold a demonstration to be led by Dr Nthato Motlana, chairman of the mother body of the Soweto Civic Association.

He said these decisions were part of resolutions adopted last July after authorities had issued a warning that residents must destroy their shacks.

"We are calling for the support of different bodies and churches, because we

feel this move does not only affect Orlando East but other places throughout the country.

"It is our belief that once the authorities succeed with Orlando East, their task will have been made easier in other areas. On the other hand, it must be understood that we do not mean that we are happy with the shacks, but for God's sake let the authorities provide us with alternative accom-

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

modation," he said. He said the claim by the authorities that the place was turning into a slum was no fault of the residents. It was the duty of the authorities to alleviate the shortage of housing, he said.

He further said another claim that residents had shown poor response to the R3½-million loan available for building additional rooms was pointless in that people living in shacks

wanted their own houses because they had been on housing waiting lists for years.

"We believe that the warning to residents to demolish their shacks is no solution to the problem. The authorities will create chaos by rendering hundreds of people homeless.

According to summonses issued to residents dated November 1, people who fail to remove the shacks will have legal action taken against them. On conviction, the council may effect demolition and removal, and recover the costs from the "owners".



MOTLANA Will lead protest

Lenasia land scheme

Metropolitan Editor

INDIANS earning more than R150 a month will be given plots to build their own houses south of Lenasia

This was revealed by a member of the Lenasia Management Committee (LMC), Mr Jason Jhina, after a meeting in Pretoria of the State committee dealing with Indian affairs in the Transvaal

The meeting was attended by officials of the Department of Community Development, the Johannesburg City Council and the LMC

Mr Jhina said in a statement the move would do little to eliminate the serious housing shortage. Some 7 000 Indians are on the waiting list for houses

"At the meeting, the authorities bandied about the figure of R8-million as being available for Indians through the national housing scheme. If the average house costs about R20 000, only 400 additional houses would be built through the scheme," he said

"An official of the Department of Community Development in Johannesburg told the meeting no Indian had been refused a loan through the national housing scheme. If that is the case, then the community must take advantage of it"

According to Mr Jhina, Johannesburg's housing chief, Mr Carel Venter, told the meeting Indians were relatively wealthy, and they should be involved in private enterprise by using their money for housing

Families under eviction threat carry on fighting

Mail Reporter

FINDING Arenal House — the centre of a battle between tenants and the Johannesburg Stock Exchange — is not difficult

Posters on the walls of the derelict building opposite the stock exchange tell the story of tenant families facing eviction to make way for a new parking lot to accommodate vehicles for those who play the market

The three remaining Indian families who have had to face the harrowing experience of the eviction threat are now living in conditions so bad they present a health hazard

Entering the building requires great care — there are puddles of dirty water, debris all around and the stairways have to be negotiated with extreme caution, as there are no longer any lights to guide one upstairs

The aftermath of the interrupted demolition — which was urgently stayed on Monday morning — has left the remaining occupants with few of the services one would expect to find in the most modest residential building

And there lies the nub Years ago the families moved in when the building

JSE 'should help' tenants

was let to a single tenant who in turn sublet it to the families

They moved in because there was a critical housing shortage, and for want of anywhere else to stay they turned the warehouse into habitable homes

The housing shortage is still critical and the families left in the building do not know where to go to

Mr J Kalidas, a member of the Arenal House Tenants Action Committee, has a family of nine, six of whom had colds and flu when the Rand Daily Mail visited them earlier this week

There have been numerous meetings between representatives of the JSE and the action committee — and from the meetings a growing awareness by the JSE that although they are not in any way legally responsible for the situa-

tion, they have a moral obligation to see the families adequately housed before the building comes down

Mr Kalidas is adamant that the present eviction is no longer a legal issue but a moral one

He and his family came to the building nine years ago, after they were thrown out of Fordsburg, and went to much trouble to create a comfortable home in the warehouse

Mr Kalidas said "The JSE is a public body who by their stand at the Carlton Conference in 1979 and at a later conference, seemed to be concerned about the issues affecting all South Africans, but now they are involved in the very things they criticised then"

The acting president of the JSE, Mr V B Ruiter, said he had stayed the demolition on Monday morning after an appeal by Mr Les Dishy, PFP MPC for Sydenham, Sandringham

Mr Ruiter said he understood the difficulties facing the families in the light of the acute housing shortage in the country and although the JSE was not legally responsible for the tenants — who were given notice to vacate the premises eight months ago — they had been making every effort to help them

Deadline

looms for

shack

dwellers

HUNDREDS OF Orlando East families staying in shacks have until tomorrow to demolish the structures or face prosecution

And the Soweto Council is ready to take action against the shackdwellers despite mounting opposition from residents and black organisations

The council's acting director of housing, Mr A B B Clarke, said yesterday "As far as the council is concerned, the ultimatum still stands. We will prosecute all those involved"

The council sparked off controversy last week when it issued summonses to the township's shackdwellers, threatening them with prosecution if they failed to remove the structures within 10 days

By LEN MASEKO

A residents' meeting resolved at the weekend to defy the ultimatum and threatened to organise a mass demonstration in protest against the council's proposed action. Residents also resolved to seek a court interdict if the council carried out its threat

Meanwhile the Soweto Civic Association, which is fighting for the reprieve of the shacks, has called a mass meeting of all black organisations to discuss the council's "demolish or face prosecution" threat

Four die as bus and taxi collide

By MONK NKOMO
FOUR people were killed when the taxi they were travelling in collided with a Putco bus in Mamelodi at the weekend.

Spokesman for the police in Mamelodi said the accident occurred along the Mamelodi-Cullinan main road on Saturday at about 6.45am

The four who were in the taxi, died instantly. Their names, however, could yesterday not be released, until their next of kin had been notified

A Putco spokesman, Mr D L Scott, yesterday said the accident was caused by another car coming out of a side street. The bus driver swerved to avoid it and

crashed into a wall. Police are investigating. A 30-year-old man who was allegedly involved in 75 other motor car thefts in Johannesburg, was shot when he tried to flee from a road block on the Mabopane North road on Saturday.

Mr Joseph Mphahlele, 30, had no fixed abode and was stopped at the block after allegedly being in possession of a stolen car. They were fired at and he was killed.

Police are investigating the death of the month-old child whose battered body was found by two boys on Apies River on Saturday afternoon.

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Gloom gathers over Orlando

A DARK cloud hangs over hundreds of Orlando East families as the 10 days' notice given to demolish their shacks ends today. ¹²⁷ ~~215~~

The Soweto Civic Association (SCA), which is fighting for the reprieve of the shacks, yesterday called on the families to ignore the Soweto Council's deadline — in support of a resolution taken at a weekend meeting.

Chairman Dr Nthato Motlana said "It is completely unacceptable that the authorities should say that R3,5-million is available for those who want extra rooms when people want new houses. It is not extra rooms that people want but new houses."

He said the council could not expect the families to demolish their shacks and not provide alternative housing. He urged the families to "sit tight".

A residents' meeting at the weekend resolved to defy the council's ultimatum.

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Plea for shacks in Springs (2)

FAMILIES on the waiting list for houses in KwaThema near Springs are to ask the East Rand Administration Board to allow them to build shacks as alternative accommodation.

The local Home Seekers and Lodgers Permit Holders' Union are to send the board a memorandum and a petition.

There are also plans to meet the Erab's chief director, Mr F E Marx, before the end of the year.

The home-seekers have vowed to fight for residence rights for the homeless who have been on the waiting list from as far back as 1968.

Council *Soweto* decision *10/11/82* labelled ~~'stupid'~~ *12*

THE SOWETO Council's decision to turn down the R77 million housing development plan by the Urban Foundation has been viewed as "stupid" by Mrs Lucy Mvubelo, secretary of the National Union of Clothing Workers.

According to an article in an official journal of the union, Mrs Mvubelo has joined other community leaders in criticising the rejection of the plan which would involve 2 500 housing sites and 800 flats

Mrs Mvubelo said the council was only showing interest in the acceptance of overseas loans

"As far as I am concerned any money to help provide our people with homes should be welcomed because there is such a desperate shortage. The Urban Foundation was created to do exactly this type of thing and should not be blocked," she said.

There is a shortage of about 35 000 houses in Soweto. The council had announced that the loan would not be accepted because the foundation had ties with the Committee of Ten and that they did not like the conditions attached to the loan

Another trade unionist, Mr Athol Margolis, also expressed dismay in the article. "The decision is a disaster and if those political considerations caused it then it is more terrible. The needs of the people, not politicians, should come first"

HAPPY HOME LOAN DAY... Colgate-Palmolive's personnel manager, Mr Deryk Magid, is seen with, from the left: Mr Gideon Shezi, financial director, Mr G H P du Toit, Mr David Matabela, Mr David Motaung and manufacturing director Mr L Coetzer

Colgate clean up on the home front

THEY don't give up easily at Colgate-Palmolive in Boksburg.

Five years ago they started lining up a grand scheme for their employees in Vosloorus

It was going to be the first 99-year leasehold development there

But then came uncertainty about how 99-year leasehold would work, lots of red tape and the lack of surveyed stands

Personnel manager Mr Deryk Magid says a sympathetic Erab — the East Rand Administration Board — suggested the company get their own sites surveyed, otherwise they would have to wait until the whole township had been done.

So the company paid for 62 stands to be surveyed.

But by the time everything was in order costs had risen so much the proposed houses were "plain unaffordable for factory workers".

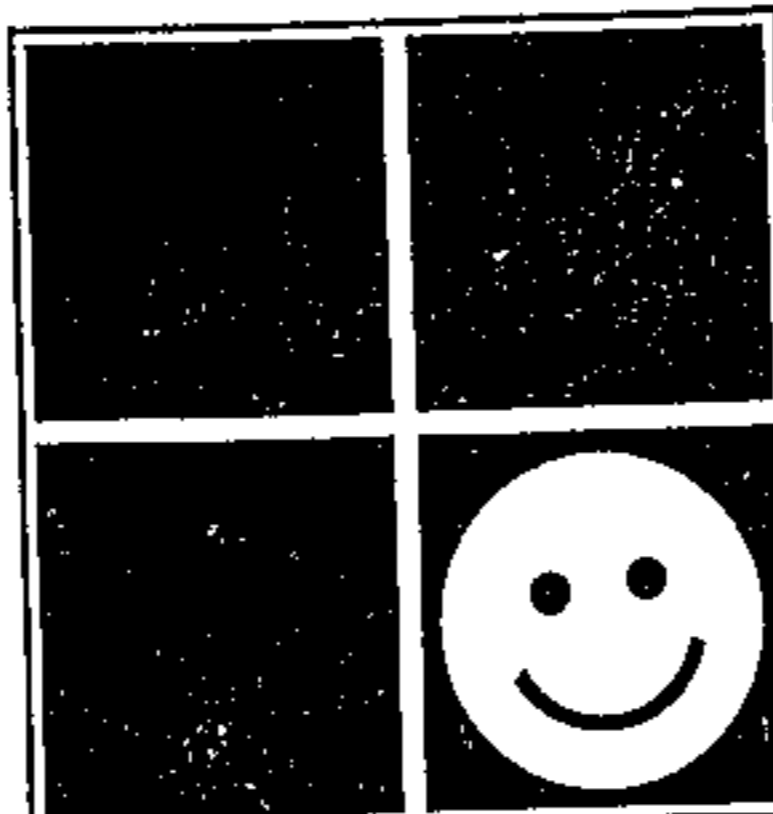
The houses that would originally have cost R7 000 or R8 000 to build were going to cost R22 000 . then R25 000 . . now R30 000

At the same time, mortgage rates — the interest a building society or bank charges to lend money for building or buying houses — was rising

So Colgate-Palmolive ceded back 50 stands to Erab to give to someone else.

It then offered an alternative to its employees: home loans to help them buy their existing Erab-built houses, or build new houses, or improve the house they either bought or built.

The loan is limited to R2 500, but when the employee has repaid one loan he may ask for another.



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By LIN MENGE

The first seven have been handed over to long-service employees

"We expect to issue about 100 loans in the next 18 months," says Mr Magid

The employee repays by stop order, the repayments being based on 25 percent of his salary.

He must also meet one requirement: at least half the loan must be secured by his pension fund contribution.

That means that, if he has R1 000 in the company's pension fund, he can have a loan of R2 000

This is done so that the company can secure (that is, be sure it gets back) at least some of its money, should anything happen to the employee.

"We had to finance these loans ourselves, and secure them, because the building societies won't lend on anything less than 99-year leasehold," Mr Magid said

The money for the home loans does not come out of the pension fund . it is simply

money made available for housing and budgeted for in a flexible way in case fewer, or more, loans are issued than was expected.

Average paying-off time should be about 18 months

The company charges interest calculated on the lowest current building society rate which is 14,25 percent at present

If the employee wants to repay more quickly, to avoid paying so much interest, he may do so

One of these first loans is going to an already house-proud Mr David Motaung. He occupies a house he designed himself, with an unusual "three-roof" effect

It has three bedrooms, lounge, diningroom, bathroom, kitchen, garage . he's come a long way since living with his mother or lodging with friends.

And the 12 vacant stands in Vosloorus?

That involves another interesting scheme .. watch HOMEFRONT for details.

By MONK NKOMO

6-YEAR-OLD Atteridgeville man died a few hours after being turned away from Kalafong Hospital, "because no doctors were available" — despite the fact that he worked for hospital.

Atteridgeville resident Matube, a gardener at the hospital, died after being turned away from Kalafong Hospital. His condition deteriorated and he died of a "darkish slime", his cousin, K. M. Matube said yesterday. He was rushed to hospital in an ambulance, but because no doctors were available, he was only given an appointment to report the following day at the hospital. When doctors went to collect him at the hospital, he was found dead. He appeared dehydrated and very weak. "I was shocked that he had been turned away," said Mr Matube. He said he had to carry his cousin, and took him to his own home. "The next morning, he had died," he added.

Doctor I Kapp, the hospital's medical superintendent, said yesterday that it appeared it was because the man had been turned away on Sunday. "I am upset and sorry that although investigations have not been completed, it appears it is because of a part-time doctor and is not here today. Unfortunately, the person who turned him away is a part-time doctor and is not here today. He only works here on certain days," he said.

"It is even worse because he was one of our staff members. I have the doctor who is responsible's telephone number, but due to difficulties in getting lines, I could not contact him today. I hope to talk to him tomorrow," he added. Mr Matube's death has sparked off another storm in Atteridgeville over the treatment people get at the hospital. Yesterday community councillor Mr Joe Tshabalala, called for an urgent probe into the residents' complaints.

8 FAMILIES LIVE IN SCRAP VAN, WORKSHOP

AT LEAST eight Soweto families are paying R45 per month to a stand-owner for staying in a scrap van and a partitioned motor-car garage because of severe housing shortages in the sprawling township.

This discovery was made by The SOWETAN yesterday in Dube following reports that families were forced to live in the two structures because they have no alternative accommodation.

The discovery comes amid threats by the Soweto Council to over 2 000 shack dwellers in Orlando East that they demolish the structures or face prosecution.

At present over 30 000 people in Soweto are on the waiting list for homes, according to Soweto Council sources.

A sub-tenant, who asked that his name not be used for fear of reprisal, told reporters they were forced to take up accommodation under such conditions "Where will we go?"



HOME Disused van in Dube backyard costs R45,00 a month Sowetan 11/11/82

He was forced to stay in one of the rooms with five other members of the family and pay R45 per month to the landlord.

The landlord has often advised them to "pack your things and go if you do not want to pay rentals".

They were using one toilet, tap, bathroom and the homes are not electrified.

Another sub-tenant said "I have been on the waiting list for a long time without getting any glimmer of hope from Wrab I am not happy

to be crammed with my family in this structure, but what else can I do?"

A snap survey by The SOWETAN this week also revealed that most sub-tenants who stay in backyards in Soweto pay rentals ranging from R35 to R50 per month.

A spokesman for the Phakathi family where the eight families are staying said these people came to look for accommodation. There was nothing the family could do, except to help them and they showed their gratitude by paying the money.



Stage set for a showdown

Orlando Pirates are out for revenge! Kaizer Chiefs are out of the league race, are gunning for the Mainstay Cup. The stage is set for the great show-down between two of Soweto's great soccer giants. Who will win? Our sports scribes have been scouting around at training sessions, and speaking to those close to the teams. Find out what they think the outcome of Saturday's clash will be — in The SOWETAN tomorrow. You can't afford to miss it.



WOMAN

'Home' is a crowded hostel, communal toilet

Handicapped live in misery

By SINNAH KUNENE

HOSTEL life is unbearable.

It is even more traumatic when you are a paraplegic, lost touch with your next of kin, have to sleep amid exchanges of gun-fire shots and above all, pretend to be happy with everybody, though some ill-mannered or alcoholic inmates happen to be pestering you

For James Ntombela (53), and 17 other inmates, the hostel is a home — reminiscent of a pigs' sty. The hostel block is partitioned by a communal kitchen, and has 16 beds around which each inmate has stacked his belongings

The place is not suitable for the disabled, especially as some of them actually use this "home" as a latrine

Like the physically fit

inmates, they also have to use the communal toilets which are a few paces from the hostel block. At night, there is no other alternative

Mr Ntombela was born in Sophiatown and was employed by Roberts Construction when he met misfortune and lost a leg. He has been a year at the hostel and states that he has nowhere to go. He claims he has no relatives

Among the first to be placed at the camp was Mr Fanyana Binda (63), who is the disciplinarian and caretaker. He administers and liaises with the West Rand Administration Board social worker, Mr J Nkile. The latter is said to be supplying them with rations while another inmate, Mr John Nkunyana cooks for the men and

cleans the floor

For Mr Tshepiso Sekake (77), life has never been favourable. His mother died when he was ten days old. Born in Ficksburg, he landed in glittery Johannesburg during his childhood. His father was a miner, so he was left in the care of a Boksburg woman, who died

A polio victim during childhood, he had nowhere to go as the woman's grandchildren felt he was a burden

The hostel inmates pay a bi-monthly rent of R18 50. Some have already been pensioned, while others are awaiting their grants. They were placed at the hostel after the 1976 riots, when some of the original hostel dwellers returned back home.

According to the caretaker, the inmates have been exposed to muggings and harassment. A fridge and radio (which were donated by the welfare section of the Wrab) were reported stolen. All the windows have been broken — and this has instilled more fear among the inmates — handicapped people who have to put up with shocking conditions, and who should be in a home where they can be properly cared for

MR JAMES NTOMBELA: Both legs amputated, now living with 17 other inmates under appalling conditions at the Mzimhlophe Single Men's Hostel.

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**Integration
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Mail Reporter

WOMEN for Peace have sent the Prime Minister a copy of the survey which found that the majority of Hillbrow residents would not mind if their suburb was integrated

The survey, published this week, was commissioned and financed by Women for Peace and was conducted by Professor Tom Lamont of the University of South Africa.

Mrs Sally Kernick of Women for Peace said yesterday that the survey, originally done for a symposium in May, had been sent to Mr P W Botha and leaders of the opposition parties

"We were very impressed by Prof Lamont's work. Integration is something we have been working for for years and it shows that people are beginning to accept it

"We hope something will come out of it," she said

BLACK HOUSING

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"Posh" problems

PM 12/11/82

Movie stars in the US have their Beverly Hills. So does Soweto — but there the story is completely different

Soweto's Beverly Hills forms part of Orlando West Extension and is situated in a rocky area. But it is certainly exclusive. Here, the bishop rubs shoulders with businessmen, soccer administrators, lawyers and doctors.

The new development has taken over from Dube in popularity. So much so, that many less-favoured Sowetans have cast envious eyes on Beverly Hills residents, who are not inclined to disclose details of what makes them "elite"

Some have pulled themselves up by their own bootstraps, others have been backed by their employers. The result is that some of the houses, held on leasehold, compare with those in certain white suburbs. Director of townships, J J Oosthuizen, says "The

township can be compared to Westcliff

"However, it does not have trees, which would make it one of the finest townships in the whole Johannesburg area. Many Sowetans want to stay here — they feel it's the best township"

Like other townships which sprang up after the 1976 riots, Beverly Hills aroused suspicions in the wider black community. Political motives were involved to a certain extent. The relatively better off, including residents of Prestige Park (also known as Elite Park) in Diepkloof, are frequently perceived by some as having been co-opted into the "system"

Most houses in these areas have, in fact, been built by the private sector (generally for employees) and prices range between R35 000 to R65 000. Many companies have enthusiastically taken up government's challenge to build for the overcrowded Sowetans.

The first "upper class" township, post-1976, was Selection Park in Klipspruit. It is popular with journalists, teachers, traffic officers and priests.

The major problem for "posh" residents is their visibility. Burglaries are common. But, despite increased loan and electricity bills, these are now the places to which a growing number of blacks aspire. David Thebehali, chairman of the Soweto Council, once said that Soweto would change its face within five years. He could be right. The will, if not the finance, is certainly there.

Matchbook homes are rejected by township blacks

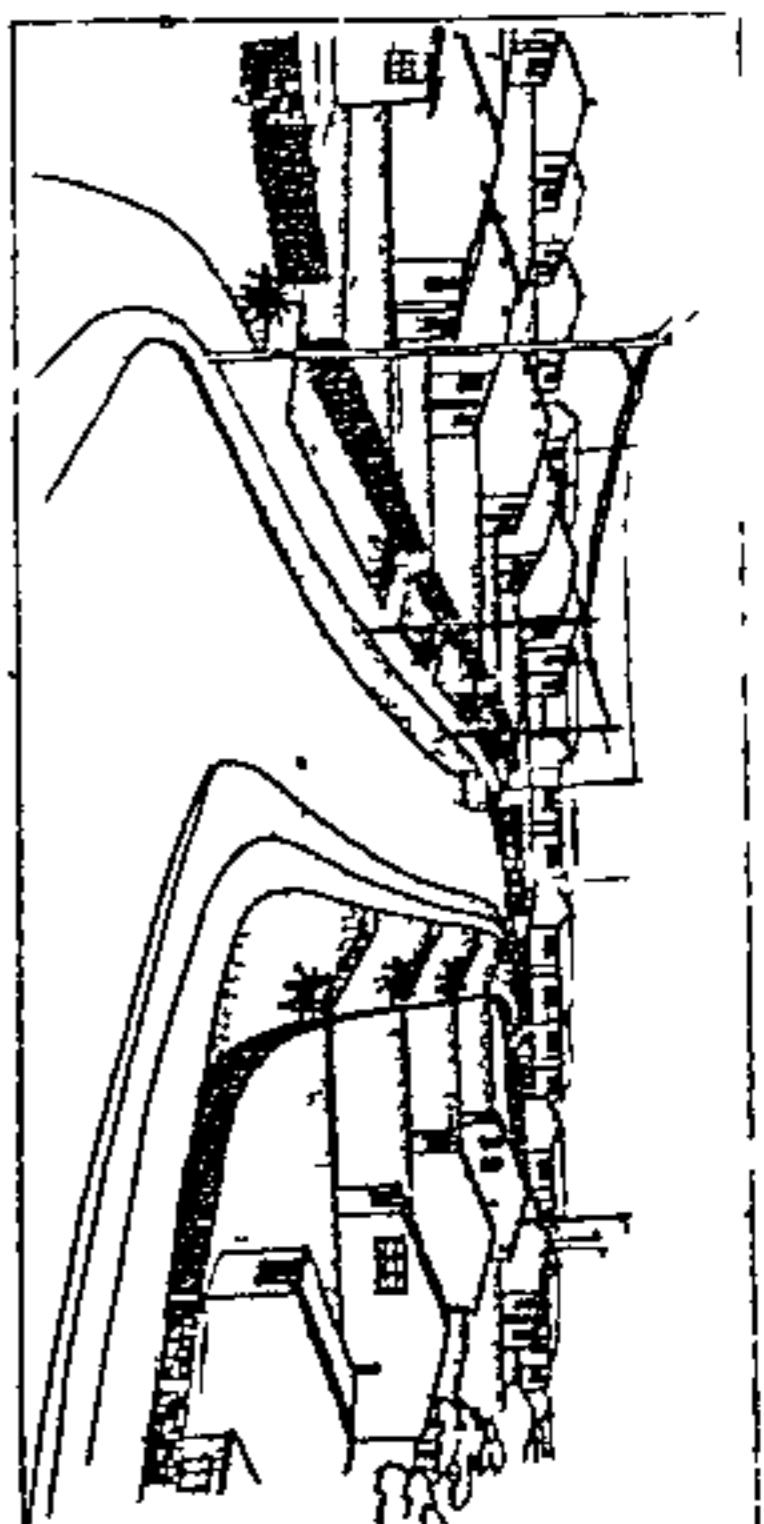
MORE than 80% of township blacks are dissatisfied with their houses - and 85% say they would never buy them

Given the choice most blacks would live in the type of house popular in any middle class white suburb - single storey with reception rooms on either side of the entrance hall, three bed rooms, kitchen combined bathroom toilet, a recessed front porch and a hipped tiled roof

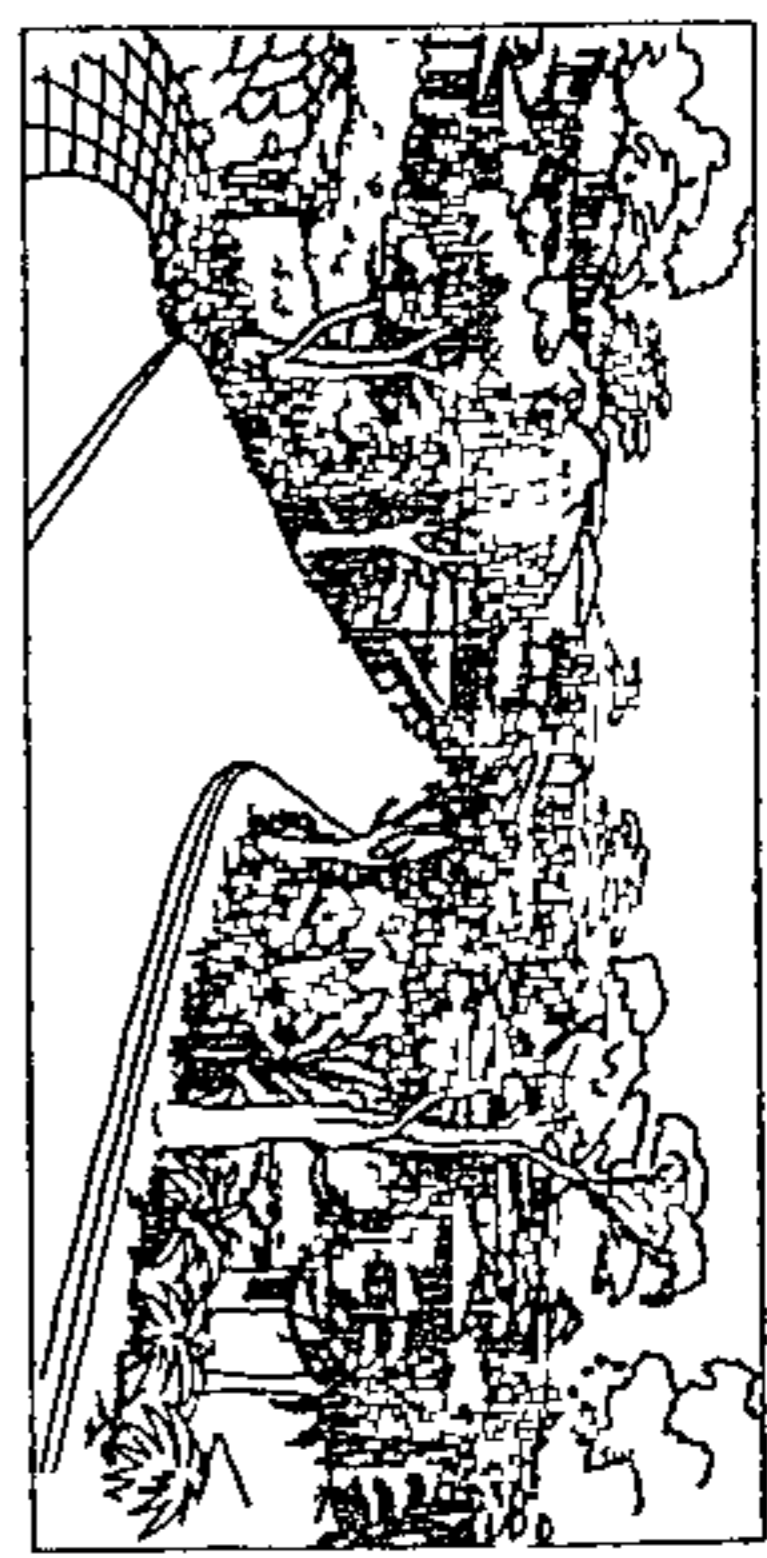
This was said by Professor Laurie Schlemmer and Dr Valerie Muller of the University of Natal in a recent article describing two surveys - one in Natal the other in Swaziland, on the quality of life in black townships

The surveys also found that security was a major factor in determining choices made by blacks on housing and environment. Certain types of houses were preferred because they were 'safe' while others were rejected because they were seen as 'unsafe' or because large windows made them 'vulnerable'

Moreover a landscaped suburb with heavy vegetation

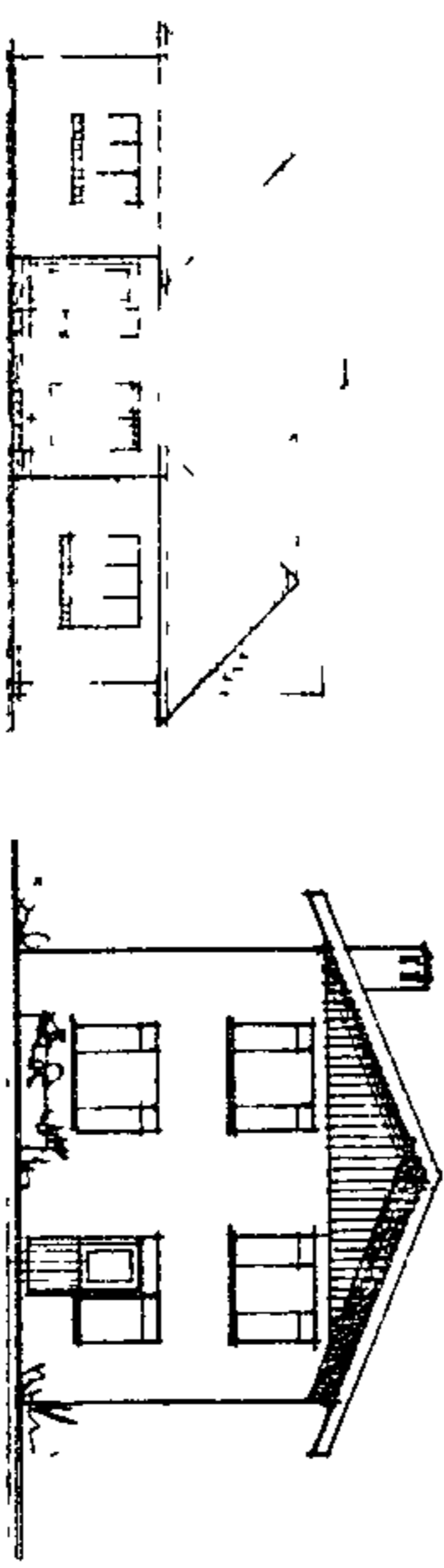


A study showed blacks preferred this environment because they identified it as urban



Blacks thought this lush vegetation suggested a rural environment. It was seen as dark and possibly unhealthy

BY JIMMY WAX Political Reporter



Although township blacks thought this was a secure home height and was expensive

Other problem identified was the need for space and privacy. Parents, in particular, complained about the lack of privacy. Some children had to sleep with their parents or otherwise under the eaves of the lounge, said one woman, and a man put the problem vividly. In that house, children will see me making

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Fifth place was taken by a modified township house with a Cape Dutch gable, added to the front, and sixth to a traditional double roof-davel-type with a thatched roof, which was, however, criticised as being "unsuitable for urban living" and "difficult to maintain" - and who can blame this last criticism, since thatch-grass is not among the available amenities of kwaMashu

Two houses shown in the sample got the thumbs-down they were both double-roofed, one with a hipped roof (reminiscent of British council houses) and the other with a flat roof. But they were slammed by participants in the survey

for being "tenement houses, expensive 'Indian' style" with "oppressive or dangerous height" or - in the case of the flat-roofed house - looking like "an Indian shop or boarding house"

There was another surprise when those taking part in the Natal survey were shown two drawings of landscaped housing schemes, the first showing a row of houses with gardens bare of vegetation and the second with exuberant tropical planting of the type much admired in Natal's white suburbs

Most blacks chose the first landscape, without any trees or plants in the gardens be-

cause they saw it as 'affluent, better-provided with services and with substantial houses on large plots, and a minimum of security risks' - although a few people complained the gardens were "empty"

They rejected the landscape with heavy plant growth because this was associated with a rural rather than an urban setting, or perhaps with 'an under-provided peri urban shanty environment', said the survey

The study found that in kwaMashu the following neighbourhood services and facilities were the 'most desired', in the order shown: police station, supermarkets, schools, churches, railway stations, creches, bus stops, clinics, post offices and community halls

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Moreover, a landscaped suburb with heavy vegetation was seen as being 'dangerous' and the top priority in neighbourhood amenities desired by people who took part in the survey was a police station

The surveys, made in kwa-Mashu by the Centre for Applied Social Sciences at the University and in Soweto by the Centre for Sociological Research at the University of South Africa, found that size was the most common complaint about the standard 'matchbox' house

More than half the blacks interviewed for the Natal survey said the first improvement they would make would be to build on another room

the lounge," said one woman, and a man put the problem vividly: "In that house children will see me making them "

Two-thirds of township housing was found by the survey to be overcrowded according to criteria of minimum floor-space and separation of sexes

A teenage boy who usually slept in the dining room said "When I come home late I have to sleep in the car "

The stress on space was so great that many people who asked to submit plans of preferred houses for the survey included a "typical rural homestead pattern, with internal circulation space taking the place of a courtyard or yard area between huts" Shared toilets were an-

of the widows, use their own bands through this outside toilet "

A series of 12 drawings of traditional housing was shown to those who took part in the survey

First preference was given to versions of the standard suburban house described above reasons were "gracious family living, strong and secure, spacious and modern", while the only disadvantage was that it was "expensive"

The third choice was a split-level house, which attracted the same positive comments as those above but which was also described negatively as "asymmetric design and expensive" The fourth choice was, surprisingly, a modified

Trusts 'did not aid HNP'

By PATRICK LAURENCE
Political Editor

MONEY from trust funds controlled by Dr Albert Hertzog were neither given to the Herstigte Nasionale Party nor sought by the HNP, the party's leader, Mr Jaap Marais, said yesterday.

Mr Marais was commenting on an article in the Afrikaans newspaper Rapport, which quoted a fellow trustee of two of the three trusts, Dr Mering Naude, as denying that money from the funds was channelled to the HNP or the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB).

The death at the age of 83 last week of Dr Hertzog, founding leader of the HNP in 1969, refocused attention on the funds.

Dr Hertzog severed ties with the HNP in 1977 but was reported to have had sympathy for the neo-fascist AWB during the last years of his life.

Rapport quoted Dr Naude as saying: "After the foundation of the HNP and again fairly recently, Albert did try to get money for his glowing friends, but he gave way when I and the trustees warned him."

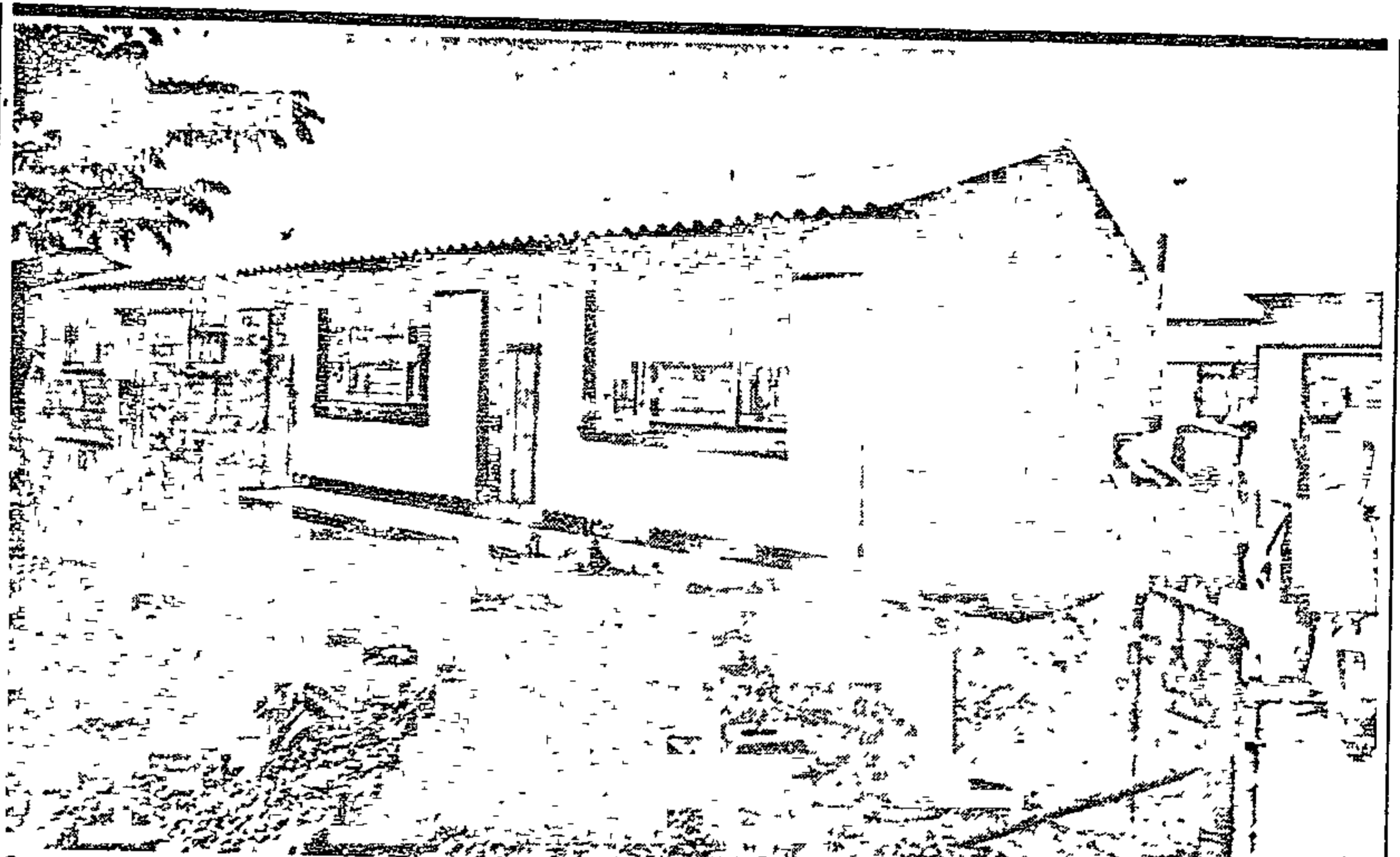
Naude, a former president of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, would not be contacted for comment yesterday.

Mr Marais said "There was never an attempt by the HNP to get money from the funds. Nor was money from the funds channelled to the HNP."

Asked whether Dr Hertzog had contributed to the HNP from his own pocket, Mr Marais replied: "On a few occasions he made contributions of his own money and a few times stood surety for a specific amount."

Marais rejected as absolutely untrue newspaper reports shortly before Dr Hertzog's death that he broke with the HNP because of its attempts to obtain money from the funds for its political objectives. In the Rapport, mentioned in the three trust funds of which Dr Hertzog was a trustee did not run to "millions" as is popularly thought but hardly amounted to more than one million.

The trust funds are the Pieter Vermeulen Funds, the Johannes Ziergevoel Funds, both founded with the purpose of assisting communities, and the Afrikaanse



On the left ... just another Soweto matchbox. On the right ... an improved home, looking bigger and brighter

Don't go it alone — let Wrab help

LUCKY people see home improvement as adding a dining patio or retiling a bathroom.

Less lucky people see it as a way of making a tiny township house slightly bigger, so that more people can be squeezed in a little more comfortably.

Many companies help their employees with loans for home improvement, whether their workers organise their own home improvement or whether they use the West Rand Administration Board's home improvement service.

Today, we describe the Wrab scheme because going it alone can be very difficult for people who have no experience of plans, building contracts or materials.

The Urban Foundation, who prepared a detailed guide to home improvement in Soweto, regard Wrab's scheme as "excellent".

(That doesn't mean, of course, that builders don't need watching. Employers can help inexperienced employees by taking a critical interest in quotes and in the actual building process. HOMEFRONT will publish a checklist on what home-improvers need to look out for — so watch this space!)

Meanwhile, interested employers whose workers live in Soweto can approach Mr Pieter Genis, chief estate officer, at Wrab's New Canada office (TELEPHONE 673-5200).

In the East Rand Administration Board area, they should approach the individual township manager.

Mr Genis' office offers free advice on the whole procedure for home improvement, including where the householders can go to get his plan drawn.

The plan must be approved by building inspectors before he may start his alterations — this is required by the local authority in any area, black or white. He will have to pay a R20 plan submission fee to Wrab.

Home improvement can mean anything from putting in bigger windows to adding several extra rooms. It does not cover items such as fencing.

The householder can apply to Wrab for a loan. The amount will depend on his earnings, because his housing repayments must not amount to more than 25% of his income — plus 50% of his wife's earnings if she also works.

BY LIN MENGE

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Repayments are over 20 years. Wrab also charges interest, which ranges from 13.5% to 17% at present. This compares favourably with rates available elsewhere.

The householder must also pay a deposit if he wants a Wrab loan. This will amount to 10% of a loan for less than R10 000, or 20% for a loan of more than R10 000.

Whether an employer would want a deposit before granting a home loan, or whether he would charge interest would depend on that company's policy.

"We have speeded up the process," recommends say Mr A A B Clarke, chief township manager for Wrab in Soweto.

It is up to the builder to supply the materials. However, Wrab is planning to carry building material supplies in the future "and sell them at a cheaper rate than if people were to get them from the normal wholesaler," Mr Clarke said.

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Since November 1980 Wrab has granted 745 loans for home improvement. The average amount applied for is now about R9 000, says Mr Genis.

It does not matter whether the would-be home-improver owns or rents his house. But if he buys his house and then improves it, he stands the chance — once more houses become available — of being able to sell his property at a fat profit.

A loan application could come through in a matter of days, a plan be passed within two or three weeks. Plans for outbuildings, such as a garage or a storeroom, can be approved immediately while the applicant waits.

The home-improver is then ready to sign the building contract — a standard contract drawn by Wrab for which either he or the builder must pay a drawing fee.

The contract, which is explained and then signed in front of the board official as witness, helps protect the household against a bad builder.

He can also choose a builder recommended by Wrab — qualified people, not the kind of chaps who get halfway then take the money and disappear," says Mr Genis.

If the employer is lending the money, the employer pays the contractor. If Wrab is lending, Wrab pays the contractor on a written instruction from the householder.

Wrab's building inspectors must check each stage — such as trenches, foundations, brickwork, roof, plaster, finishes — before the contractor is paid. The householder must also check the work.

According to Mr Genis, Wrab pays the builder in three 30% instalments, holding back the final 30% for three months to make sure the work was satisfactory.

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Shack issue - residents' groups may intervene

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THREE organisations in Katlehong and Thokoza townships are planning to meet the executive of the East Rand Administration Board with the aim of preventing the further demolition of shacks in both areas.

brought their families from the homelands. In the last survey, conducted last April by the board, it was discovered that there were 21 760 shacks in the area 3 000 more than the existing number of houses.

He said "Each an every case will be treated on its merit and the board will not make it impossible for the people who live in the shacks. But all the people who do not qualify to stay in Katlehong and Thokoza will be asked to demolish their shacks."

Two weeks ago the East Rand Administration Board, embarked on an extensive survey to establish how many families were living in the shacks in both areas.

The board also states that since last April, the number of shacks in Katlehong have increased by about 10 000. In Thokoza alone it is believed that there are more than 10 000 backyard tin shacks.

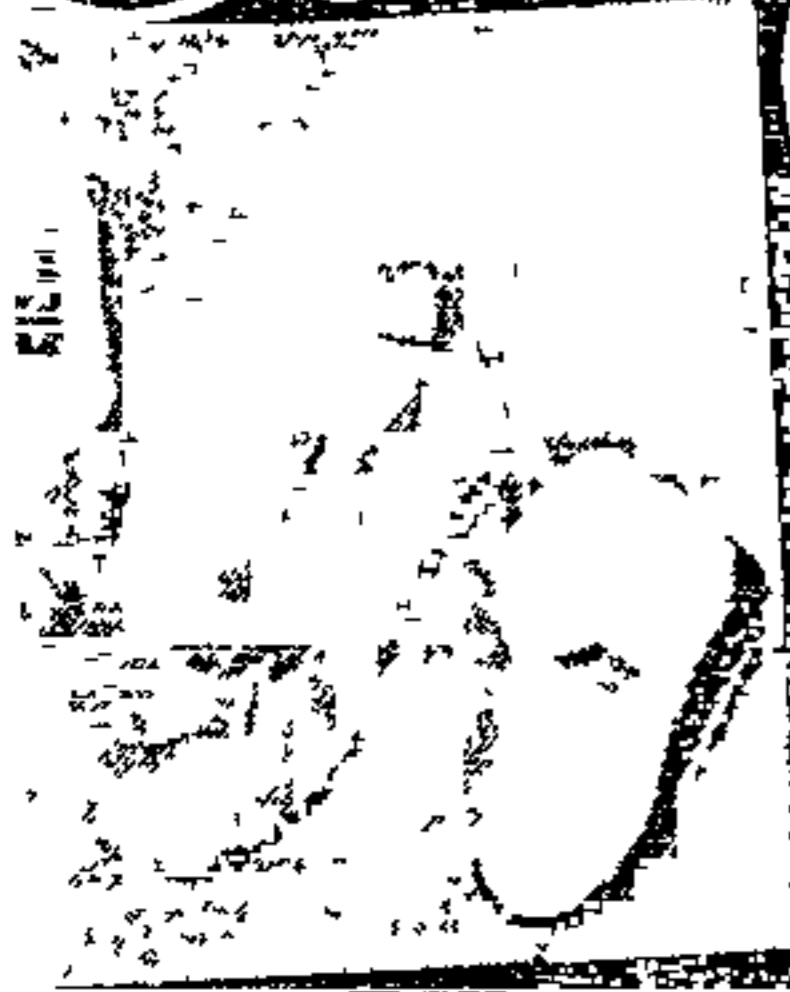
Mr A P Khumalo, the chairman of the Katlehong Council, said that his council had decided that only people who were on the housing waiting list and those who qualified to stay in Katlehong had been given permission to build shacks. He said further that the board would have to decide what to do with those people who did not qualify to stay in Katlehong.

In Katlehong alone there are about 35 000 backyard tin shacks and the board alleges that most of the families occupying these shacks are staying there illegally.

Mr F E Marx, the chief director of the board, told The SOWETAN that Katlehong and Thokoza were over-populated and that is why the board had decided to embark on this extensive survey.

The board maintains that most of the families occupying the shacks are hostel inmates who have

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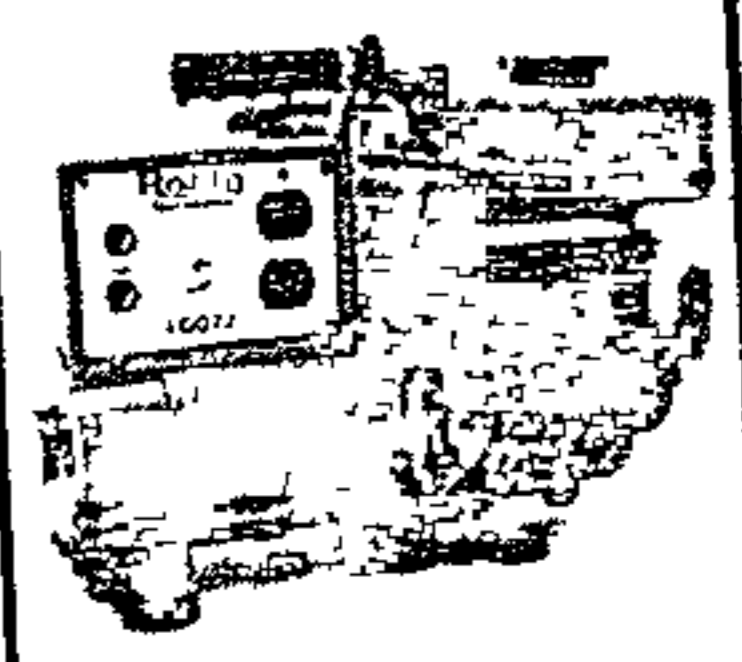


Spokesmen for the Katlehong Progressive Party, the Katlehong National Residents' Committee and the East Rand Peoples' Organisation yesterday condemned the demolition of shacks in the area.

The organisations suggested that the board should introduce a site and service scheme whereby residents could build their shacks and then, at a later stage, build their own houses.

The organisations said further that they would make representations to the board if the board went ahead and insisted that the shacks come down.

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Family rejects JSE offer of a house

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By Eugene Saldanha
The last Indian family living in Arenal House — the building the Johannesburg Stock Exchange wants demolished to make way for a parking lot — has been offered a home in the coloured township of Klipspruit West.

But the family has rejected the JSE's offer, and the acting president of the exchange, Mr V B Ruter, said yesterday the exchange would apply for an order to have the family evicted.

Mr Jaiprakash Kalidas and his family are the last of 12 families who were originally given eight months to quit Arenal House

Six families, who won a reprieve earlier this month after the JSE ordered demolition of the building to be temporarily halted, have since moved into garages and backyards in Lenasia and Mayfair

Asked how the JSE had managed to get a house in Klipspruit West for Mr Kalidas when there were more than 10 000 coloured

families on the waiting list, Mr Ruter said the JSE had "approached friends in the municipality who were prepared to do this as an interim measure rather than see the family out on the street"

Mr Ruter said he understood the difficulties facing the family because of the housing shortage, and although the JSE was not legally responsible for the tenants, it had been making every effort to help them

"We have offered to help meet any expenses

they might incur in moving. We have also given them a reasonable period in which to find other accommodation," he said

Mr Kalidas, whose family has been on the waiting list for a house since 1977, said he was determined to stay in Arenal House until he found suitable accommodation for his family

"I have had a look at the house in Klipspruit West. There is no way my family can live there. It is a crime-ridden area, and my family will be victimised because there are thousands of coloured families who have been on the waiting list for years.

"How will they feel about us moving in when they have been waiting so long?" he asked.

"We were thrown out of one house because of the Group Areas Act, so made a home for ourselves here. The exchange says this house will be temporary until I get a home in Lenasia, but that list already has more than 5 000 names on it."

Fifty shacks go down over weekend

Bulldozers move into Katlehong

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AT LEAST 50 backyard shacks in Katlehong and Thokoza have been demolished by the East Rand Administration Board (Erab) in a campaign to "clean the townships up" of squatters.

And yesterday more shacks in both townships came down with more to follow in the next few weeks

Three weeks ago, the board embarked on an expensive survey to establish how many families were living in shacks in both areas. In Katlehong alone there are about 35 000 backyard shacks and in Thokoza, more than 10 000.

The board alleges that most of the families occupying these shacks are staying there illegally. Mr F E Marx, the chief director of the board, told **THE SOWETAN** that most of the families occupying the shacks, are hostel inmates who have brought their families from the homelands.

The board started to destroy "illegal" shacks in the area last Friday and by yesterday morning, about 50 were

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

already destroyed. Last Friday alone 18 shacks were destroyed by the board in Shongweni section in Katlehong and about 10 were destroyed in Thokoza.

In a survey conducted by the board last April, it was discovered that there were 21 760 shacks in the area — 3 000 more than the existing number of houses. The board also states that since last April, the number of shacks in Katlehong has mushroomed by a staggering 10 000.

A source within the Katlehong Community

Council told **THE SOWETAN** that more than 30 shacks in the area have been destroyed and that still more were earmarked for the bulldozers. Mr L G Mambolo, chairman of the Thokoza Community Council, said yesterday that he knew nothing of any shacks being demolished in his area. He further said that he would try to investigate the allegations that shacks were being destroyed in Thokoza.

Neither Mr Marx nor Mr A P Khumalo, chairman of the Katlehong Council, were available for comment yesterday.

Meanwhile, three organisations in Katlehong and Thokoza, the Katlehong Progressive party, the Katlehong National Residence Committee and the East Rand People's Organisation have condemned the demolition of shacks in the area and are planning to meet Erab with the aim of preventing further demolition in both areas.

GENERAL NEWS

Govt allows new Fordsburg homes

Reports by Yussuf Nazeer

The Government has given Indian business consortiums permission to erect flats in Fordsburg

For the first time in 30 years the Government-imposed freeze on Indian home-building in Fordsburg has been lifted

When Group Areas Act provisions were applied in parts of Fordsburg hundreds of families were uprooted and moved to Lenasia. Much of the enforced residential removal in Fordsburg was for the building of the Oriental Plaza

Families who managed to escape resettlement in Lenasia crowded into existing flats, houses and backyard dwellings in central areas, often sharing with relatives

Family consortiums have now been granted permits to erect flats

on property which could not be residentially developed in the past 30 years

The Department of Community Development has confirmed granting of permits but will not give reasons for this change

Indian spokesmen believe the department is eager for Indians to erect flats in Fordsburg to provide housing for Indians and coloured people living in white areas

But four family consortiums with permits to build put paid to this expectation. They said they were going to put up apartments for their own families, now living in overcrowded conditions

Two permit holders said the prohibitive cost of building and maintaining flats had made them decide to sell the planned apartments under sectional title

The green light for Indians from the government to build flats in Fordsburg after a 30-year clamp on Indian residential development in the area would not lead to an Indian building boom, a property developer said today.

Mr Ebrahim Kharsany, managing director of Corporate Group, a financial investment and property development company which was granted a permit to build flats in Fordsburg, said "Nobody is going to fall over their bootlaces to do so.

"The removal of the freeze on property development by Indians in Fordsburg is to be welcomed but only a handful of flats will go up, due to the prohibitive price of the few vacant lots available.

"These stands are fetching between R25 and R30 a square metre.

"A standard 500 sq m stand would fetch up to R150 000.

"This is a ridiculous price for a vacant plot"

Mr Kharsany said high building costs, unavailability of bond finance and high interest rates were serious deterrents to prospective investors.

Other developers agreed. A spokesman for a consortium said a flat with two bedrooms, lounge, dining room and kitchen would cost between R60 000 and R70 000 to build. Rents

Building boom will fall flat...

would probably be between R600 and R700.

A seven-storey building of 14 three-bedroom flats would cost about R1,5 million to build.

If sold under Sectional Title units would cost about R100 000. Rentals would be between R800 and R1 000 a month.

"This is not going to solve the housing problem. Only the very wealthy will be able to afford this," Mr Kharsany said.

"To alleviate the housing shortage in overcrowded Fordsburg the State must incorporate areas such as Mayfair East, Pageview, portion of Queenspark, the railway property behind Burgersdorp, part of Newtown right up to Diagonal Street, Sauer Street and Market Street, Westgate, Main Reef Road and Ferreirstown"

Eviction notices over service fees

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Several residents living in coloured townships in Johannesburg have received eviction notices because they have refused to pay increased service charges of up to R30

The Co-ordinating Residents' Action Committee (Crac), which represents residents in Eldorado Park, Westbury, Riverlea Extension Two, Newclare and Coronationville, described the eviction notices as an inhumane step.

It said "Tenants have paid their rents, yet still face eviction. We also find it strange that service charges should vary in one specific area."

"Many residents have paid the increased service charges for fear of eviction. This indicates the determination of the city council to implement higher rentals at all costs."

The city council's director of housing, Mr Thys Wilsnath, could not be contacted for comment yesterday.

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**Anti-rent
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are active (23)

ANTI-RENT civic bodies on the West Rand are expected to draft an urgent telegram to the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, seeking a meeting with him.

The Krugersdorp Resident's Organisation (KRO) and the Mohlakeng Civic Association (MOCA) want an urgent meeting with Dr Koornhof before he can approve the threatening rent increases, now suspended until December 1.

Kro and Moca will respectively hold meetings this Sunday in Kagiso and Mohlakeng to "up-date" residents Venues and time for the meeting will be announced later this week.

The meeting with Dr Koornhof is seen as taking the rent issue further

Erab, Katlehong Council battle over shacks

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THE East Rand Administration Board is going ahead and demolishing "legal" shacks in Katlehong, near Germiston, despite the reprieve given by the Katlehong Community Council that the shacks would not be demolished until the end of the year.

According to reports councillor A M Hlongwane in whose area the 30 reprieved shacks are situated, said the owners of the shacks approached him and pleaded that the shacks be spared until December

Councillor Hlongwane is reported to have said that the families had promised to take all their belongings and go back to their homelands after the reprieve

But Mr F E Marx, the chief director of the board, has said that the board will continue to demolish shacks belonging to all people living illegally in Katlehong and Thokoza

He said the board would ignore any decision by the council and that all shacks would be demolished on sight

The move to demolish

the shacks follows an extensive survey by Erab to determine how many families were actually living in backyard shacks in Katlehong and Thokoza

Since last Friday, at least 50 shacks have been demolished. The board alleges that most of the families occupying the shacks are hostel inmates who have brought their families from the homelands

In April it was discovered that there were 21 760 shacks in the area

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'R77m loan would have been considered'

By HARRY MASHABELA
 HAD the R77-million loan from the Urban Foundation been offered for the development of the Diepmeadow area, the offer would have been considered in the light of the needs of the community the chairman of the Diepmeadow Council, Mr Joseph Mabuhushu, said yesterday.

Mr Mabuhushu told the Rand Daily Mail there were 4 000 families on the waiting list for houses in the Diepmeadow area.
 He said his council would accept any offer which would enable them to provide houses for the 4 000 families.
 "We would like to help these people but we can't be

cause we have no funds and no one has made any concrete proposals to us. If we get any proposal to help in the development of our township, it will be considered in the light of the needs of the community," said Mr Mabuhushu.
 The R77-million loan was rejected by the Soweto Council

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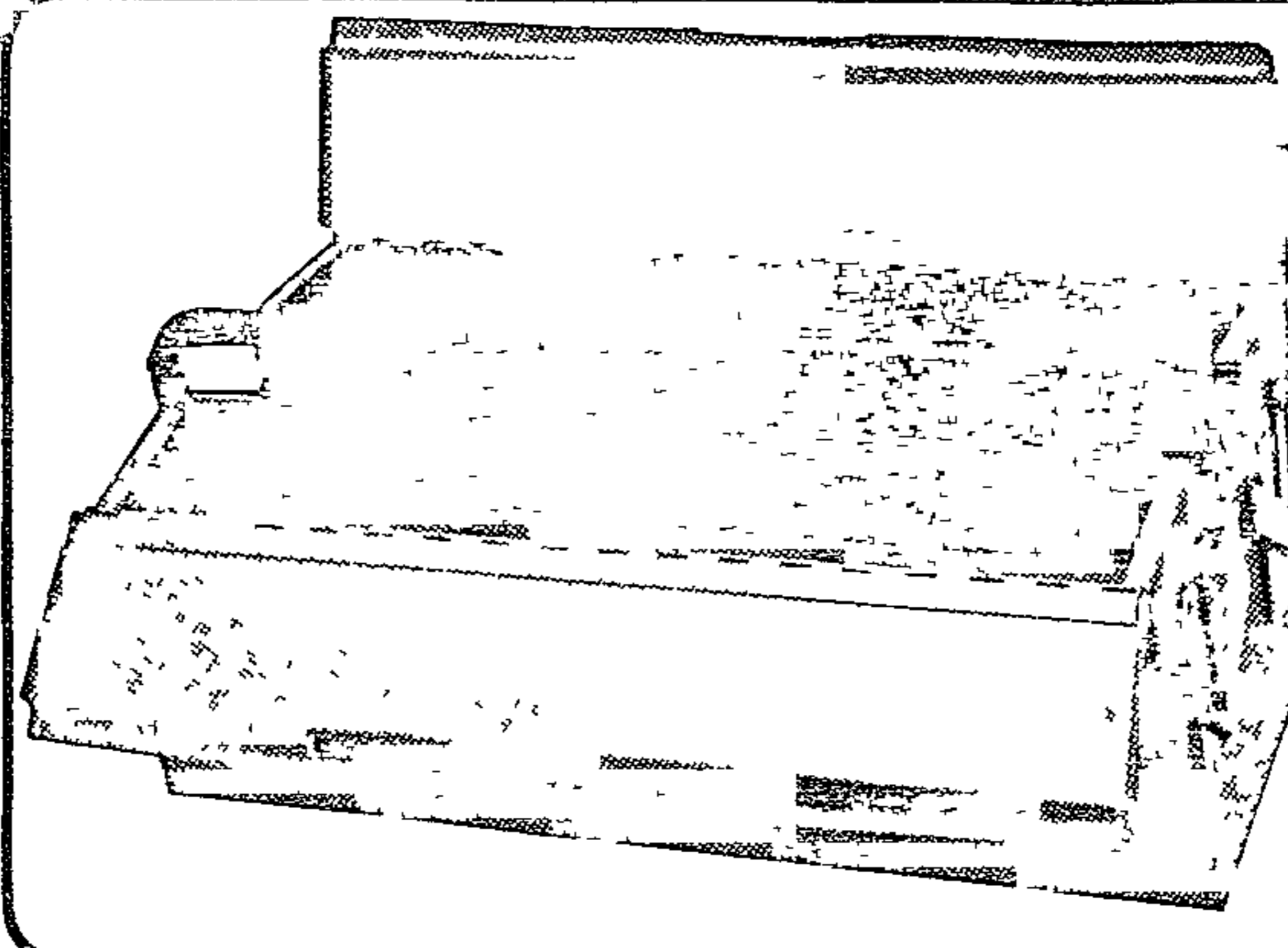


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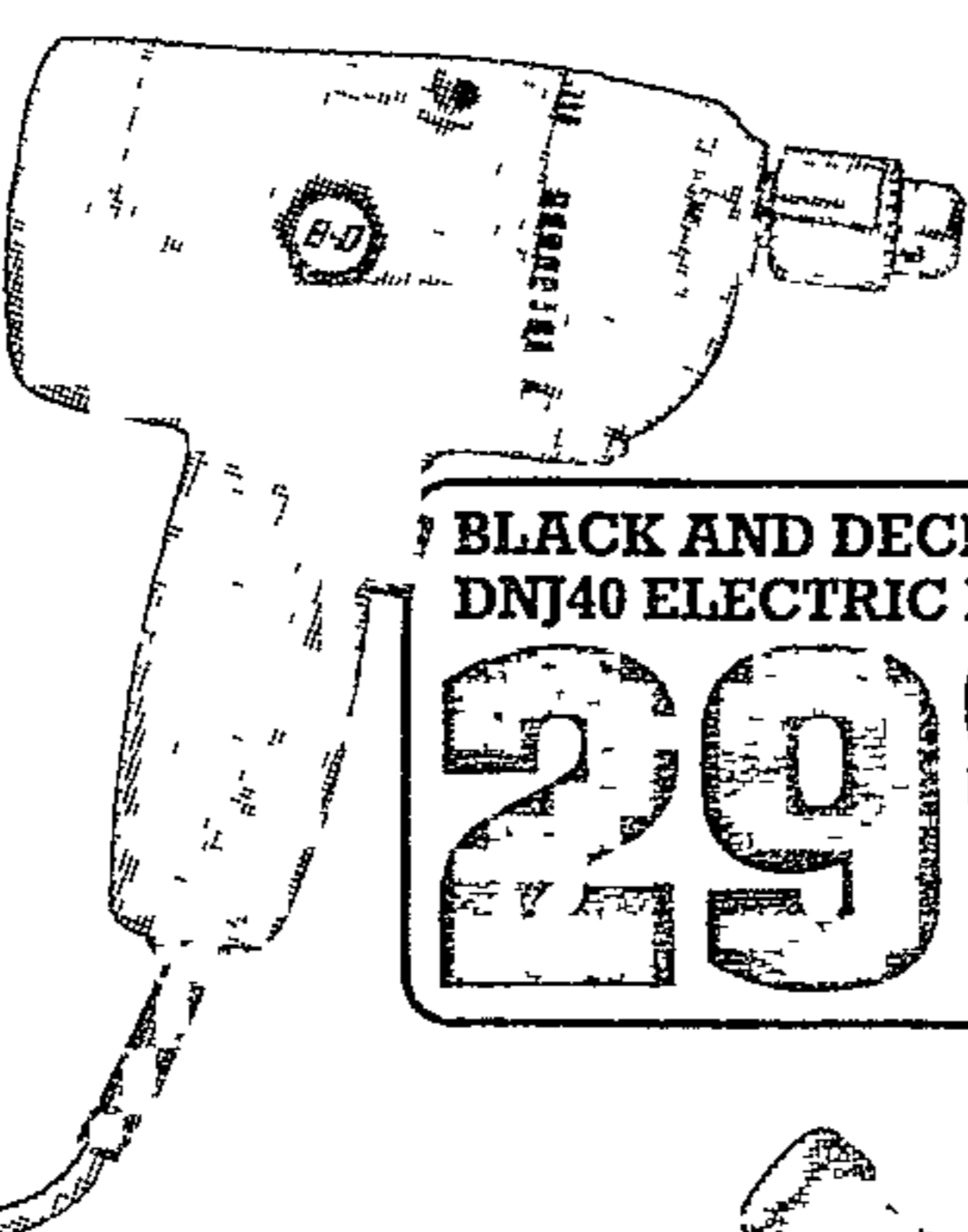
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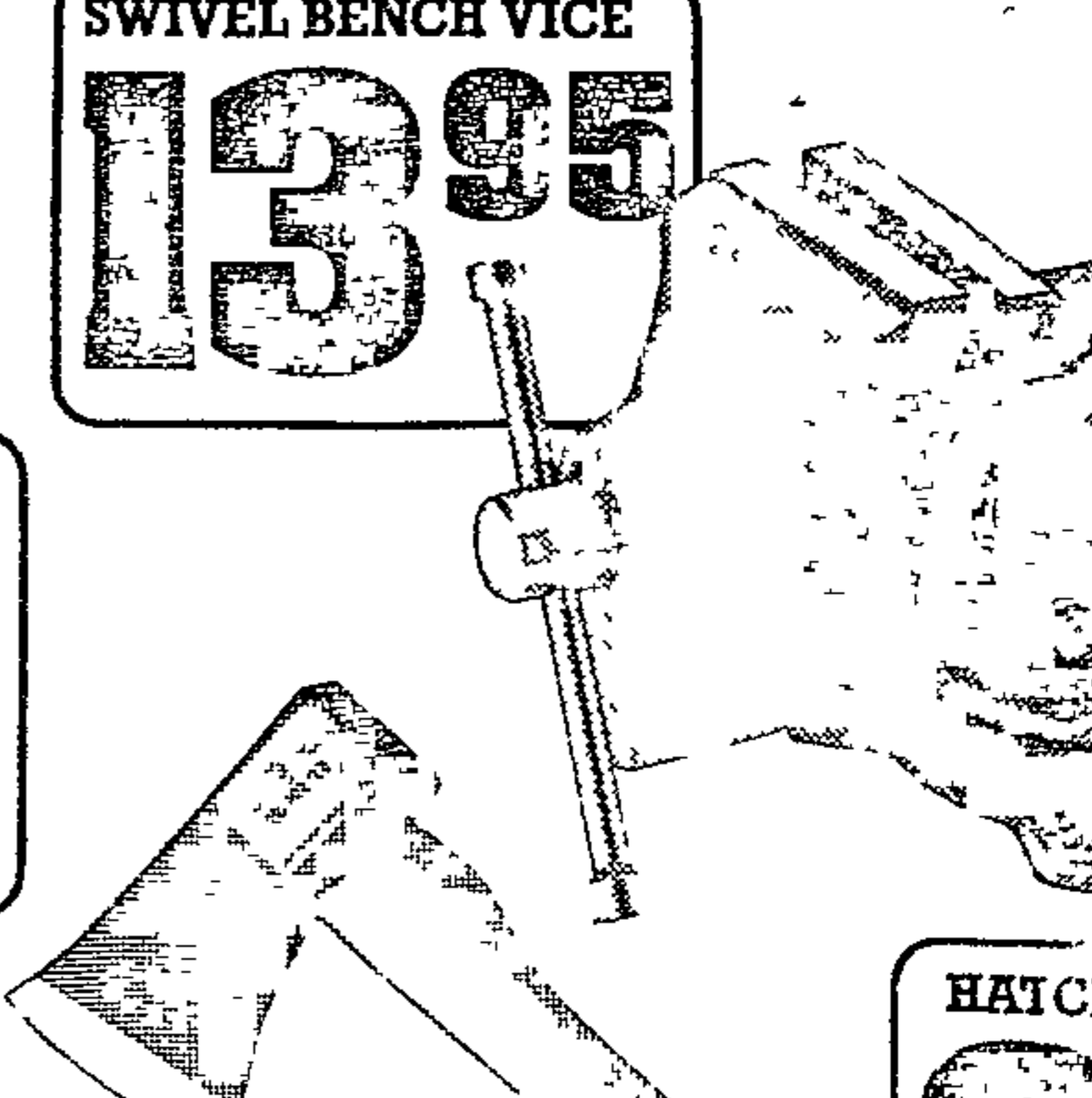
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David Thebehal is chairman of the Soweto Council (SC). He spoke to the *FM* about Soweto's housing problems

FM In the face of the critical housing shortage, why did the SC recently reject a R77m housing loan from the Urban Foundation (UF)?

Thebehal: There was no R77m loan. The UF approached Anglo American Life to obtain a R12.25m loan for housing projects on the entire West Rand not just Soweto. Only two-thirds of the amount was intended for Soweto projects.

The UF said that Anglo American Life would release the money on condition that the SC gave the UF land for a second project in Protea North. The project was estimated to cost R65m and the UF wanted to know whether we would give them the land. If we agreed, they said they would then raise the additional money.

We did not see why the two projects should be linked or why the loan should be conditional upon the provision of land — especially as the money was not intended solely for Soweto and the same conditions didn't apply to the other West Rand community councils. The conditions were unacceptable to us and the way the UF made the proposal was incorrect.

What about speculation that the proposal was turned down because the allocation of housing is presently the SC's responsibility, whereas the introduction of a free market in housing would mean houses allocated on a first-come first-served basis?

Our primary responsibility is to ensure that we shorten the waiting-list. It is unfair for a person who applied yesterday to be granted a house immediately when someone who has waited five years will probably still have to wait. The UF proposals comprised a package

of housing options including low, middle and upper-income housing types. Surely this would have served to shorten the waiting list?

The UF isn't the only organisation that can do this. Nor is it the only organisation with the expertise to provide housing for blacks or the only organisation that knows what black people want.

They do not have the exclusive expertise in housing provision. We have already developed Zone 5 and Zone 7 in Pimville without their expertise. We don't need their help. Also the UF has come forward with a proposal that has never existed in the black community.

But isn't innovation a good thing? Trying out new strategies, looking for new solutions?

Well, the way the UF did this was unacceptable to us.

Do you intend seeking loans elsewhere, or will you continue to negotiate with the UF?

I can't commit myself at present. However, we've had unbelievable offers since the publicity about our rejection of the R77m. Even today we've had an offer from a Dutch company who want to get involved in housing provision.

Do you believe turning down the loan was in the interests of the people of Soweto?

Absolutely.

How is this justifiable when there are 35 000 families on the housing waiting list?

There are not 35 000 families on the waiting list, there are far fewer. Again, this is a UF figure based on an assumption which is a big mistake. Presently, there are only 15 000-16 000 on the SC waiting list — excluding Diepkloof, Meadowlands and Dobsonville — and 22 000 on the waiting list for the whole of Soweto. These are the official West Rand Administration Board figures and represent people who have physically appeared and requested housing. 35 000 is nearly more than twice the official figure, so let the UF prove these figures. What about rumours that the loan was rejected because Committee of Ten members are on the UF board?

This has always been our argument with the UF. We can understand why supporters of black consciousness are on the UF Board. These people continually maintain that the SC has no power at all, that we are incapable of making decisions and that anything we do is not in the interests of the people of Soweto. The UF has individuals on their board who run us down 24 hours a day. The way the UF handles this is not acceptable to us.

Having turned down the loan, how do you intend solving Soweto's housing problems?

We can solve the problem with the private sector and without the UF. But the rejection of their offer doesn't mean that nothing will be done. The SC has the expertise to do this ourselves. We already have plans for the development of 1 500 sites in the Naledi buffer strip, for 500 sites in the Dlamini buffer strip and 400 flats in Jabulani. Protea North and South development schemes are also on the go.

The Naledi buffer strip scheme is primarily intended for low-cost housing. We intend providing a core-house which the individual will complete. We will provide building materials controls and also co-ordinate the scheme.

Nobody in SA today can solve the housing problem. It's not only a national problem but an international problem. We will reach the next century without a solution.

How long will it take the SC to make a dent on the housing backlog independently of the UF?

I can't put a time limit on it. It will be an ongoing project. The Soweto project was estimated to cost R705m in 1979 and is now over R1 billion. However, I can go overseas and raise the money tomorrow with no difficulty.

Why has the SC embarked on a shack demolition campaign when there is no alternative accommodation and even government has accepted the principle of controlled squatting?

We have health problems and government has never indicated to us that controlled squatting is acceptable.

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Amid the crisis, 114 empty homes

By Yussuf Nazcer

Sixty-eight luxury houses are standing empty in Lenasia — and 46 newly built ones are vacant in "white" Pageview. All 114 were built by the Department of Community Development, but they are expected to remain unoccupied for some time.

The homes in Lenasia have been built for

68 families still living in Pageview whom the department have been trying without success to uproot for almost a year.

Nine months ago the Save Pageview Association brought an interdict against the department, contending that it had served notices on the Pageview families illegally and there-

fore had no grounds to evict the occupants.

Last month the association lodged another affidavit with the Supreme Court pointing out that 400 Pageview stands where Indian families had lived and were living were never gazetted under the Group Areas Act and for this reason families could not be removed from there.

The department has

not yet replied to these charges and the matter is pending for a possible court hearing.

Indian leaders expect it to take some time before a hearing takes place. This would give the 68 families more time to stay on in Pageview.

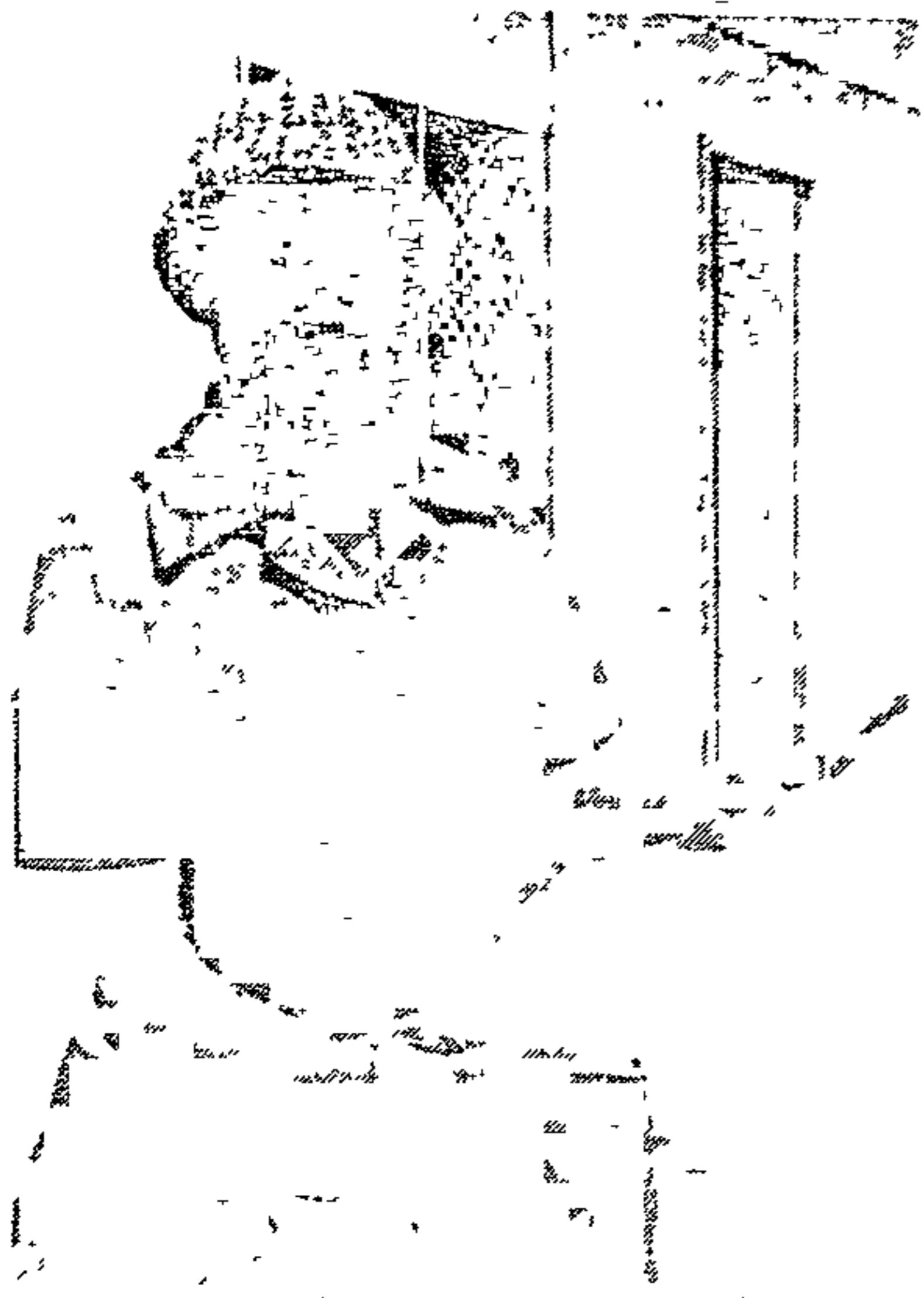
A department spokesman, who confirmed that the completed homes had been standing vacant for some months, could not predict how the issue would be resolved.

No whites have moved into the department's completed 46 "white" houses built in Pageview, where Indian homes had been demolished. The houses cost about R35 000 each and would-be buyers would face mortgage payments of R400 a month.

When these homes were first released for sale earlier this year, Pageview Indians pointed out that R35 000 and R400 a month were beyond the means of low-income people. Whites complained that the homes were far too small for the price.

85 in court after raids on shacks

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SHACKOWNER Mrs Mirrim Masilela with a summon served on her

ABOUT 85 people were charged for staying in illegal shacks in Orlando East, Soweto, yesterday and there are fears that more will be arrested as the West Rand Administration Board warned that it would carry out daily raids

More "illegals" — estimated at over 100 — were arrested in the township yesterday morning as Wrab policemen continued to clamp down on people without permits to stay in the area

Six Orlando East householders were charged with erecting illegal structures in their backyards. Their case was remanded yesterday to January 10 after a brief appearance in the Johannesburg Commissioner's Court

A Wrab spokesman said the object of the raids on shackdwellers in the township was to get residents to tear down their shacks

This follows the Soweto Council's ultimatum to Orlando East residents to demolish the structures within 10

days or face prosecution. But residents ignored the ultimatum and said they would not do so unless more houses were provided in the area

The Wrab chairman, Mr John Knoetze said yesterday they were carrying out "systematic" inspection for illegal tenants. "These people live in backyard shacks. We don't want slum conditions developing in the townships by allowing erection of shacks," he said

He said his board would help those who were staying in the area legally but had no accommodation by giving them loans for housing

The Sofasonke Party chief executive officer, Mr Ambition Brown, slammed the raids as the "atrocious and inhuman acts against homeless people

"Wrab is making life miserable for these people by arresting them while it is not providing alternative accommodation," he added

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Ratanda council plans rent increase

THE Ratanda Community Council has proposed to increase house rentals in the township by R15 as from next month.

The council proposes to increase rentals in order to raise R10-million needed for the installation of sewerage in the area.

Sources close to the council said that the council would decide during its monthly meeting this week on the controversial issue which is likely to spark off bitterness among residents who maintain that the rentals will be "too high for them".

The sources said that there was a great possibility that the council would approve the rentals because sewerage was "a top priority" for the residents who could no longer afford to use the old bucket system.

During the past two months the council had met with industrialists and the private sector in an attempt to raise funds for the project, but had "drawn a blank".

Presently, residents in the township are paying a monthly rent of between R19 and R22. Residents in Ratanda are still using the old night soil bucket system and communal taps which are found at every street corner in the township.

Residents in the township interviewed by The SOWETAN said they were against the increases and called on the East Rand Administration Board and the local council to try other means of raising the R10-million needed for the installation of sewerage. The residents said it was Erab's and the council's responsibility to install sewerage and that they were only prepared to pay for its usage.

Meanwhile, the Duduza Community Council will meet this week to hold further talks on the installation of sewerage in the area. The council had to abandon the installation of sewerage in Duduza two weeks ago after residents had refused to pay a R9 rent increase which was supposed to come into effect at the beginning of the month.

On the other hand, the East Rand Administration Board said that it was not prepared to part with a cent towards the installation of sewerage in the area and that the residents had to pay for this. The Duduza Council needs about R7-million to install sewerage in the area.

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THE powerful Sofansonke Party is to write a petition to the West Rand Administration Board and Minister Dr Piet Koornhof protesting against the continued raids on Orlando East shack dwellers and in recent days the so-called illegals in the area.

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He said the problem of the Orlando shacks was similar to the influx control problem faced by Cape Town squatters at Crossroads and Nyanga

"We feel that something has to be done to stop the continued harassment of our people by the officials. We are going to state our protest to the authorities concerned," he said

The decision to write the petition was taken at a meeting held in Orlando East at the weekend to protest and pledge solidarity with the shack dwellers who have fallen victim to Wrab police recently

The party believes it is not only the Soweto Council that has decided to demolish the shacks, but also Wrab because they have used their police to conduct the raids

Scores of people were arrested during pre-dawn raids by the police. Many have paid fines while others appeared in the Johannesburg Commissioner's Court charged with being in the township without permits or not complying with the Soweto Council's order. Most were cautioned and discharged

Wrab's chairman, Mr John Knoetzee, said the board would continue the raids because most of the people were staying in the area illegally

The meeting was attended by leaders of the party, black consciousness and trade union movements and members of Inkatha

The council's Mr Nico Malan said the people were warned about the illegal structures

Sofansonke Party leader Mr Ambition Brown said the party would continue with its plans to apply for a Supreme Court order restraining the council from going ahead with

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Dwellers are told purpose of raids

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By HARRY MASHABELA

HUNDREDS of Soweto residents were told yesterday that raids on shack dwellers were intended to throw blacks out of the townships to "hunger, starvation, drought and disease in the so-called homelands"

More than 300 shack dwellers appeared in the Johannesburg Commissioner's Court on Thursday and Friday last week following midnight raids on Wednesday and Thursday

Yesterday a Soweto Civic Association meeting crammed the NG Kerk in Afrika church hall at Orlando East to discuss last week's raids

The crowd was urged to remain united and defy the West Rand Administration Board and the Soweto Community Council by refusing to destroy their shacks

Mr Nico Malan, the Soweto Council's chief executive officer, yesterday refused to comment

Mr Thom Manthata, the secretary of the SCA — which operates under the umbrella of the Soweto Committee of 10 headed by Dr Nthato Motlana — assured the crowd that free legal representation was available

Mr Manthata said all the victims had to do was to report to him at Khotso House, in De Villiers Street, Johannesburg, or to Dr Nthato Motlana

The meeting also set up a committee to monitor any future raids and to immediately report its findings to either Mr Manthata and Dr Motlana

The meeting was also told the shack raids aimed to divide blacks in two ways — by dividing rural inhabitants from urban dwellers and contract workers from those with Section 10 (1a) or (1b) rights in urban areas

An executive of the Federation of South African Women, Miss Amanda Kwadi, said she and thousands other Soweto residents stayed in shacks because there were no houses

Sowetans urged to unite on shack raids

By Jon Qwelane

Several hundred people who live in backward shacks in Orlando East Soweto yesterday filled the hall of the Ned Geref Kerk of Africa in the township and resolved not to demolish their homes — despite raids and prosecutions by the West Rand Administration Board.

The meeting called by the Soweto Civic Association in conjunction with the Committee of Ten followed pre-dawn raids and several hundred prose-

cutions last week.

The secretary of the Committee of Ten Mr Tom Manthata told the meeting the harassment of shack dwellers was not really because shacks were illegal structures.

"The reason is that the Soweto Community Council and Wrab want to send us to homelands where there is no employment, no water, no sanitation and no hope for the future."

"The result will be that we return to the cities under contracts to work as migrant

labourer. Mr Manthata said.

He said the community council and Wrab were involved in a repeat performance of the Nvasa squatter action when hundreds were raided and prosecuted by the authorities because they did not qualify to be in Cape Town.

But like the Nvanga people our strength will lie in our unity. Another thing is that the courts last week discovered that many shack dwellers qualify to be in Johannes-

burg he said.

Miss Amanda Kwadi, an executive member of the Federation of South African Women told the meeting shack dwellers found themselves in Johannesburg because the rural areas offered no job opportunities.

"The raids on the shacks are an extension of the policy to divide and rule. Often people with the necessary qualifications to reside in the urban areas see themselves as better than those said to be illegals in the cities."

For that reason we should be determined that no matter what actions are taken against shack owners we should not be divided."

The publicity secretary of the Azanian Peoples Organisation Mr Ishmael Mkhabela said the meeting was not simply one of shack dwellers and people with no accommodation but one of a people without land because it had been taken away by white.

"It is very clear that blacks the white man is doing everything to divide us."

A woman who was among those arrested last week but was later acquitted in the Commissioner's Court Mrs Caroline Hlope told the meeting of the raids. Many of those arrested were carrying small children — and had to spend a whole day and night at Orlando police cells.

A 15-man committee was formed to help people obtain their urban qualifications and to monitor the behaviour of Wrab policemen in any future raids.

The raids last Wednesday and Thursday led to 314 people being charged. Many were cautioned and released while others paid fines of R20 or R30.

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Wrab raid: woman 103, faces charges

By HARRY MASHABELA
 TWELVE residents of Orlando East - including a 103-year-old woman - appeared in the Johannesburg Commissioner's Court yesterday, charged with refusing to obey an order by the Soweto Council to demolish their backyard shacks



MRS EMMA MGWABA 103 years old

They are Mrs Emma Mgwaba, 103, Mrs Elizabeth Mthimkulu, 78, Mr Henry Mba, 77, Mrs Emma Sebisi, 68, Mrs Tandiwe Pule, 61, Mrs Amania Xulu, 59, Mrs Julia Sekiso, 52, Mr Wilmoth Khumalo, Mr Dumekhaya Dimizulu, Mrs Emily Zwane, Mrs Mabel Gagi, 44, and Mrs Mabel Khaba

Their appearance brings to 21 the number of tenants who have appeared in court since last week when the West Rand Administration Board began raiding shack dwellers in the township

All the cases have been postponed by Mr J H Boschhoff to January 10

Mr Ambition Brown, leader of the Sofasonke Par-

ty, an Orlando East-based civic body, said plans were underway to seek a Supreme Court interdict against Wrab to stop them from demolishing shacks before providing alternative accommodation
 "The January 10 hearings next year will serve as our test case," he said

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The demand function for money can be written notationally as $M_0 = f(\frac{M_0}{P}, r, w)$.

By Maud Motanyane

Rent defaulters on the West Rand will no longer be prosecuted

Instead the West Rand Administration Board will sell their movable property to recover arrears.

But the board could run into legal problems if any of the furniture is still being paid for under hire-purchase.

Two families in Kagiso near Krugersdorp had their furniture confiscated in a pre-dawn raid this week by West Rand Board officials.

"BETTER"

Wrab's chief director, Mr C J Bezuidenhout, said the seizure of furniture was a better method than taking people to court

"You can never hope to build proper relations if you take people to court and turn them

Wrab seizing furniture for rent arrears

into criminals," he said.

He said the confiscation of property was an old system which was covered by the Housing Act.

Rent defaulters could be evicted from their homes or prosecuted.

Wrab could also ask the Messenger of the Court to seize any movable property and sell it to recover arrears

The two women who had their furniture confiscated are Miss Christina Mekwe and Mrs Lobisa Maleke of Kagiso 2.

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Woman of 103 in court over order on shacks

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By Khulu Sibiyi

Twelve people, including a 103 year-old woman, appeared in the Johannesburg Commissioners Court yesterday after refusing to obey a Soweto Council order to demolish their backyard shacks in Orlando East

The magistrate, Mr J H Boshoff, has postponed the cases until January 10

The shack dwellers were charged under regulations relating to the building of unauthorised structures in townships

Mrs Emma Mgwaba (103) appeared with 11 others. The appearances come in the wake of an order by the council to all residents to demolish their shacks or face prosecution

Last week several people appeared in court charged with being in Orlando East without permits. Sentences of R30 (or 30 days) were imposed

Mr C J Bezuidenhout,

chief director of the West Rand Administration Board, said today the board and the Soweto Council were "after people" who erected illegal structures

"We have warned people in the past to demolish their shacks but they have not responded. We are ready to help finance residents to build proper and permanent structures" said Mr Bezuidenhout

He said the raids were not on a large scale. "We are treating this matter sympathetically. We do not want to harass people," he said

Mr Bezuidenhout has also warned residents in other townships to demolish their shacks. He said the Soweto Council was fighting to keep the township clean

"We started in Orlando East because the situation there is out of control" he said

Mr Ambition Brown, leader of the Sofasonke Party in Orlando East, has arranged legal defence for the families

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Repossession better than arrest - Wrab

Sowetan 23/11/82

SOME families in Kagiso on the West Rand have had their furniture confiscated in what is seen as a new method to recover arrears from rent defaulters.

The "repossessions" were conducted by Wrab officials and in this new campaign against the defaulters, a dawn raid was carried out yesterday. Authorities pounced on at least two surprised families.

They took furniture ranging from a refrigerator, kitchen units, a lounge suite and a hi-fi radio system set. All the articles are still being paid for under the Hire Purchase Act.

The two families to suffer from this new practice are those of Mrs Christina Mekwe of 4692 and Mrs Lobisa Maleke of 4709, both in Kagiso 2, near Krugersdorp. They both owe Wrab in the region of R35.

Wrab's chief director, Mr C.J. Bezuidenhout, said the new system was the best remedy to recover the arrears.

By LEN KALANE

He added "In case the families fail to pay the arrears, we sell the items for the equivalent

"This system is the best and it applies universally, even with whites who fail to pay their rent at the suburbs."

Mr Bezuidenhout said Wrab obtained a court order to act on families.

He said his men either had the option of throwing them out of their houses or seeking a court attachment ordering the "repossession" of movable goods, in this case furniture.

Mrs Mekwe said authorities took the kitchen unit from her house, consisting of a table and four chairs.

When officials called, they already had a re-

frigerator on the van, indicating that it had been taken from another house.

A few houses away in the same street, officials struck at the Malekes and took a lounge suite and the hi-fi set.

Mrs Maleke pointed out an empty room and said "Everything they took along was in this room. They even took the hi-fi stand away."

Authorities said unless the families paid up, their furniture would be sold.

Mr Bezuidenhout said "We no longer prosecute people. The furniture strategy is the best remedy open to us."



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Soweto accepts R77-m loan

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After renewed negotiations with the Urban Foundation the Soweto Council has accepted from the private sector a R77 million housing loan which it rejected last month

At a meeting yesterday the council resolved to use a loan of R12 250 000 from Anglo American Life Assurance Company for housing and land development in Soweto over the next two to three years

Mr David Thebehali, council chairman said the loan would be made available in two parts. The first was the

R12 250 000 which would be made available to the local authority in Soweto for low-cost houses

The second provided for private sector development in Soweto

Mr Thebehali said "I welcome the initiative taken by the private sector in improving the quality of life for the black community"

The council also accepted in principle private sector development of Protea North, co-ordinated by the Urban Foundation

The foundation would undertake a feasibility study of the

development which when completed, would be jointly assessed by the Soweto Council and the Urban Foundation

Last month the council rejected the loan, because, it said, the foundation did not go through the right channels

This caused an outcry among leaders and residents in Soweto

Dr Zac de Beer, chairman of Anglo American Life Assurance and a national director of the Urban Foundation, said his company was pleased to associate itself with the project

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Council plans 500 homes

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Housing boost for Kliptown flood victims

THE 500 Kliptown families who were accommodated at Mzimhlophe Hostel after their houses were destroyed by floods in 1977, will soon move into new houses to be built by the Soweto Council.

This was announced yesterday by Soweto Council Chairman David Thebehali, who said 500 core houses consisting of one room, toilet and bathroom will be built in Dlamini within the next six months.

In an interview with **The SOWETAN**, Mr Thebehali also said a three-storey block of 400 flats is planned for the open veld opposite Rantol Garage, not far from the Soweto Council chambers.

He said foundations have already been laid and that the flats, some of which will have two and others three bedrooms, will be ready for occupation towards the

By SAM MABE

end of next year

The flats will be made available to residents for rent and for sale. Mr Thebehali said the construction of the flats will cost the council between R6 and R7-million and that the selling price of the flats will be determined after completion.

Giving reasons for constructing core houses and not complete houses, Mr Thebehali said the idea was to allow individual residents to extend the core houses to their choice.

"After completing the core houses, we will have a variety of house

plans and building material available to residents at reasonable prices.

"Depending on individual taste and financial position residents can choose a plan and be given a year during which to build the house of their own choice.

"Because we as a council will be buying the building material in bulk at reduced prices, residents will benefit from the reduced prices because we will sell material at cost prices," Mr Thebehali said.

He added that in Naledi Extension 2, 1 500 core houses will also be built within the next six months and some sites will be made available to people who want to construct their own houses.

He said the extension scheme will also apply in Naledi

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Breakthrough for developer in Tembisa

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Room 26/11/82

By LIN MENGE

FOR the first time since the Urban Areas Act was changed to allow "non-black" to qualify for 99-year-leasehold, a developer has been granted 99-year leasehold rights in a black township to build houses for speculation purposes

The township is Tembisa and the company is African Development Construction Holdings

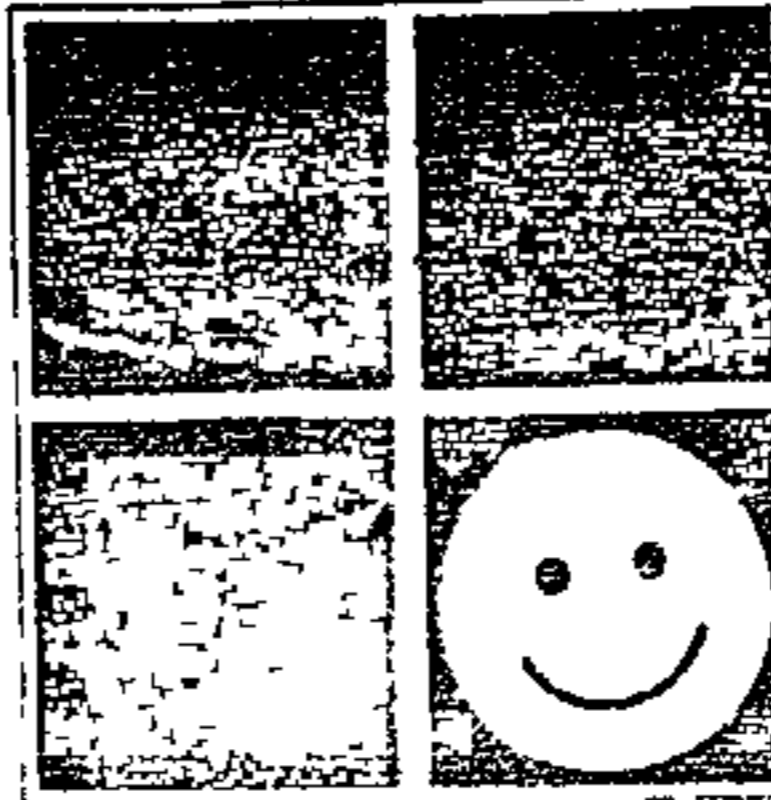
The company has been allocated 300 stands by the East Rand Administration Board

Construction has already started, and the first 15 houses — from an initial scheme of 50 — are expected to be ready by mid-February. Prices will range from R15 000 to R25 000 each

Such a developer, as employer, may only be declared "qualified persons" in terms of the Act for two years from the time the stand is allocated

This, according to Government sources, is to prevent developers "sitting on" the vacant ground and doing nothing about erecting desperately needed housing

Although the developer may be able to negotiate an extension of the two years with the local administration board, the idea is that the company owning the stands on 99-year-leasehold should put up houses, sell them and transfer the leaseholds to black buyers within two years



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Developers might find they have to meet with various other conditions, and the recognition of the developer as a "qualified person" can be withdrawn without any reasons being given

Although the concession gives the white developer temporary ownership of stands in a black township he may not occupy the buildings

R50-m NHC boost

BIG money news on the home front this week is that the National Housing Commission (NHC) has apparently succeeded in borrowing R50-million from the private sector to fund low-cost housing

In the past, the only way

the National Housing Commission could raise money was through Parliamentary appropriation

That means the money all came from Government sources — that is the public sector

Since the Government changed its policy to one of expecting the private individual and his employer to provide housing, while the Government concentrates on the provision of stands and services and housing for welfare cases and the very poorest only — the Housing Act has been changed to allow the NHC to raise money from the private sector

The NHC hopes to raise about R1,25 000-million in this way in the next five years

Financial institutions can lend the NHC money for specific housing projects

Sanlam has already lent R15-million to the NHC for coloured housing in the Western Cape

Financial institutions have to invest in certain Government bodies and quasi-Government bodies and the NHC now ranks among them. These are known as prescribed investments

In return for lending money for, say, 25 years, the institutions receive a reasonable rate of interest

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Soweto accepts R77m housing development

(27) By LIN MENGE
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● A major private sector development of Protea North, coordinated by the Urban Foundation, will be conducted jointly with the Soweto Council. It is expected the private sector will provide 2 500 houses and 800 flats, costing R65-million.
Widespread shock and dismay greeted the Soweto Council's rejection of the plan on October 28, but its renegotiation opens the way for the biggest development of its kind. Besides the local authority in Soweto, Anglo American Life and the Foundation, the Departments of Cooperation and Development, Community Development and Finance

were also involved in the final arrangements. Mr David Thebehali, chairman of the Soweto Council, said yesterday "We have in our negotiation secured the best possible result for the people of Soweto". Mr Thebehali said he welcomed the private sector initiative. It had come when finances were not easily available for housing. At today's building costs Soweto's housing needs already exceeded R170-million. Dr Zac de Beer, chairman of Anglo American Life Assurance Company, said the investment was sound and in the interests of policy holders, as well as being a significant project for people in Soweto. Mr Brian Whittaker, Transvaal Regional Director of the Urban Foundation, said. "We see this move as a precursor of major housing projects throughout South Africa. It offers employers and developers an opportunity to make a realistic contribution, on an economic basis, to the provision of housing for the people of Soweto and for employees in particular".

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increased in Liverpool"). The trade union leaders are not only interested in wages, but also in maintaining work stability and full-employment.

These broad aims of the trade unions in England are not the same aims of as the T.U. in South Africa. As the trade unions do not represent all the workers, they aim for smaller separate issues.

The government has organized channels for communication between labour and employers. The Wage Act 1924, The Industrial Council Act and Settlement of Disputes Act have worked together to form a specific method for workers to express their grievances. White workers cannot strike if their case is under consideration by the Industrial Council. Other restraints exist.

The discussion of trade unions in South Africa and its pros and cons needs the consideration

Soweto housing scheme accepted

CAPE TIMES 26/11/82

Own Correspondent

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4000 live in crammed conditions - waiting

Housing scheme misses the poor

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MR W M APHANE, chairman of the Mamelodi Community Council says there are 4 000 residents on the local housing list presently crammed into several four-roomed houses throughout the township.

Mr Aphane was wel-

By NORMAN NGALE

coming Dr G de van Morrison, Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, and other guests from Sigma Motor Corporation, the Urban Foundation, and a building society at a function in

local residents.

Mr Aphane said the scheme was not enough because it excluded the low income group and that due to the ethnic grouping system imposed by the Government, even the private sector could not cater for whom ever they

pleased.

He attributed the inability of Government to provide adequate housing to lack of funds, due to the current economic depression.

He said R2 000 million was needed to wipe out the housing backlog in urban areas. "It is the

official Government policy to provide infrastructure and housing for the under-privileged, but people have to build their own houses."

"The accent must be placed on the means of helping a home-seeker to help himself. By involving individuals,

their employers, the local authority, the State and the private sector, the scope of housing action can be broadened considerably," Dr Morrison said.

The provision of between 80 to 90 homes, initially to Sigma employees and other residents, is a joint venture between Sigma, the Urban Foundation and the Standard Building Society

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Pretoria rents to go up

By Alinah Dube

THE Mamelodi and Atteridgeville residents in Pretoria are to be faced with rent increases when tariffs go up early next year.

The Central Transvaal Administration Board (CTAB) has issued a circular to the Mamelodi Community Council of the increases in water, electricity and sewerage tariffs for 1983/84.

Estimates for 1983/84 have shown a shortfall

of R42 474 would be suffered by the council unless an increase of 21c in sewerage tariffs was introduced.

A proposal for R1,33 in the water tariffs was made to avert a shortfall of R231 667 of the 1983/84 financial year.

Electricity tariff increases for houses with 10 amp and 15 amp circuit breakers will be R2,90 and R3,96 respectively.

The service levy for metered houses wired for 40 and 60 amp will increase by 96 cents,

while the energy levy for the first 1 100 kW will be R0,0094

This means the owner of a metered house, using an average of 600 units, will pay R6,60 more for electricity. Township residents will be expected to pay an average of R6,69 more for the three services next year.

The average monthly instalment for rent, water, electricity, sewerage and other tariffs will be pushed to about R50 a month.

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Oligopolists often get together and by doing so, charge higher prices since they're acting like a monopoly. They earn joint profits & then share them. But, it will always be in the interests of a single oligopolist to break from the joint profit sharing and cut his price just lower than that of his rivals and thereby gain a larger section of the market. But, the oligopolist

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THE Soweto Council resolved to accept the controversial R12.25-million loan from the private sector in a surprise move yesterday.

The council also announced that it would allow the building of "zozos" in place of backyard shacks in Orlando East.

This new plan for shack dwellers will bring relief to the township's estimated 16 000 families staying in these structures.

Meanwhile Soweto mayor Mr David Thebehali told the meeting that the Urban Foundation had offered the loan "without the previous conditions which made us reject the money".

According to Mr Thebehali, the Foundation would give the entire loan to the council—but the money would not be shared with other councils as was previously planned.

Mr Thebehali disclosed that the Department of Community Development would subsidise the interest rate on the land.

In a statement released by the urban Foundation yesterday it was said that negotiations that paved the way for the ultimate R77-million from the private business sector to flow into housing and land development in Soweto over the next two to three years have now been concluded.

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Rent reprieve for pensioners

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ABOUT 40 Soweto pensioners, who have no other source of income except their meagre bi-monthly pension, have been granted a rent reprieve.

This means that pensioners who have no children or other relatives living with them, will not be paying rent for the next three

months until the Soweto Council reviews their cases

Council's chairman Mr David Thebehali said the council received hundreds of applications from the aged for a rent reprieve and that only those pensioners who have no other source of income except pension were approved

An Orlando East councillor, Mr T J Ramathibela, has claimed that some pensioners — despite having had their rent remitted — were expected to pay their electricity bills. He said in terms of the Urban Areas Act the council was supposed to disqualify pensioners from rent and electricity bills.

The council is to investigate these claims.

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aid for squatter

Post 1/2/52

A WELL KNOWN Johannesburg attorney has now taken up the case of Mrs Emily Modise who was forcefully removed from a squatter camp in Springs and dumped in Qwa-Qwa last year

Mr Godfrey Pitje confirmed to **SUNDAY POST** that he has been briefed on Mrs Modise's case and has written a letter to the Nigel Commissioner enquiring about Mrs Modise's background

It was after her failure to obtain assistance from the Commissioner at Nigel recently that a few sympathisers, who wished to remain anonymous, decided to take up the matter on her behalf.



Mrs Modise

By SAM MABE

The ailing 55-year-old mother of eight was cuddling her 18-day-old grandchild when she travelled about 400 kilometres in a Government truck before being dumped in an open veld in drenching rain, she claimed

Mrs Modise, who has not received a cent of the "pension money" she was promised by Government officials before leaving Springs, has no source of income and, with her four grand-children, is destitute

She has also not been paid the disability grant she was promised after an operation to have a breast removed earlier this year

Early this year, the four children suffered from malnutrition and had to be taken to hospital. But because she had no money to pay for their medical fees, the children were refused admission to Elizabeth Ross Hospital in Qwa-Qwa

Only the youngest of the children, Millicent, who was five-months-old then, was admitted because her condition was more critical

After many fruitless

attempts to get her pension in Qwa-Qwa, Mrs Modise came to Nigel last week, where she was born and spent all her life before moving to Springs last year, to meet the Commissioner for Co-operation and Development about her pension money

In Nigel she was told that the South African Government was no longer responsible for her. She was advised to seek her pension from the Qwa-Qwa government. She was given a free railway ticket back as she had no money for her return fare

Soon after her arrival in Qwa-Qwa late last year, Mrs Modise told **SUNDAY POST** that she was removed from Springs against her will and under the pretext that she would have a house of her own, better than the shack she lived in in Springs

Dr G de V Morrison, Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, insisted that Mrs

Modise was sent to Qwa-Qwa voluntarily and that she had in fact, asked to be sent back to "her home" where she wished to stay with her brother

Mrs Modise said Qwa-Qwa is not her home and she has no brother there. She had never been to the homeland before, had no relatives there and knew no one

Later last year, officials of the Department of Co-operation and Development visited Mrs Modise while she was in hospital shortly after she was operated on. She was made to sign certain documents which the officials claimed were proof that she was resettled in Qwa-Qwa on her request.

Mrs Modise, who cannot read, said she signed certain documents which she was made to believe were for a new house she was to move into after her discharge from hospital. She also said she signed the papers while under sedation and not fully alert.

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By LIN MENGE

TRAINING is the key to worker-housing. Train your workforce so they earn enough to be able to acquire their own housing.

That's Wrighttech's thinking but it needed a daring and novel scheme to put that fine theory into practice.

Wrighttech, manufacturers of earthmoving equipment in Boksburg, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Barlow Rand Ltd. The managing director, Mr. Frank Bartos, started training black and coloured workers 11 years ago.

The result was that the company soon boasted a large number of well-paid workers but who were totally frustrated by their living conditions.

We train them, they come to this beautiful factory and then they go home to Daveyton," says Mr. Bartos. A survey revealed that few workers had administration board houses most made do in rented rooms or even shacks.

"They eat, sleep, live, do it all in one room," says Mr. Bartos. He shows you colour slides that shake you. "That's how our people live," he says.

The company helped one employee buy his existing township house on 99-year leasehold.

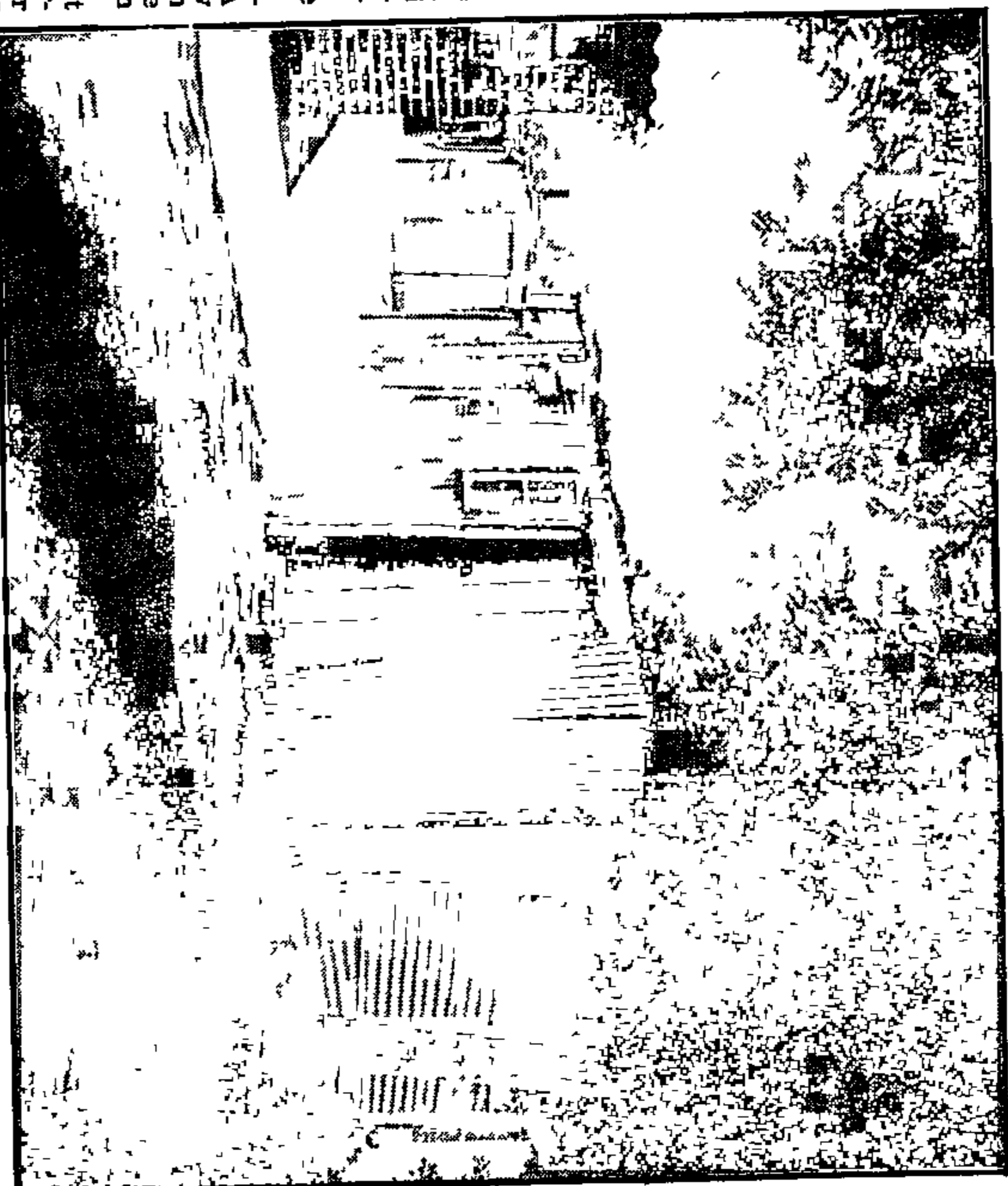
It took three years and they had to pay to have all 1 600 stands in the huge block surveyed so their man could get title to that one plot. That obviously, was not the answer, even though it enabled the man to obtain a R5 000 bond to expand the house.

Mr. Bartos, meanwhile, appealed to Barlow Rand for assistance so that Wrighttech could come up with a scheme, not for housing all its staff, but for HOW people could be housed.

The East Rand Administration Board allocated them a block of 108 stands on 99-year leasehold. The land had to be surveyed and serviced. In February their contractor started building.

He finished the houses at the rate of one a day and today they are all sold, the scheme has not cost Wrighttech a single cent, and private building is booming because at last the better-off Daveyton-ites have an attractive neighbourhood in which to build good houses that will rebuild their full value.

One other company scheme and several Department of Prisons houses contribute to the comfortable image of the

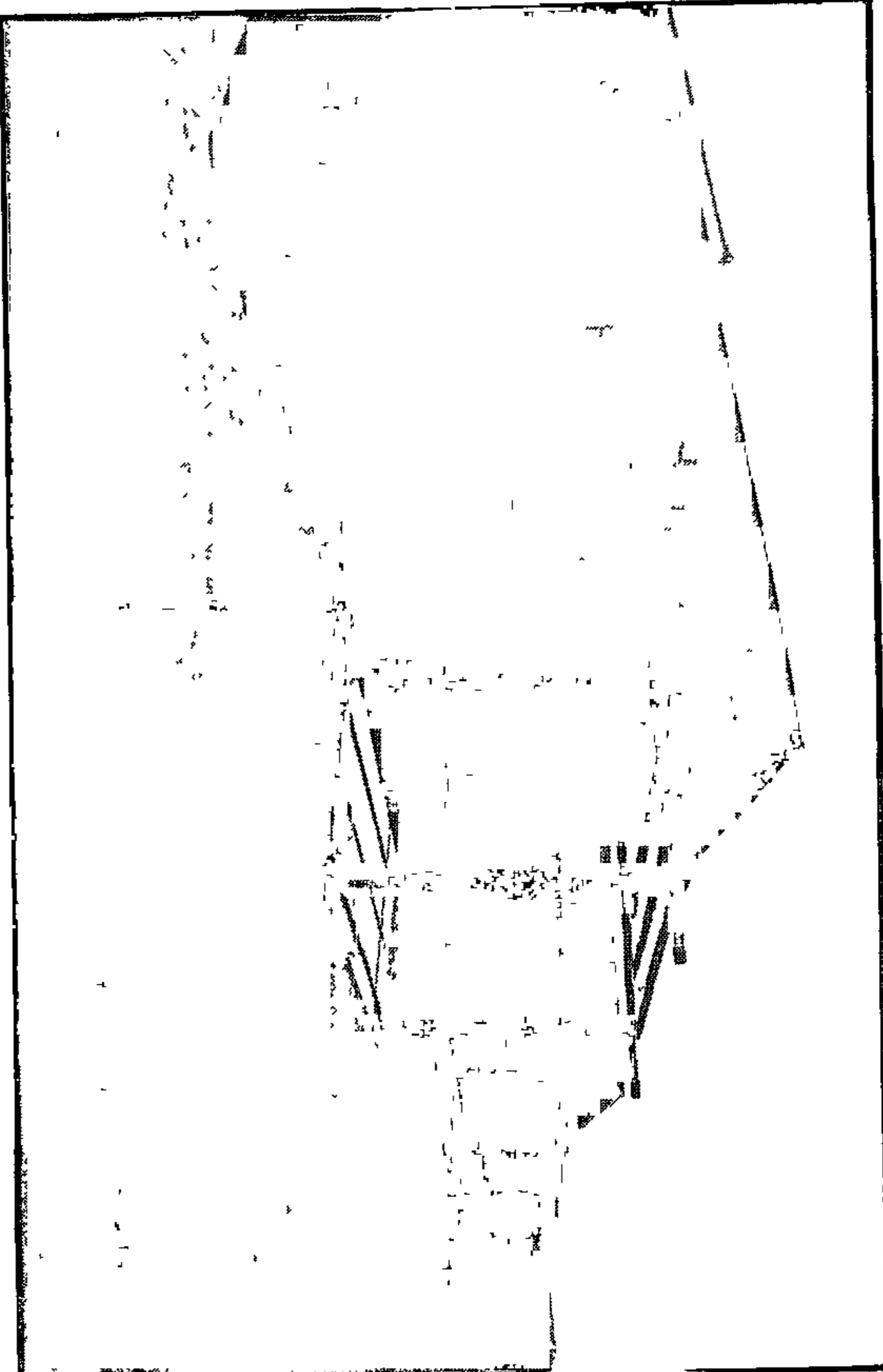


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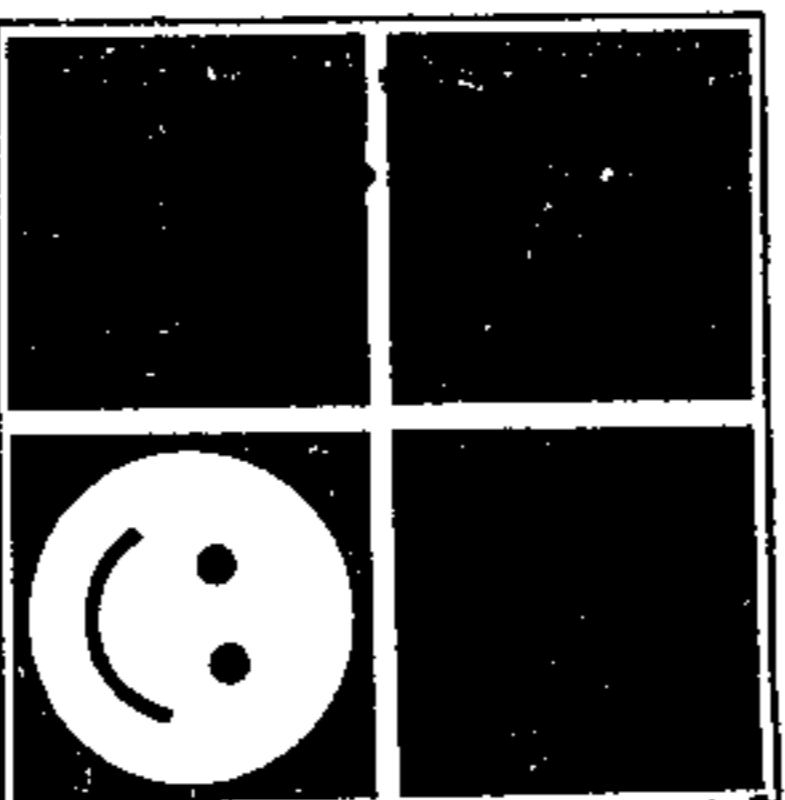
Wrighttech workers have moved from backrooms and shacks like those on the left in Daveyton to homes the company built — and sold them through a novel loan scheme

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Wrighttech sticks its neck out . . .



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How did it happen? By sticking their necks out. By not waiting to cross every t and dot every i. By erecting houses they could sell for more than they paid for them, and by total commitment, says Mr. Bartos.

"By making yourself unpopular and embarrassing in," adds personal manager, Mr. Andre Oosthuizen.

First problem was to finance the scheme without any subsidy. This meant the worker must pay for the house from his earnings. But how? Say the worker who wanted a house earned R600 a month

That means that, in terms of the building society's 25 per cent rule, such a man could pay R150 a month on repaying his mortgage bond. But the houses cost R21 000 (R16 000 for the house, R5 000 for the services, tarred roads, etc.)

If down payment was R1 000 (6 per cent), the man would need a building society loan of R20 000 to be able to buy the house. On a R20 000 mortgage, repaid over 30 years at normal building society rates, the man would have to pay R270 a month.

This was brought down to R250 a month because, at the time Wrighttech launched their scheme, a R30-million US bank loan arranged by the Urban Foundation cut building society interest on 99-year leasehold mortgage loans by 1.25%.

But this still meant the man was R100 short every month. So the company lent the man the difference, securing their loan with a second bond on his house on which he had to pay the full market interest rate.

FRANK BARTOS, MD of Wrighttech, "We've shown the way"

This was done by increasing the worker's monthly repayment by 8 percent every year — he gets an annual salary increase — which will wash out after 22 years. The next was to sell the houses. An employee, Mr. Matthew Mavuso, was appointed salesman.

For two years he did nothing but sell houses, presenting potential buyers with choices of site layouts, plans, models and variations on the basic design which would vary one house from the next.

Workers were shown a video film of how Barlow Rand employees can house themselves and were shown similar houses in KwaThema. They were told again and again "The choice is yours".

Once the decision was made the employee had to produce his down-payment and arrange his repayments (a minimum of R30 a week). Eligibility depended on a good service record and being younger than 42, because the company must be repaid before the employee retires on pension.

Finally, there was the standard of the houses themselves. "We could have built boxes, but then what would the worker have achieved with his better earning power?" Upgrading was essential," says Mr. Bartos.

Instead of rows of identical houses, the scheme consists of different-looking yet identical houses built around a series of crescents. The standard, even of the finish, would be acceptable to most whites.

But of course people who have lived half their lives in one room do not have any furniture. To prevent wild buying on credit, Mr. Oosthuizen approached local furniture manufacturers, and invited them to "talk it over" before workers bought too much at once.

"The dealers have really played the game with us," he said. Mr. Oosthuizen also visits the new home-owners, to give a little timely advice on what is, for them, a whole new way of life.

And so a whole new housing process has started — company workers moving into good new houses while their colleagues take over their old administration board houses under Erab's 30-year home-ownership scheme, and doctors and shopkeepers building for themselves in the area Wrighttech opened up.

Meanwhile, the replacement value of those R16 000 houses has leapt to R24 000 in just one year.

"We don't aim to house our entire workforce," says Mr. Bartos, "but we've shown the way".

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Meeting on shack dwellers

— Mail Reporter

A SOWETO Civic Association (SCA) meeting was held in Orlando East at the weekend to discuss the recent arrests of shack dwellers in pre-dawn raids

The meeting was held at the NG Kerk in Afrika, where last week several hundred people passed a resolution refusing to destroy the shacks

It was decided at the weekend to look into the transport problems of the elderly, some of whom have been summoned to appear in the Johannesburg Commissioner's Court on January 10

A total of 314 shack dwellers and homeowners — including a 103-year-old woman — have appeared in court charged either with being in the township without permission or not complying with the Soweto Council order

Rbm 30/11/82

Move to demolish homes under fire

By JOHN BUYS

SPRINGS home owners — many of them pensioners — are up in arms over council plans to buy up their properties for development

The proposal, part of a new masterplan for the town, affects mostly the lower and middle income groups

The plan has been submitted to the council by a team of consultants appointed in March and entails the building of a new library, theatre, art gallery, museum and community centre on a site adjoining the central business district and now partly occupied by the Central Methodist Church

The recommendations also call for most of the residential area around the site of the new post office to be developed for commerce and parking

For home owners in the town, which is hit by a critical housing shortage, this is bad news because the whole area between Fourth and Eighth streets and

Fourth and Seventh avenues, will be cleared of homes

This means the council will have to buy up 68 homes and the church

An irate home-owner, Mrs V Engelbrecht, said yesterday "We are not selling I've heard of plans to improve the central business district and a council official told my husband our home could be needed tomorrow or in a year's time

"We are now busy with alterations and this is most annoying"

Mrs Engelbrecht said she felt for the elderly who will lose their homes "at a time when it is hard to find a roof over your head"

Mr P Ferreira said he was against council plans to improve the town's appearance as many people in the area had spent a lot of money on improvements

"We cannot buy homes for that money in other suburbs There is a possibility the council will not give us a good price"

The chairman of the town council's management committee, Mr Marius Nel, said that while he expected a "hue and cry" over the council's masterplan he was hoping for a "spirit of co-operation and consultation instead of one of confrontation"

He said "The council simply wanted to do what was best for Springs and would do its best to accommodate any people affected by the plan There is a great deal of sympathy for these people, but the council would offer fair prices for their houses"

There was a need to revitalise Springs and while the council was prepared to pay good prices for properties, it would not be prepared to pay exorbitant sums

"We owe the people of Springs a chance to do their shopping in this town and we owe the businessmen a chance to catch up with their competitors in neighbouring towns"

A deadline for the masterplan has not yet been set

China expects baby boom

PEKING — China is likely to have a new baby boom this decade as women born during the 1960s boom reach child-bearing age a Chinese demographer has reported

In the latest edition of the official weekly Beijing (Peking) Review demographer Mr Hou Wenrou said that despite China's compulsory birth control policy no significant reduction in population growth was expected in the 1980s

Mr Hou said the reduction in the minimum marriage age last year to 22 for men and 20 for women, which in Mao Tse Tung's time had been five years higher, had raised the number of women who might have children

Census results published last month showed China is the world's most populous nation with more than 1 008-million people at the end of July — and increasing by 10-million a year

The People's Daily said recently it would be very difficult to keep within the target of 1 200-million people by the century's end.

The 1981 growth rate was 1.46%, which, though much lower than 1964's 2.8%, was higher than between 1976 and 1980

Strict birth control policies involving fines and incentives put couples under strong pressure to have only one child, though among China's 800-million peasants two children are more common

An official newspaper disclosed earlier this month that this strict policy was provoking some parents to deliberately kill baby girls because of the traditional preference for a male heir and the economic advantages of having sons.

"Some of these unfortunate children are left by the roadside or abandoned on street corners while others are even drowned," the China Youth News said

"If this phenomenon is not stopped quickly, then in 20 years time a serious social problem will arise, namely that a large number of young men will not be able to find wives," the paper warned — Sapa-Reuter

Night of Great Deceit

Mail Reporter

WHAT wondrous garments of falsehood and deceit do you have at your disposal?

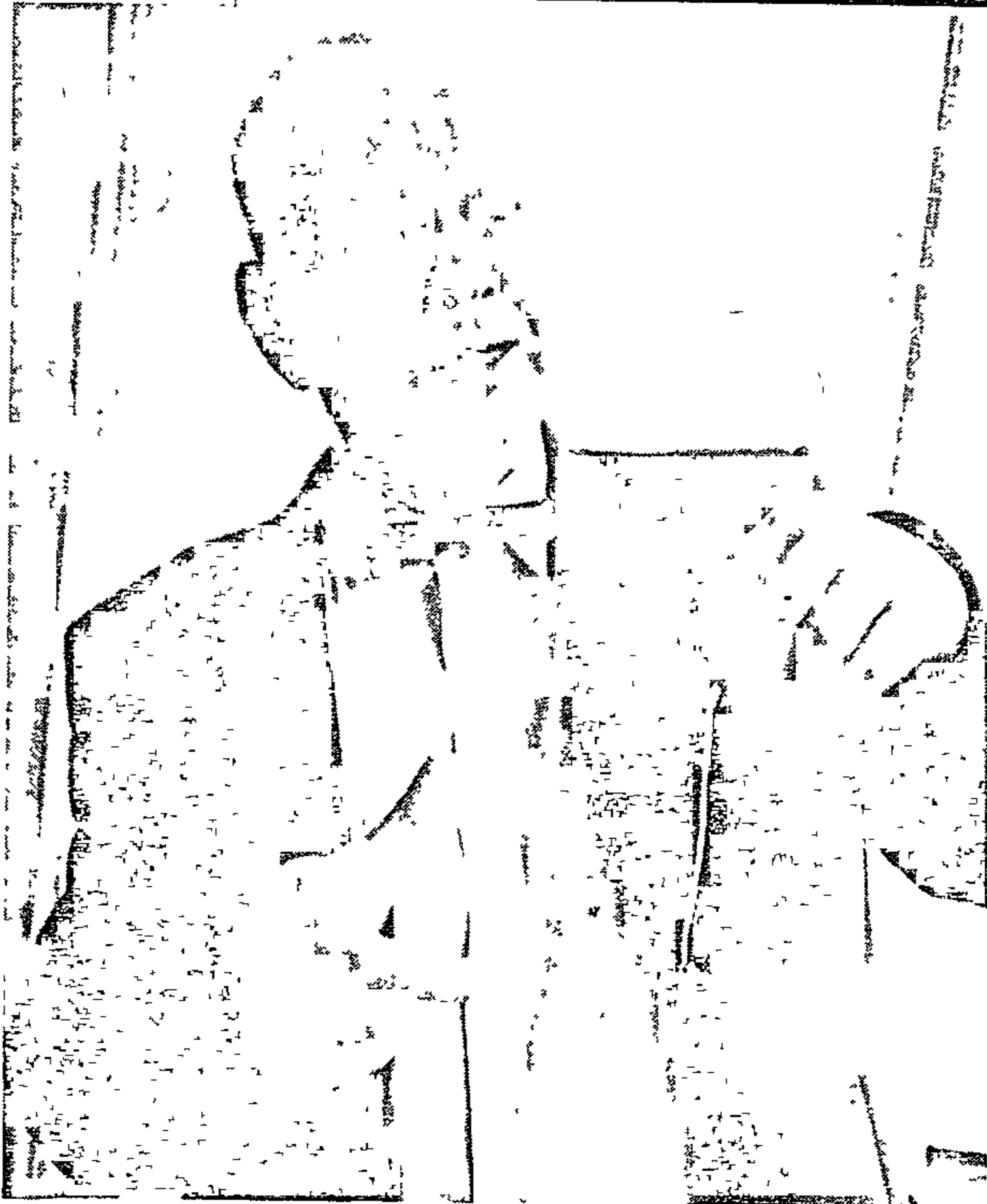
If they are judged the best in the Great Liar Competition, you could earn the dubious title of Chief Fabricator

So come and enjoy a wildly dishonest evening at the new Academic Institution of Higher Lyng, on Wednesday, December 1, in the University of the Witwatersrand Great Hall

Several celebrities will be taking part in the competition, which is to become an annual event. Francois van Wyk is 3 to 1 favourite Others who will be vying for the honours will be Sue Kelly-Christie, Gordon Mulholland and Clive Scott Trying to hold the whole thing together will be Clark "Clackie" McKay

Amateur fisherman have been given the benefit of the doubt and are entitled to enter, but their professional counterparts are for obvious reasons excluded Used car salesmen may have to undergo rigorous tests by the AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) before being allowed to enter

Booking is available at Computicket and tickets will also be available at the door



"I'm telling you it's an ice worm skeleton," says Mr Karl Kaufman, who is confident his lies will win him the title of Chief Fabricator on Wednesday

Fatal shot: man held

PIETERSBURG — A 37-year-old man has been arrested in connection with the death of Mrs Elda Bester, 40, of Palmietfontein, near

Terror leader shot dead

Mail Africa Bureau

LUSAKA — A Zambian terrorist leader Adamson Mushala was shot dead by security forces near Chizera in far north-western Zambia on Friday, the Zambia Daily Mail

Mushala camp comprised 12 men and eight women

The government-owned Daily Mail carried a front-page picture of Mushala's body

Lena plans a long holiday

London Bureau

LONDON — Tragic teenage superstar Lena Zavaroni, 19,

Township plan for coloureds is under attack

By Lucille McNamara
Municipal Reporter

Sandton Town Council has been severely censured for failing to consult its residents before proposing to establish a township for coloured people on the borders of affluent residential suburbs

The four independent councillors in the Progressive Federal Party-controlled council last night voted against a proposal to establish a coloured township to the north-east of the town

A majority of councillors instead voted in favour of a proposal that the Department of Community Development be asked to investigate the establishment of the coloured group area

The council intends housing its 6700 coloured community on a portion of land which borders Buccleuch, Modderfontein and the Modderfontein dynamite factory

Other suburbs in close proximity to the area are Limbro Park, Kelvin and Lombardy.

After the council meeting the chairman of the Limbro Park Ratepayers' Association Mr Harold Kimmel,

dum to establish the wishes of the white community.

Another independent, Mr Edward Cooté, said the creation of the coloured township would "cut off" Limbro Park from the rest of Sandton

Mr Cooté said he had no objection to the establishment of a "high quality" coloured area if property values could match those of Sandton. He estimated the average price of white houses in the town at R70 000

A third independent Mr Bill Hedding asked that the matter be referred back to the management committee

He called for a socio-economic study of coloured people living in Sandton and Alexandra, a breakdown of coloured people employed in the area, a report on the financial implications of creating a coloured township and for a referendum among white residents.

Mr Hedding's proposals were rejected

A township for the coloured community is necessary because those now housed in Alexandra will have to be resettled within the next two years. The land earmarked by the council is 95 ha in extent and is large enough to accommodate Sandton's coloured community.

posed to the erection of sub-economic housing in the area, "irrespective of race".

She said the council had failed to consider the deteriorating effect which a coloured township would have on property values and called for a referendum

the creation of a coloured area on the border of the Modderfontein dynamite factory would "pose a security threat".

The independent councillor who represents Limbro Park, Mrs Jo Marais, said she was vehemently opposed

held an impromptu press conference at which he said "Reason leaves when politics enters".

He accused the council of failing to honour its election promise to consult residents on planning proposals. Mr Kimmel also said

Sandton power costs rising

sulting in a surcharge of 36 percent by the Electricity Supply Commission.

The proposed tariff changes will result in an additional income of R470 130 over 12 months.

This amendment to the electricity by-laws was accepted by Sandton town councillors at last night's meeting, but not without a protest by independent

Sandton's domestic electricity consumers can expect an increase of about 12 1/2 percent in costs from December 27.

Comparing this with the existing tariff, a domestic consumer using 1200 units a month will pay about 7.22 more a month

This is due to the increase in the bulk supply tariff to all large power users, re-

Other suburbs in close proximity to the area are Limbro Park, Kelvin and Lombardy.

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Tshiawelo houses up for sale

THE 800 Tshiawelo Extension 3 houses which sparked off controversy because of their R185 monthly rentals, are up for sale at R13 000 a unit. *Soweto*

But the sale of the houses will not affect the rent, which was reduced to R145 after the outcry from the new township's residents.

Soweto Council's deputy chief executive officer, Mr. Jack Jacobs, said yesterday the tenants would have to decide for themselves whether they wanted to buy or rent the houses.

"We won't encourage them to buy the houses but will wait for the response from the tenants. The houses will be sold under the 99-year leasehold scheme," Mr. Jacobs said.

Sixty of the houses have been completed and will be handed over to the council this week.

Big boost for black housing

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YESTERDAY. Ackermans in Pimville

By LEN MASEKO
SUPERMARKET tycoon Mr Raymond Ackerman has embarked on a multi-million rand housing scheme to build houses for his black employees all over the country.

The first phase of Mr Ackerman's scheme got off the ground yesterday when he handed over keys of 34 houses in Soweto to their owners, all employees of his Pick 'n Pay chain.

The houses, whose prices range from R18 500 to R30 000, have been made available following an agreement between the supermarket and a leading building society. The monthly bond repayments — which will be a

minimum of R70 a month — will be subsidised through the interest on R1-million invested in the building society by the chain.

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Mr Ackerman told **The SOWETAN** that the 34 Pimville houses were the first of several housing projects he was planning for his black employees throughout the country. He added that he hoped to buy more land in Soweto in preparation for the second phase.

Soweto's "mayor", Mr David Thebehali, welcomed the homeowners to their new houses during the opening ceremony. He en-

couraged the private sector to join hands in solving the area's critical housing shortage, adding that the public had been incorrectly informed about his council's rejection of the R12,3-million loan offered through the Urban Foundation.

He said the council was dissatisfied with the condition laid down for the loan.

Mr Ackerman said the houses had been built for various income groups. Two of the homeowners are Mrs Cathy Maphumulo, an assistant in the canteen at one of the outlets of the chain, and shelf packer Mr Richard Mtshizana.

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substantial increases. The talks followed the week-long strike by hundreds of CNA store and warehouse workers in the Johannesburg area earlier this month. The successful wage negotiations mean that CNA workers in urban areas will earn a minimum R235 a month, a 45 percent increase over the previous R160



Supreme Court decision sets Group Areas precedent

Staff Reporters

The Government will be forced to give top priority to the severe housing crisis after yesterday's historic Pretoria Supreme Court ruling that evictions under the Group Areas Act can be withheld.

The move has been welcomed by legal and race relations experts.

Professor John Dugard, director of the Centre for Applied Legal Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand, said it would be difficult for the State to obtain eviction orders until the housing shortage has been settled.

Some experts however, greeted with scepticism yesterday's ruling that an eviction order can be made only after an in-depth study of the case and a formal application by the State prosecutor.

This in no way curbed the power of the law and merely slowed down the eviction process.

Yesterday Mr Justice Goldstone and Mr Justice le Grange set aside an order evicting a 52-year-old Indian pensioner, Mrs Gladys Catherine Govender, from her home in the white residential area of Mayfair.

In doing so, the judges referred to a sub-section of the new Group Areas Act which gives the courts a discretion in the granting of eviction orders.

This is the first time this section of the Act has been used to set aside an eviction notice, thus setting a

Eviction ruling is welcomed

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precedent for future appeals.

Mr Justice Goldstone said it appeared to have been accepted in the lower courts that an eviction order was part of the sentence after a conviction under the Group Areas Act.

"In my opinion, this is wrong and the sooner this practice stops the better," he said.

Professor Dugard described the court decision as "very important in the way the courts can interpret an unjust law".

"It also vindicates the policy of Actstop which for four years has placed its confidence in the courts," he said.

A spokesman for a legal firm which has handled hundreds of eviction cases said Mrs Govender's reprieve was "a victory we applaud".

"However, the ruling does not actually solve the problem and the

power of the Group Areas Act remains unchanged.

"The ruling merely gives those convicted under the Act a little more time to find alternative accommodation or to obtain a permit.

"It does not prevent their being dragged back to court time and time again."

The Southern Transvaal regional secretary of the South African Institute of Race Relations, Mrs Ina Perlman, said the institute welcomed the setting aside of Mrs Govender's eviction order.

"We are hoping that this signals the beginning of a time when magistrates take cognisance of the reasons people move into the wrong group areas in the first place.

"However, the basic issue remains and that is that people of all races must be allowed to live where they

want to or anywhere they can afford to."


An attorney acting for Actstop, the organisation formed to help those affected by the Group Areas Act, said the ruling was "very significant".

"It means that in order for a magistrate to evict a person convicted under the Act there must be a formal application by the State prosecutor.

"This will have to be properly motivated and accompanied by appropriate evidence in future."

The chairman of Actstop, Mr Cassim Saloojee, said the routine issuing of eviction notices to those convicted under the Act was a "cruel, inhuman application of the Act".

"We welcome the ruling as heralding a more humane approach but Actstop remains implacably opposed to the Group Areas Act and all its manifestations."



Mr E Samuel, left, and Mr B Bertram, directors of Lenning Holdings, with Mr Israel Jakuda, chairman of Vosloorus Community Council, at the inauguration of the company's housing scheme at Vosloorus yesterday

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Lenning build for 'space age'

By JOHAN BUYS

NINETY-FOUR houses are being built by Lenning Holdings in Vosloorus Township, near Boksburg.

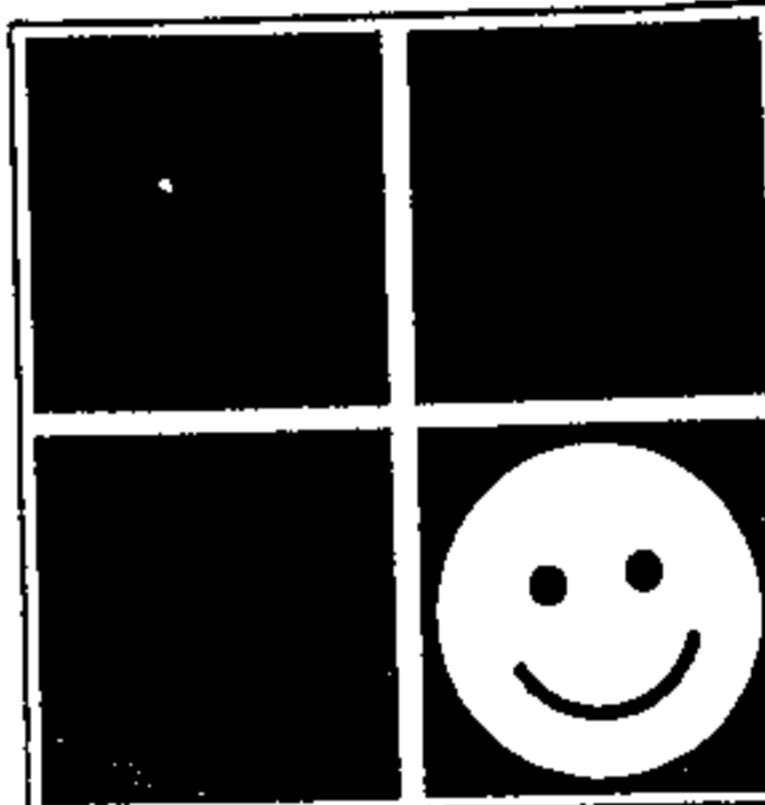
The inauguration of the project yesterday was attended by members of the East Rand Administration Board, the Vosloorus Community Council and directors of Lenning Holdings.

Families will pay from R15 000, for three-bedroomed homes, to R27 000 for ultra-modern, spacious four-bedroomed homes.

The houses are being built according to a "space age" method of construction.

The method has been approved by the South African Bureau of Standards and the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research.

This "space age" method is according to a concept first researched 20 years ago to withstand bad soil conditions



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and earth tremors.

A director of Lenning Holdings, Mr Bill Bertram, said the scheme was originally aimed at providing homes for the firm's black employees, but was expanded when they discovered how critical the housing shortage was for blacks generally.

The scheme was launched in February, after much difficulty had been experienced in securing official approval



MICHAEL MATLEJON, with his baby sister, **DORIS**, in front of their new home in the Pick 'n Pay complex in Pimville.

Pictures: **ROBERT TSHABALALA**

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How to help servants their own homes

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A basic wish of most people is to have a home of their own where they can rear their children and to which they can retire

Until 1978 black workers were unable to buy a house or land outside the homelands. The 99 year leasehold then came into being, enabling blacks to lease property in the townships

This system has permitted many employers to look at ways in which they can help their domestic workers buy a house away from their employers' premises — those servants' quarters where there may be adequate room but where the domestic worker certainly cannot put down roots

The red tape and the long procedure of dealing with administration boards make some employers give up the housing battle, while others simply do not know where to begin

The Star's Women's Page has investigated the problem with a view to giving employers some guidelines on how to help their domestic workers get a house

We have spoken to administration board officials and to some employers who have succeeded in getting a house for their workers and who have proved that the problems are not insurmountable

Take the case of Edith who, during her 27 years of working for a family in Westcliff, Johannesburg, has lived in the servants' quarters attached to their house.

When she was 53 her employers decided she needed some security for her old age. "We felt a pension with no house to live in was not much good", explains her employer, who wishes to remain anonymous.

She went to the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab) only to learn there was a waiting list of 18 000 families wanting housing in Soweto. Without a family already in Soweto, Edith's chances were slim.

But she was lucky. In Zola North on the outskirts of Soweto was a

barren piece of land which through some miscalculation, had not been accounted for when the area was subdivided

"We were told Edith could have that. There is no choice in where your plot is to be", says her employer

Once the plot was allocated, there was a deposit of about R500 to be paid to Wrab and monthly rates of about R22. Edith now has a three-bedroomed house into which she moved this month

Until she dies this house will belong to her. Then the employer hopes to hand it over to the domestic worker who takes Edith's place

"We have drawn up a contract with her so that when she dies the house comes back to us and we have taken out an insurance policy for the house", she says

All these steps have

In the past year, employers of domestic workers have begun to think about providing a home for people who have such difficulty in obtaining housing. But how do you go about it? JEAN HEY investigated.

not been easy however. Of the seven companies approached only one was prepared to insure the house of a woman living in Soweto

"The possibility of fire, vandalism and riots' deters insurance firms as well as the fact that the people of Soweto have to live in such close proximity that damage is more likely", explains Mr John Freeman Junior of John Freeman Insurances, Johannesburg

For Mrs. L. Simpson of Johannesburg and her maid, Mrs Grace Buthelezi, the procedure of getting a 99-year lease-

hold should have been simpler. Grace's husband had died, leaving her with a house in Soweto with a 30-year leasehold policy. A letter from the Soweto Council told her she still had to pay off R145 on this lease

Through inquiries to the Soweto Council Mrs Simpson discovered that unless Grace transferred her leasehold to 99 years her children would not be able to inherit the house

The 30-year leasehold gives Grace ownership of the house only and not of the land, while the 99-year leasehold,

according to Wrab's director of community services, Mr Alec Rabie has the same value as freehold property

Says Mrs Simpson "The switch from the 30-year leasehold to a 99-year one has been fraught with problems. We had to pay surveying costs (which are at present R145) before they would even open a file. Then Wrab needed proof of ownership. After 10 months of negotiation we received a provisional right of leasehold subject to our paying off R90 outstanding from the 30-year policy"

Mrs Simpson wanted Grace to get a loan for this sum of about R500 which she could gradu-

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Parliament began with a strong performance by the new Leader of the Opposition Dr Frederick van Zyl Stubbelt, and the announcement of the beginning of the end of the 72 hour curfew law

But in Nationalist terms, the biggest bang of all was the decision to reverse 20 years of apartheid madness in Grahamstown and to allow black people to remain in Fingo Village

All the statements, the heartache and suffering over Fingo Village will not be forgotten — and for whatever Dr Koornhof has managed to do in getting the decision reversed, the Nationalist Government was responsible. But at least the original decision has been changed

In the days of Grand old apartheid when Dr F Verwoerd was still in full ideological flight it seemed so logical to move all blacks out of the cities and make them commute from their homelands

It was this policy that led to the construction of Mdantsane rather than the redevelopment of Duntuan Village. It meant that the Government could theoretically start making the cities of South Africa less black but since it has always been an aim to do this, the Nationalist ideologists

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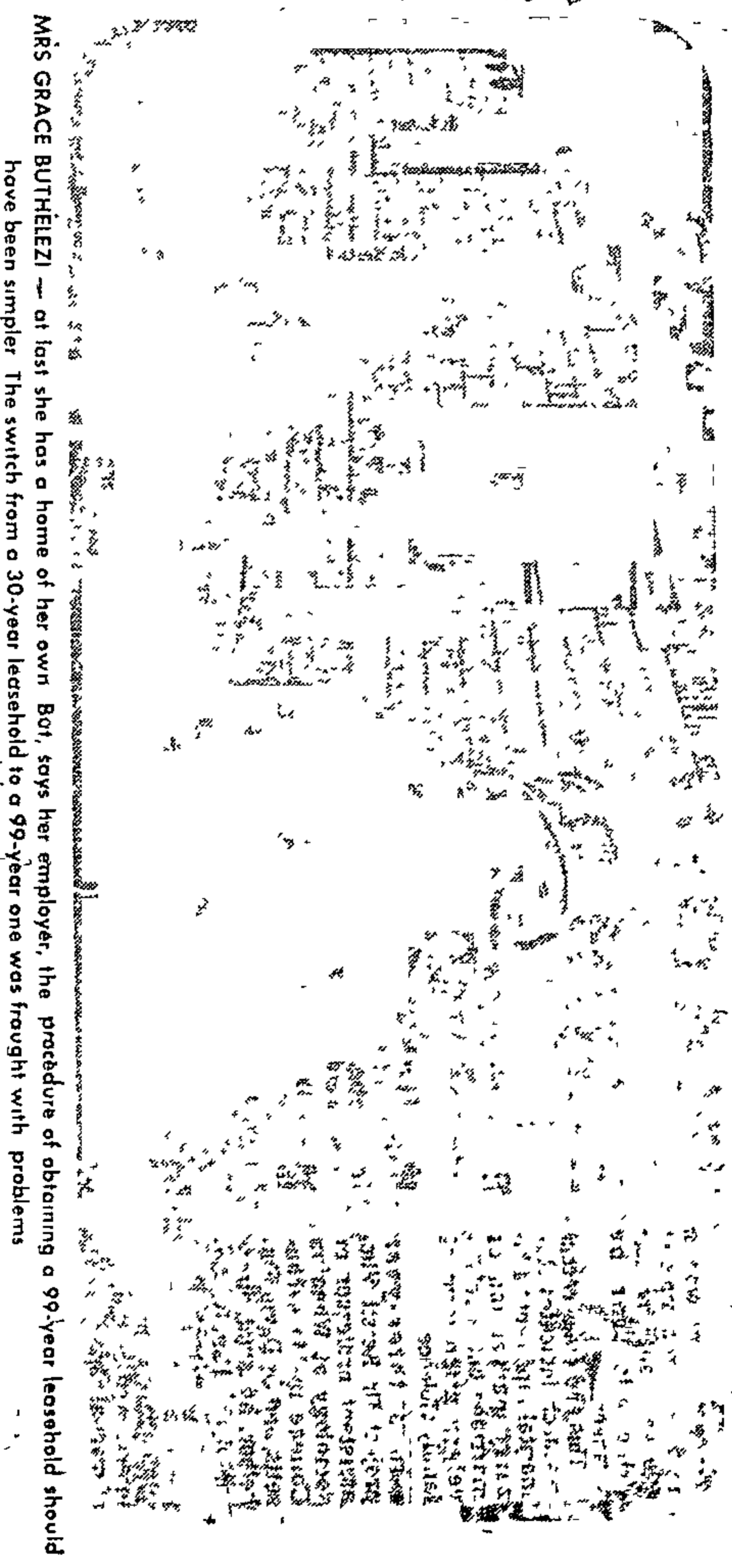
ally pay off Again companies showed a bias against black women and the Soweto Council eventually provided Grace with her loan

In all Mrs Simpson has spent almost a year organising a permanent house for Grace, although she says, the authorities were helpful and did their utmost to speed the process

The procedure of getting a house for a black domestic worker may seem complex and to have endless variables. There are however, basic steps that an employer can follow to simplify the process

Before the worker can apply for a house in Soweto he must be registered to work in Johannesburg. Then he must complete application forms which he can get from the township manager. The next step is to visit the New Canada Home Ownership offices in Soweto where they will tell him the

Coloureds' would not be able to only in the majority. Imagine the Govern



MRS GRACE BUTHELEZI — at last she has a home of her own. Bot, says her employer, the procedure of obtaining a 99-year leasehold should have been simpler. The switch from a 30-year one was fraught with problems

selling price of a house the deposit required and the monthly repayments. There they also draw up an agreement and usually suggest the prospective buyer makes a will and takes out bond insurance. For R8 000 you can buy a simple house but, according to Mr Alec Rabie it will be little

more than the bare structure of a house which can be extended later. Realistically, a house in Soweto or Alexandria will cost R30 000. That would give you a modern, three bedroomed house, Mr Rabie said. For those who are already renting the house

they wish to buy, the procedure is quite straightforward according to Mr Rabie, who says all that is needed to begin the process of buying the house is a deposit of about R250. But those who have never lived in the township must join the backlog of at least 18 000 families — some of whom

have been waiting for houses since 1968 — unless like Edith they are lucky says Mr Rabie. 'The Department of Community Development is spending millions of rands to overcome the housing shortage and by next year we will have made definite progress', he says, adding no problem is in-

surmountable even within the confines of existing legislation. At the very least an employer should find out where their domestic worker is living and under what conditions. Most employers today subsidise their workers' housing, but everybody has a duty to get involved.

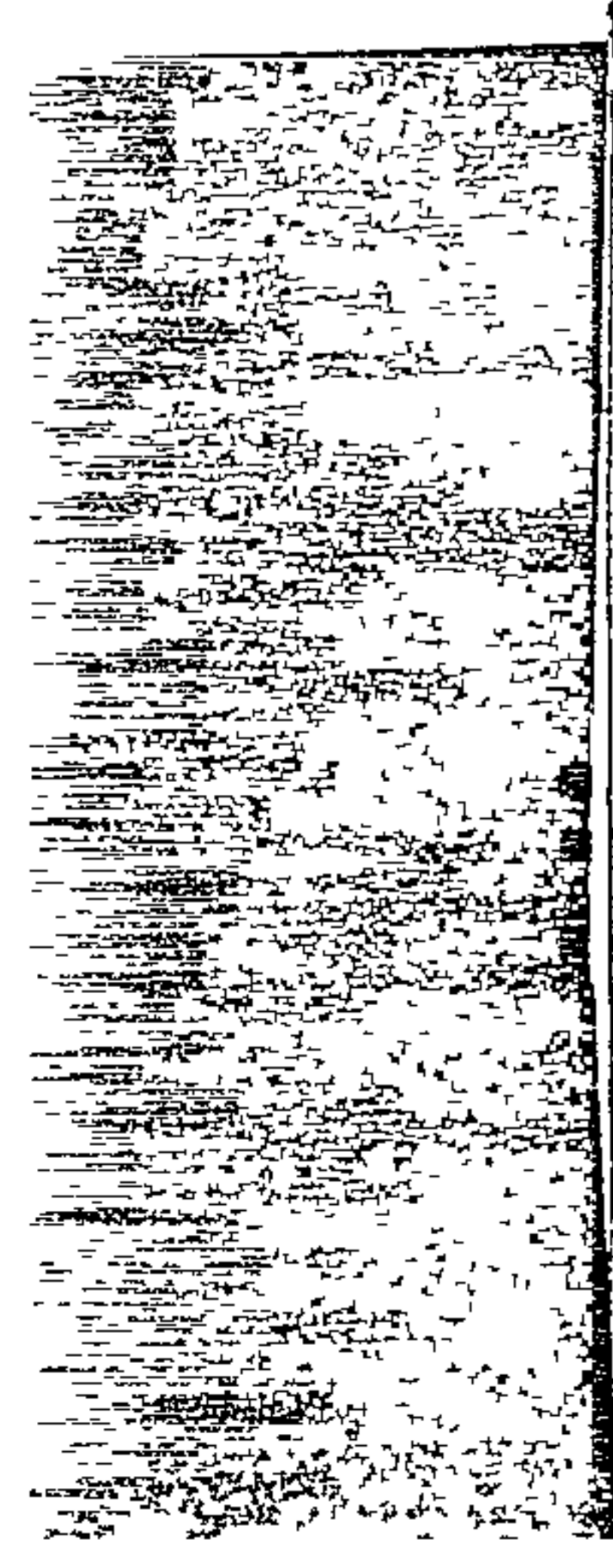
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And in Grahamstown, First Committee's Drift and then Glenmore were set aside for the new township, money voted in

Dr Koornhof — changed government policy

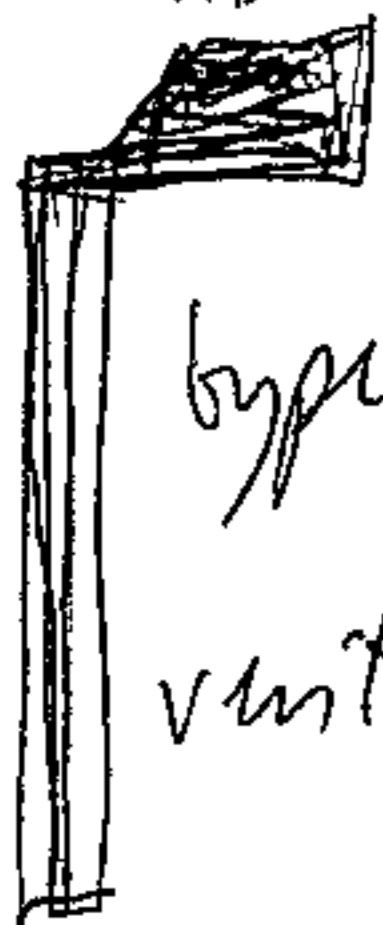
Mrs Helen Suzman — should never have been construed as a solution

said "It is the time to improve it and also to necessary step



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Loan confuses city councils

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CONFUSION has broken out regarding whether the Diepmeadow and Dobsonville councils have been left out of the controversial R12,25-million loan offered for housing the private sector.

This follows the Soweto Council's acceptance of the loan, which it had rejected last month, after the private sector offered the money under new conditions.

The conditions included that the money — through the Urban Foundation — will be channelled to the council, and not shared with others in the West Rand as previously proposed.

A spokesman for the Foundation admitted yesterday that there was confusion whether the new conditions included the other four councils, as was initially proposed that they would share R4-million from the loan.

"According to the new terms, it appears the other councils have been excluded from the deal," he said.

The two other councils which could have benefited from the loan, are those of Mohlakeng and Kagiso.

Diepmeadow Council's chairman, Mr Joseph Mahuhushi, said yesterday that he had not been approached about the loan. "We are still waiting for them to approach us with the offer," he said.

The Foundation spokesman added that his company was still drawing a feasibility study on how to spend an additional R65-million, which the private sector intends to use on various housing schemes in Soweto. The study will be ready early next year, and will be submitted to the council for a final decision.

The R12,25-million loan became a centre of controversy last month, when it was rejected by the council. Last week, the council reversed its decision after the private sector offered the money on new terms.

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Moca wants to see Dr K

THE MOHLAKENG Civic Association (Moca) intends meeting the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, before December 7 to discuss rent (12)

The executive of Moca has already sent a telegram to Dr Koornhof asking him for the meeting Moca wants to meet Dr Koornhof with the view of taking the West Rand rent issue to court

Chairman of Moca, Mr Pinkie Ngakane, said "We have met councillors and Wraab officials while trying to solve the rent issue They didn't satisfy us and now we want Dr Koornhof himself"

The Moca executive said R1 notes had been collected from each household in Mohlakeng to cover legal costs in the event of the case going to court Mr Ngakane said businessmen in the township were each expected to give

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BLACK HOUSING
Business in Soweto

The Urban Foundation's (UF) R77m housing initiative for Soweto is on. The foundation says it recently completed negotiations that pave the way for the private sector to provide funds for low-cost housing and to undertake a R65m development, based on business principles, in a part of Soweto known as Protea North.

This follows the minor dust-up caused by the Soweto Community Council's (SCC) initial rejection of the UF's housing package (*Current affairs* November 5 and 19) and comes in the wake of investigations by the Viljoen and Steyn committees into ways in which the private sector can assist in solv-



Soweto housing ... private sector involvement

ing SA's housing shortage

The package is in two parts. In the first, a R12,25m loan will be made available to "the local authority in Soweto" for low-cost housing throughout the area under its control.

The second part provides for a major housing development in Protea North, an area of 228 ha in the south-western corner of the township, at an estimated cost of around R65m to be raised by the UF. The foundation hopes the first houses will be on the ground by the end of 1984. The SCC has resolved to grant an option to the UF to co-ordinate this project.

Anglo American Life will provide the R12,25m loan based on a recently created financing mechanism aimed at encouraging private sector investment in low-cost housing in urban areas. Through this mechanism, private financial institutions can now make loans to the National Housing Commission (NHC) for use in specified housing projects in areas like Soweto.

Subsidised rate

Although the loan is made at market rates, the NHC passes it on — in this case to the SCC — at a subsidised rate. "The financial institution is thus involved in a sound investment and the local authority receives the benefit of a subsidy in the interest rate in order to enable it to meet the housing needs of the poorest members of the community," the UF explains.

"In this instance, Anglo American Life will make the loan available in six monthly instalments which will be used to subscribe for stock to be issued to the NHC. This will be a further issue of the same stock issued by the NHC to Sanlam recently for financing of housing in the Western Cape." The stock is government guaranteed and will rank as a semi-gilt investment for insurance purposes, adds the UF.

The second and major part of the package, Protea North, differs from the R12,25m earmarked for "welfare" housing. It will be provided on an economic basis and aimed at so-called middle-class blacks. Here the UF will be granted an option to co-ordinate the development and sale of serviced sites and improvements according to normal market principles. A feasibility study of developing and disposing of about 3 500 dwelling units is underway and will be jointly assessed by the local authority and the UF.

The project will include as wide a range of housing as is possible for ownership under 99-year leasehold. Flats, employer housing schemes, owner-built as well as housing by developers on a speculative basis, are envisaged. According to the UF, the project will provide opportunities for local small contractors and large formal operators and a choice of housing types for buyers. Long-term, says the foundation, the middle income housing project will free dwellings presently occupied by this group for families lower down the income scale.

Soweto residents may soon face new R18 rent increase

SOWETO residents, still reeling from last year's R8 rent hike, may face a new R18 increase soon.

This proposed increase, which is subject to the approval by the Minister of Co-operation and Development, is contained in the Soweto Council's draft budget for its 1983/4 financial year. The coun-

cil has also recommended a rent hike of R3 for hostel inmates.

According to the council, this is necessary to reduce its deficit of R16-million — which is double that of last year's. Its estimated income for the new financial year is R47-million, while expenditure is expected to be over R63-

million

If approved, the hikes will mean that householders will have to fork out R53,90 in monthly rentals.

The council's director of finance, Mr Irwin Florence, said this week the budget would be presented for ministerial approval and would probably be referred

back for changes (12)

"I can say now that I am expecting problems from the Minister concerning the approval of the budget. However it is necessary to wipe out the deficit because, if this is not done, some projects may be affected," Mr Florence added.

WHITES FEAR POOR NEIGHBOURS

Sandton's coloureds face housing protest

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By WILMAR UTTING

RESIDENTS of Buccleuch, Kelvin and Linbro Park will hold a mass meeting early next month to hammer out what action to take over a decision to establish townships for coloureds and Indians in Sandton.

At a meeting of the Sandton Town Council this week seven Progressive Federal Party councillors voted in favour of a coloured township bounded by Buccleuch on the north, the N3 motorway on the west, AECI ground to the east and Modderfontein and Linbro Park to the south.

They also agreed to an extension to the proposed Indian township of Marlboro Gardens which will border Kelvin.

Mr Ricky Valente, Sandton's management committee chairman, said a township was needed to house Sandton coloureds who had been forced out of the area to live in Alexandra township, or for coloured workers in Sandton.

Almost 7 000 people could be housed on 93ha. This was short of what would be required, but if the population increased either the housing density could increase or part of a nearby rubbish dump could be used for certain facilities such as sportsfields.

"We must remember we are not talking about importing people. The coloureds are, or were, Sandton residents," Mr Valente said.

"And we are not talking of setting up a shanty town," he said.

The decision was opposed by the four independent councillors. Mr Bill Hedding asked for an amendment that before a final deci-

sion, a socio-economic study be done among the coloureds in Alexandra.

This week, all the opponents of the decision stressed that race had nothing to do with their objections.

Mr Harold Kimmel, chairman of the Linbro Park Residents' Association, said this week the most distressing thing about the decisions were that they were taken without consulting residents. The council had reneged on its promise to always consult residents before taking action, he said.

"Reason left when politics came into the meeting," Mr Kimmel said.

"Mr Hedding's amendment was a perfectly feasible one and yet it caused a political split. The decision was not based on reason or intelligence, it was a party political one."

"The council has decided to import problems into our municipality, when already we have insufficient funds for what has to be done."

He said residents would consider action at a meeting early next month.

Mrs Jo Marais, independent councillor for Linbro Park, said there would have been no objections to the coloured township if the people moving in could have owned the houses and paid rates.

"I have no doubt that much of the housing will be sub-economic."

"We are not a sub-economic area, and for some of us our homes represent the biggest investment in our lives. I would object to any sub-economic housing close to us, regardless of the colour of the people who live there," Mrs Marais said.

Joburg plans to snap up 1 000 cut-price stands

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THE Johannesburg City Council has decided in principle to buy 1 000 residential stands from the Department of Community Development as a means of introducing low-cost housing.

Although the total cost could run into millions of rands, it is believed the department's offer is "about half" the market value of the stands.

The decision was disclosed by Mr Thys Wilsnach, director of the council's housing division.

COUNCIL WILL DECIDE NEXT MONTH ON MULTI-MILLION RAND HOUSING SCHEMES

By JEAN LE MAY

Political Reporter

The stands are in Jeppe, Troyeville, Fairview, Albertsville, Triomf, Vrede-dorp and Sunderos

A source close to the council's management committee said that the stands in Jeppe, which were already

provided with water and electricity, had been offered at R3 000 to R4 000 each — "about half their current market value."

Mr Wilsnach said the council's valuers were assessing the offer and a report would be made to the council when it met again next month.

The council had not yet decided whether the stands would be used for its own housing schemes or whether they would be re-sold to private enterprise or individuals, he added.

The sale is one of largest

since the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, promised at his Carlton and Good Hope conferences to sell State-owned land so that low-cost housing for whites, coloureds and Indians could be provided by private enterprise instead of by the Government.

The Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, said at a Cape Town seminar this week the department was planning to sell "vast amounts of State-owned land in the near future".

Mr Peter Bieber, general manager (investment) of the

Old Mutual Group, welcomed the move, saying that it would help to bring down the cost of housing.

Mr Patrick McEnery, deputy director-general of the Department of Community Development, said that most of the State-owned land to be sold to private enterprise was land previously allocated for housing schemes.

"Thousands of hectares could be involved, including large tracts in the Cape Peninsula, Natal and in the Port Elizabeth area where the National Housing Commission has not had the money to build the projected housing schemes," he said.

"There are also thousands of stands in towns all over the country which were allocated for Government use by the developers but which are standing vacant.

"A survey is being made of these stands and as soon as it is complete — probably by January — the sales will start."

Mr Graham McIntosh, Progressive Federal Party spokesman on housing, said "Apart from selling 'surplus' land for housing schemes, it would seem logical for the State to sell Government buildings on a lease-back scheme in order to free the vast amounts of capital tied up in them, as is regularly done by private enterprise."

It's township status for Sandton Indians

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By LIN MENGE

MARLBORO Gardens, Sandton's new Indian area, is expected to be proclaimed a township early in the new year and the erection of houses should start before March, Mr Yakoob Makda, chairman of the Sandton Indian liaison committee, has told HOMEFRONT

While the whole question of rehousing the overcrowded Indian community has been subject to numerous delays in the past, both the Sandton Town Council and the Department of Community Development (DCD) are now "bending over backwards" to get things moving and to be helpful, Mr Makda said

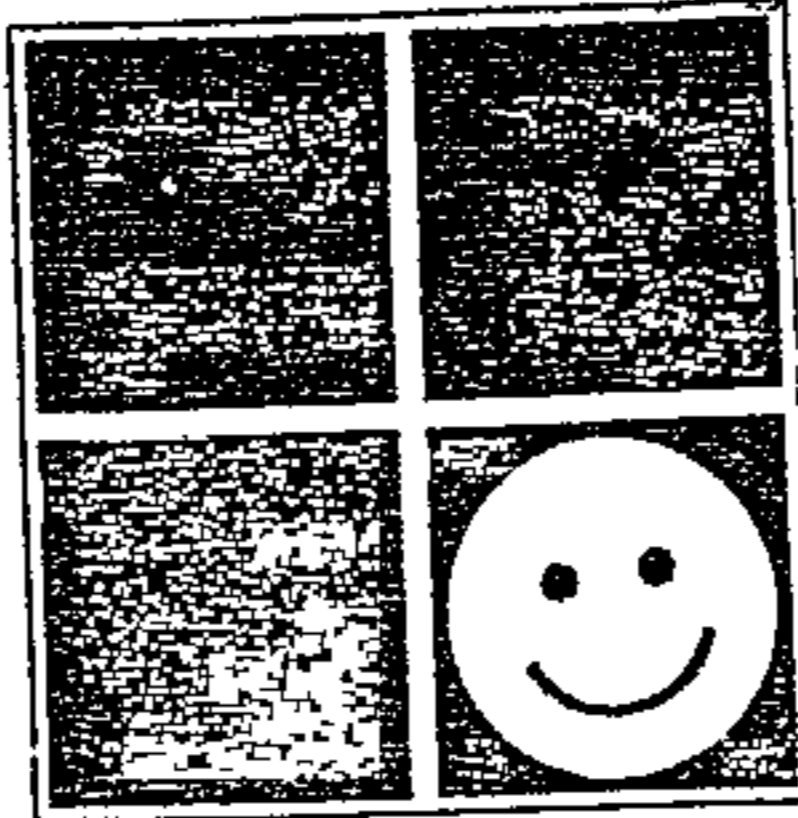
Last week's Sandton Town Council meeting also proposed that an additional 63ha be added to the proposed Indian township for natural expansion

This proposal — which Mr Makda said could, in time, lead to the housing of a further 400 to 500 families — will now go before the DCD

Significantly, the Indians themselves are handling the applications for housing in Marlboro Gardens

Waiting lists have long been a source of friction between officials and members of Indian communities in the Johannesburg area, and have given rise to allegations of corruption.

In this instance, the liaison committee has been issued with the application forms,



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which they have distributed house to house in Wynberg

They have collected the forms and are currently analysing them in terms of the economic position of the applicants. The forms will then go to the town council, and then to the DCD.

A total of 3 000 sites will ultimately be made available, he said

It is part of the Government's new policy on housing to allow site and service schemes for people who need to find somewhere to live until they are able to acquire permanent housing

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THE African Development and Construction Holdings is offering 400 000 shares at R1 each, to the black public in order to raise money for the development of housing schemes and business properties in black townships.

A spokesman for ADCH said his company had already signed agreements with two administration boards to develop housing schemes in various parts of the Reef and the Vaal complex.

He said ADCH had been allocated 300 stands in Tembisa, 29 in Bethel Township, Sebokeng, 10 in Daveyton and many others in Kwa-Thema, Vosloorus, Boksburg and Mamelodi.

"Arrangements to sign agreements to develop these stands is in progress and the company is still negotiating for more stands in the different townships.

"At the moment, we require R400 000 and we hope to obtain a wider spread of shareholders through this public offer of shares," he said.

Reprieve for shack dwellers

By MZIKAYISE EDOM
and
JEFFREY NKUNA

MORE than 600 backyard tin shacks in Daveyton, near Benoni, will not be demolished until the Site and Service Scheme plan for Holfontein farm is under way.

This was announced by Mr Tom Boya, chairman of the Daveyton Community Council, at a public meeting of more than 3 000 people held at the Sinaba Stadium over the weekend.

Over the past three years, more than 200 shack owners in Daveyton were arrested by East Rand Administration Board policemen. The arrested shack owners were prosecuted and ordered to demolish their shacks.

Mr Boya assured the meeting that the prosecution of the shack owners had been stayed by the council and the board until residents were given sites in Holfontein to build their own houses.

He said plans for the Site and Service Scheme were already at an advanced stage.

"I cannot say when the shack owners will move to Holfontein because we still have to raise funds, but we hope to overcome this problem within the next few months," said Mr Boya.

Mr Boya said 2 000 sites would be available at first and residents would have to pay a deposit of R1 500 per site.

Residents interviewed by The SOWETAN welcomed Mr Boya's statement that shack owners would not be prosecuted.

They also called on the board and the council to speed up the allocation of sites in Holfontein because residents were in need of accommodation.



City council is 'using delaying tactics on rent'

The chairman of the Johannesburg Coloured Management Committee (CMC), Mr Miley Richards, has accused the city council of "delaying tactics" following the announcement that rent increases originally scheduled for next month have been postponed until July next year

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The chairman of the council's housing commission, Mr Carel Venter, informed the CMC yesterday that he would postpone rent increases for a further six months after recent successful approaches by the council to the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze

The increases were to have been effective from October this year, but in August the council decided to delay them until January 1

The council also agreed to sell all homes to tenants by that date. Tenants who did not buy their houses by January 1 would have to pay penalty rentals

"While many re-

sidents want to buy their homes, they do not want to do so under pressure of penalty rentals. The increases have been postponed only because the council is not in a position administratively to sell all the houses to tenants," Mr Richards said

"Besides, the council knows many tenants would, in any event, not have been able to afford to buy their homes by January. This 'Christmas present' is merely a six month reprieve for tenants who cannot afford to buy their homes

"The council should scrap the increases and encourage tenants to buy their homes over a certain period," he said

SERVICE CHARGES

Di Ismail Mohammed of the Co-ordinating Residents Action Committee (CRAC) said "Previously there have been announcements that rent increases were to be postponed, yet there were increases in service charges

"The community needs to be vigilant about the latest announcement and needs to continue organising to fight unfair rent increases," he said

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Deposit goes up, rent plummets

RESIDENTS hoping to buy 800 Tshiawelo Extension 3 houses may avoid paying the controversial R145 monthly rental, provided they

(127) fork out a substantial deposit.

This was disclosed yesterday by Soweto Council chairman, Mr David Thebehali, who added that part of the R145 rental was a deposit towards the price of the houses

The houses are up for sale at R13 000 per unit, and residents intending to buy them have been told to pay a deposit of 10 percent

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Mr Thebehali said residents occupying the houses could pay rent of between R40 and R60, depending on the deposit raised "The more substantial their deposit, the less rent required"

This news will bring relief to the new township's residents who had been made to understand that their R145 monthly rental would not be reduced, even if they put down a higher

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deposit
A residents' committee, formed to look into the rent issue, is to meet this week to discuss the latest developments

The houses became a centre of controversy earlier this year, when the council announced that their rental would be R185 a month. Later the council reduced the rent to R145 after residents complained that it was "too high"

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'No' to rent hike (27)

THE East Rand Administration Board wants the Duduza Community Council to increase house rent in the township by R9 but the council has refused.

Mr F E Marx, chief director of the board, confirmed that his executive committee had met with members of the Duduza Council and the Duduza Civic Association last week.

He declined to comment on what transpired at last week's meeting and referred **The SOWETAN** to the Duduza Council for comment.

Rent in Duduza was supposed to have been

increased from, the beginning of last month by R9 to cover costs of the installation of sewers.

But the installation of the sewers was abandoned after residents told the council that they were not prepared to pay the R9 increase.

Last week, Erab met with the Duduza Council and the Duduza Civic Association to discuss ways of raising the R7-million heeded for the installation of the sewers. The meeting ended in a deadlock after the board insisted that the council implement the R9 rent increase.

Mr Kebane Molo, deputy chairman of the Duduza Council, said to **The SOWETAN** this week that the council told officials of Erab at the meeting that the council was not prepared to increase rent because residents were against this move.

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Johannesburg houses for sale to coloureds

By LIN MENGE

COLOUREDS — and whites — who rent houses from the Johannesburg municipality are invited to buy their houses . . . and so avoid the "drastic" increases in rent which will come into effect after next July 1.

Houses in the coloured areas will be offered for sale to their tenants at prices ranging from R6 000 to R35 000, Mr Thys Wilsnach, director of housing, told HOMEFRONT yesterday.

He said there should be no problem in obtaining building society loans and his department will assist those who do not have the full 10 percent deposit ready.

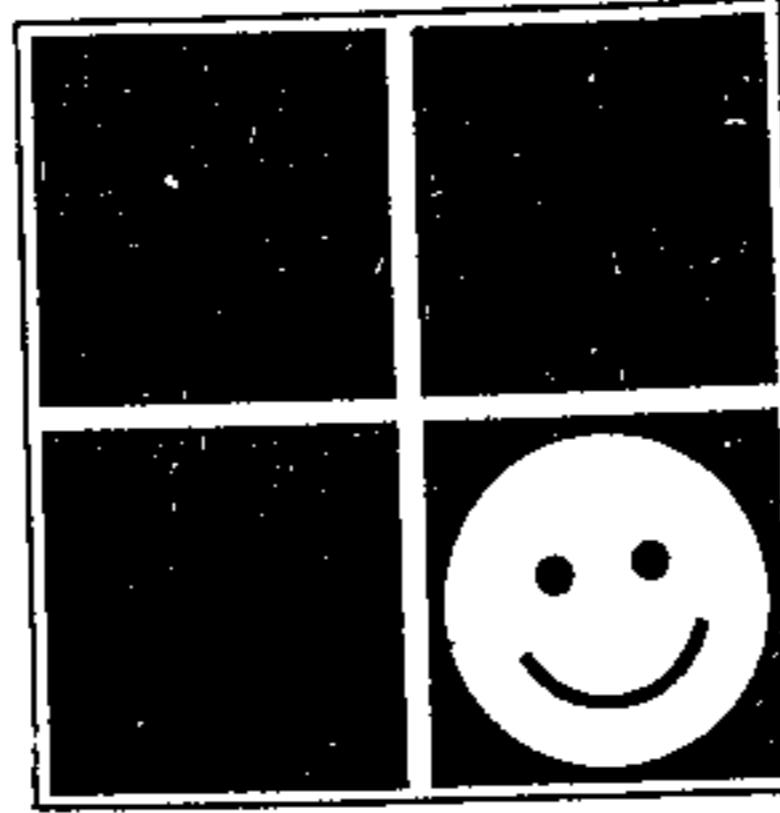
Mr Wilsnach said he hoped employers would come forward to help coloured employees buy their houses.

There are some 14 000 houses in the coloured residential areas, stretching from Coronationville to Eldorado Park, under the control of Mr Wilsnach's department.

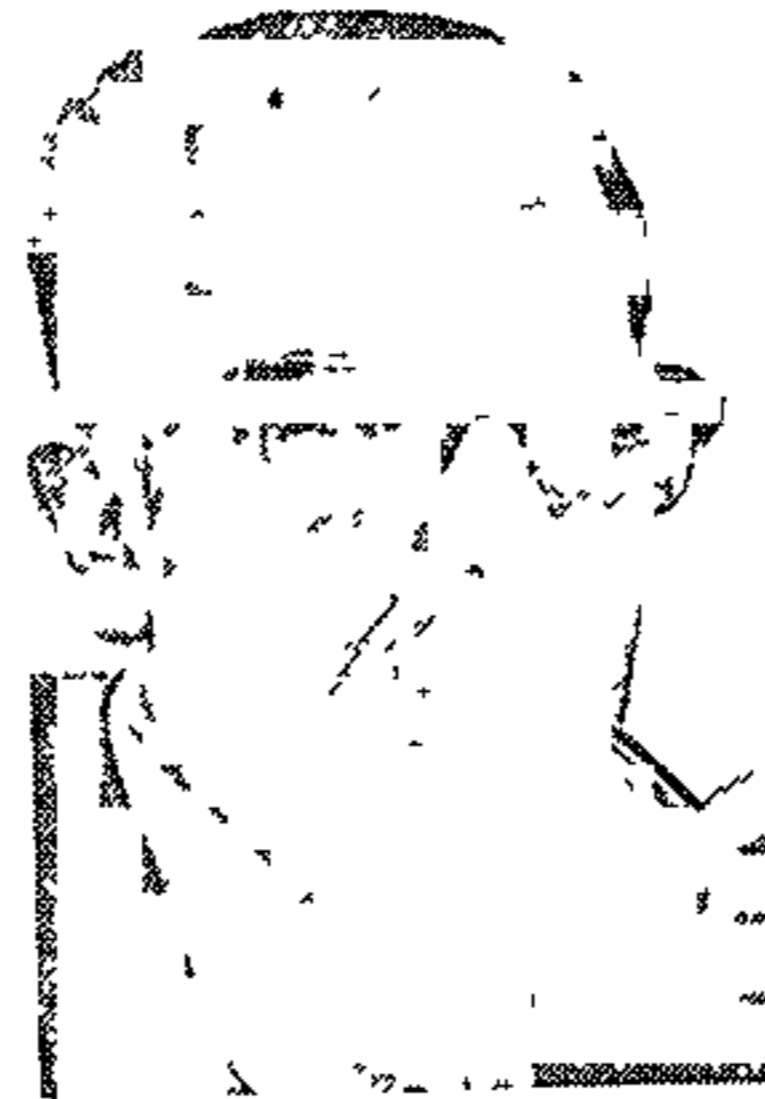
Rents for coloured and white tenants of the municipality were due to rise considerably from next January 1.

At a meeting between Mr Pen Kotze, Minister of Community Development, and the Johannesburg Management Committee last Thursday, it was agreed that the rent increase be postponed until July 1.

But after that, the Minister warned, rents would be



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THYS WILSNACH . . . hopes employers will help

raised drastically to meet the higher interest rates.

It was also possible that the "excess rental" paid by people who earned more than R650 a month would be recalculated after July 1.

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"The obvious answer is for people to buy their houses at a fixed rate of repayment, instead of facing increased rentals from time to time," Mr Wilsnach said.

He had negotiated with the five major building societies, he said, and bonds were "virtually guaranteed" with any one of them. Naturally, the choice of building society rests with the person buying the house.

(And, as HOMEFRONT reported recently, even people whose houses do not conform to traditional white housing standards as regards finish will be able to obtain mortgage bonds)

Deposits will in some cases be as low as R300, Mr Wilsnach said. But where the 10 percent required amounted to several thousand rands, the housing department will be prepared to accept, say, R1 000, giving the home-buyer the opportunity to buy on a deed of sale basis and repay the balance of the deposit with his monthly repayments.

People who wish to buy their homes should make an appointment to discuss the matter with the Estates Section of the Housing Department, at 271 Main Road, Newtown, where the old city licensing office used to be.

● **TOMORROW:** Why buy a house rather than pay rent?

KIDS SLEEP IN RAIN AFTER MUM'S DEATH

While
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house
stands
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EVICTED Ms Emily Molapo and her family in Zone 4 PIC ROBERT MAGWAZA

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A MEADOWLANDS family of eight has been evicted from their house to make space for another family, while a short way away another house is standing empty over a family dispute.
Ms Emily Molapo of Zone 4, yes-

has been standing empty since Thursday last week
Mr G Brothy of the West Rand Administration Board said the house belonged to Mr Phineas Nkosi who has since divorced his wife
Mr Nkosi handed the house over to his wife who won custody of the...

moved in a day or two later
Their problem began after the death of their mother in July this year. Their father died a few years ago.

They had not been in arrears with their rent
She said the elder boy, Samuel (23) was told to get married if he wished to keep the house. When authorities found out his age, they said he was too young. Samuel is employed, but he should not have been expected to marry just like that. Ms Molapo said

The family's furniture and clothing are now in the backyard and some of the children sleep there at night. They said they have been sleeping in the rain since the eviction and most of their belongings are being destroyed in this weather.

Ms Molapo said she didn't know what to do and that her concern lay with the children.
Meanwhile, in Zone 10 a house

he said
Mr J C Mahuhushi, chairman of the Diepmeadow Council, yesterday said he did not have facts of the evictions. He said he would have to consult the two wards' councillors before he could comment.

"I do not know of any evictions presently," he said
Sources close to the Diepmeadow Council told **The SOWETAN** that Mr Nkosi had divorced his first wife, who later took her kids and left for Pretoria.

He then took a second-wife who, after being told she could not have children, was also divorced. He was now staying in the house with his third wife.

The source said the second woman had returned last week and caused trouble for the family. After the matter had reached the superintendent, Wraab police were sent in to evict the family.

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Why it pays to buy — not rent — your home

By LIN MENGE

WHY buy a house rather than pay rent?

Mr Tim Hart, director of the Association of Building Societies, gave HOMEFRONT these reasons why it pays to buy your home

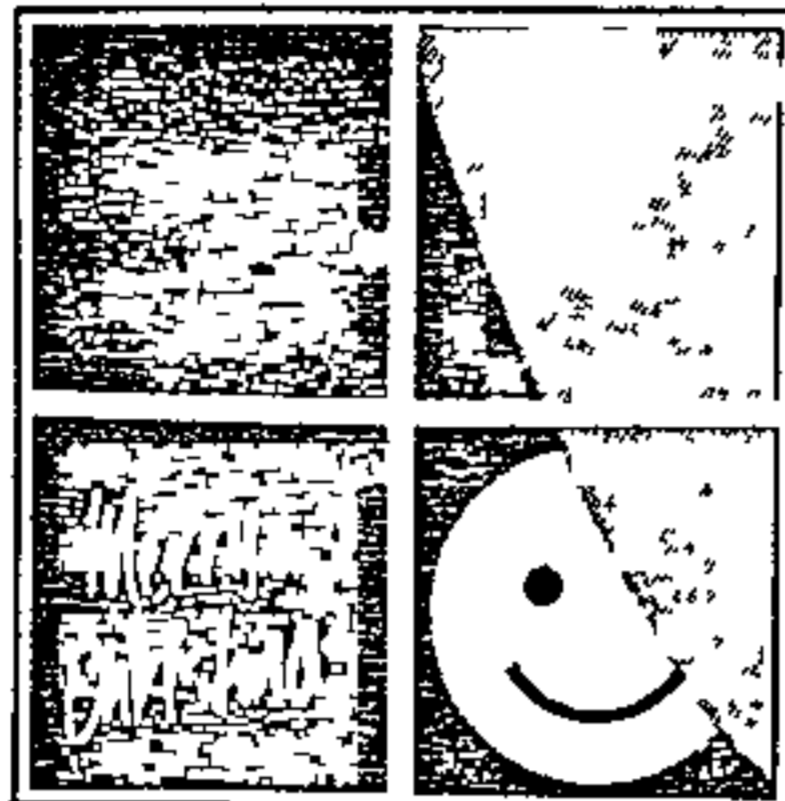
● A house always increases in value, unless you let it fall into a ruin or the neighbourhood is bad

Almost everything else you buy — a car, a fur coat — immediately becomes secondhand goods and worth half its value

● Rents are going up all the time and they are going to go even higher

If you need a building society loan (or a Wrab loan) to buy your house, the price you paid for the house is fixed for all time even though it takes you 30 years to pay off the loan

No matter how much the house increases in value —



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or how much inflation there is — you pay off on the original price. The interest rate might be increased, but that will not be a problem for long because, the more you repay, the less interest you owe

● If you lose your rented accommodation, you have nothing to show for the rent you paid

If you have bought your house

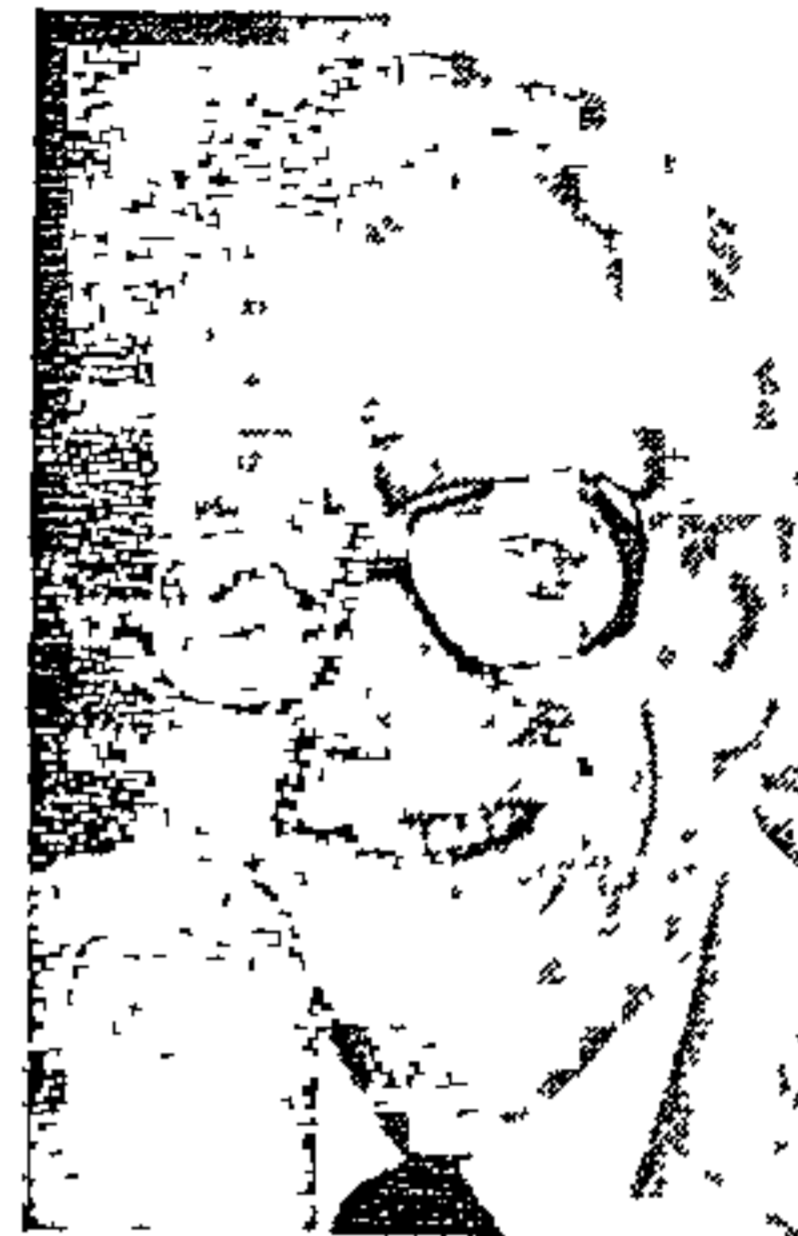
and cannot repay the loan, the building society may have to repossess the house and sell it but you still get the money from the sale, minus the amount you owe the society

● 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

Buy now and don't pay higher later

PEOPLE in 800 new houses in Tshiawelo Extn 3, in Soweto, can buy their houses instead of renting them from the West Rand Administration Board (Wrab)

Rent is already R145 a month, excluding service charges. If tenants want to avoid paying higher and higher rents, they should think about buying the houses

The sooner they buy, the better because house prices are bound to go up

The final price of the houses is not yet fixed, but they will cost not less than R13 800 each

Tenants need to pay a 10 percent deposit. The more deposit they can pay, the smaller their monthly repayments will be

The 800 houses are Wrab's first major housing scheme in several years. The ones in the picture above are among the 400 built by the African Development and Construction Co. A further 400 were built by Wimpey

HOMEFRONT — which is about to close for the holidays



Tenants of these new houses in Tshiawelo, in Soweto, may buy them from Wrab

— will write about construction companies early next year

They are all six-roomed "block" houses, with three bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen and livingroom. More rooms can be added.

Tenants who want to buy their houses must first go to the township manager of Tshiawelo for application forms for a certificate of occupation

They must then go to the

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

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Brakpan tackles housing shortage

East Rand Bureau

Brakpan Town Council will build 129 houses in the coloured township, Geluksdal, to help overcome the housing shortage

Town treasurer Mr W J van den Berg said this week the Department of Community Development had approved a loan of R2 million for the houses

Work on the 129 subeconomic units is expected to begin early next year. R170 000 of the loan will be spent on infrastructure.

At present there is a shortage of about 300

homes in Geluksdal

To date Brakpan Town Council has built 511 economic and sub-economic houses in Geluksdal which was proclaimed a coloured township in 1981 and used to rehouse families from Paynesville in Springs.

"One of the town council's priorities is to provide decent living conditions for its coloured residents," explained Mr van den Berg

The Department of Community Development has so far spent R8 million in developing Geluksdal.

Salvaging a right from the rubble

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"The vindication of human liberties does not begin with their complete and triumphant assertion at the very outset. It commences with their recognition in some matters, to some extent, for some people, against some organs of the State."

ONE of many obstacles in the path of who are striving to assert their liberty, or to merely defend their existing rights, is that they cannot afford to employ the services of skilled people to assist them in proving or defending their situation.

A recent South African example illustrates how important it is for professional people to be prepared to forego the conservative practices of their profession in order to be able, in a constructive and creative fashion, to respond to the call of people whose basic human rights are under attack.

In a unique experiment, a large group of Johannesburg lawyers has illustrated that it is a crude over-simplification to suggest that the professional classes, of necessity, will serve the interests of those who wish to suppress the assertion of human liberties.

In 1979, a chronic shortage of housing had developed for lower to middle income groups among the coloured and Indians on the Witwatersrand. As a result, many of these people were forced to take up "illegal" accommodation in the "white group areas" of Johannesburg.

Accommodation was far more plentiful in these areas and landlords were generally happy to provide housing for coloureds and Indians rather than to allow accommodation to remain empty. But Rightwing groups began conducting "witch-hunts" looking for coloured and Indian residents in these areas.

THE authorities, obviously under political pressure from their white electorate, attempted to reverse this trend. In late 1979, the Group Areas Branch of the South African Police swooped on hundreds of coloured and Indian families and charged them under the Group Areas Act.

The prospects for these families looked bleak. There appeared to be no defence to the charges.

The disheartened residents felt sure they must be guilty because the Act specifically prohibits people who are not members of the white group from living in white group areas. And, once a person has been found guilty under the Act, it is competent for the magistrates to authorise an eviction order.

Fortunately, leaders in the community perceived that an organisation should be formed to represent the "illegals". Overnight, this organisation named Actistop, attracted the support of the "illegals". Actistop stressed that the only way in which the people could resist these evictions effectively was to act together and develop a common strategy.

One of Actistop's earliest resolutions was that it should enlist the support of lawyers in Johannesburg to defend the hundreds of cases that would soon be coming to court.

The lawyers consulted were able to advise the organisation that there were certain defences available. If each case were properly and skilfully defended, it was possible that the State would not succeed in securing the convictions required in order to obtain the necessary eviction orders from the court.

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became part and parcel of nearly all the cases. This was the defence of necessity.

In South African law it is a defence to a charge to say the accused was forced to commit the offence as no other course was open to him.

Actistop assisted the lawyers in providing expert witnesses who began to testify about the dire housing shortage for coloureds and Indians on the Witwatersrand.

Once the office of the Attorney-General became aware that this was the central defence being employed, it was agreed that all the prosecutors would be stayed until the Supreme Court had ruled on the defence of necessity in a test case.

This was Actistop's second victory, as the "illegals" would now be able to remain in their homes at least until the Supreme Court had ruled on the validity of this defence.

UNFORTUNATELY, when the Supreme Court did rule in 1981 on this defence, it found that in the case which had been brought before it the absolute necessity required for a successful defence had not been proved.

However, the Supreme Court did not exclude the possibility of a defence of necessity being successful in the appropriate circumstances where the accused's absolute inability to find alternative accommodation could be proved. Thus, in mid-1981, the prosecutions commenced again.

But once again there were lawyers defending each and every case.

Lawyers took technical points on the question of the correctness of the group areas certificates, faulted the prosecution for not proving that the particular residence was in a white group area and occasionally argued that the accused was not proved to be a member of a coloured or Indian group, or that the accused was a *bona fide* employee of a white resident.

Lawyers acting for the accused people spent days in court, exercising to the full the rights of accused to call into question each and every element of the offence — rights seldom exercised by the mass of accused people in South Africa because they simply do not have sufficient knowledge of their rights, nor the wherewithal to employ lawyers.

The result of all this has been that the authorities' aim to deprive people of their accommodation has to a large extent been thwarted. Very few convictions have been secured by the State in this set of prosecutions.

FURTHERMORE, a body of case law has been developed in the process of taking a number of the convictions by magistrates to the Supreme Court.

Last week, for instance, the Supreme Court delivered an historic judgment when it held in the case of Mrs Goverder that, even though she had been convicted of living illegally in a white group area, because it was shown that there was no alternative accommodation being made available for her by the Department of Community Development and because she had no alternative place to live, the magistrates should have exercised his discretion to stay the eviction order until such time as the department could find accommodation for the accused person.

Cynics will argue that all this has merely been a fiddle exercise. They will say that tens of thousands of people are being removed



Demolishing a roof over Pageview people's heads.

ONE of the most basic human rights is the right of a family to live together. It is so obvious a right that you will not even find it mentioned in many statements of human rights.

For most South Africans, the right is far from obvious. South Africa may be unique in having laws that actually make it a criminal offence for a husband and wife to live together, laws that effectively compel husbands and wives to live in separate townships.

The South African "pass laws" have a long history, going back at least as far as 1917. Over the years, successive governments systematised and entrenched the pass law system, which was designed to provide cheap African labour in the "white" areas and, at the same time, to keep the number of Africans in these areas to an absolute minimum.

The developed policy was stated as follows by Dr H.F. Verwoerd, then Minister of Native Affairs in 1956: "There (in the European areas) the Native is the temporary resident and-guest for whatever purpose he may be there. The Native residential area in the town is only a place where the European in his part of the country provides a temporary dwelling for those who require it of him because they work for him and thus earn their living in his service."

This policy was extended by a series of legal and administrative steps. In 1964, an embargo was imposed on the entry of African women into urban areas.

A few years later the government froze the building of African family housing in the urban areas.

At the same time, the migrant labour system was entrenched. African men would be allowed into the cities while their labour was needed, but they would have to live without their families in single-sex hostels.

It was not long before a senior government spokesman coined a delicate phrase to describe people such as the wives and children of migrant workers: they were "superfluous appendages".

As time passed, it became increasingly difficult for Africans to maintain a family life. Even those people who had acquired permanent residence rights in the cities found it

The response to Actistop's call was astounding. Over 100 lawyers pledged themselves to defend at least one case each. Public prosecutors were shocked to find that on the days set down for the first appearances of all the "illegals" the courts were crammed with lawyers applying for further postponements and generally going about the business of setting up good defences to the charges.

Actistop's first tactical victory had been won. Instead of masses of unrepresented accused meekly accepting their purported guilt, each case was to be fought on its merit and decided properly.

Aside from the various technical defences utilised by the lawyers, one major defence

Even family life can be a crime



very difficult to establish a family life. A government regulation required wives and children wanting to live with their qualified husbands and fathers to obtain a lodger's permit before they could do so.

In practice, it was almost impossible to obtain these permits unless the applicants had themselves previously

established a permanent right to live in the cities. The consequence was and is, enormous numbers of families divided by law.

Families had to choose whether to live apart for 49 weeks out of every year, or to live together illegally and in fear in the cities. Vast numbers chose to live together illegally rather than to suffer the pain of obeying the law.

In Cape Town, for example, officials estimated that about half of the African residents were there "illegally".

Some relief was given by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in August 1980 in the celebrated Kottman case.

While the case affected only the wives or dependant children of an African who had established permanent urban rights, it brought potential relief and the possibility of a legal family life to many thousands of people.

Reluctantly, haltingly, and with the pressure of a series of further Supreme Court cases, the Administration has gradually been giving effect to the Kottman decision.

With much talk of reform in the air, this seemed to be an area of real improvement in the day-to-day lives of many people.

Now even this limited recognition of the right to family life is under threat again. The Minister of Co-operation and Development has threatened new legislation to undo the effects of the Kottman decision.

If this legislation is introduced, it will be an attempt to turn the clock back, to entrench and further extend the migrant labour system, to make African urban family life difficult or impossible.

No white person would tolerate a law which made it a criminal offence for him or her to enjoy a normal family life. For many Africans that is the present reality, and for many more that is the promise of "reform".

hundred of these people is merely a drop in the ocean. This argument, however, misses the point. The assertion of human rights is a process which is built on the foundation of the man in the street experiencing for himself the struggle for his human rights. Broad political solutions are obviously the greatest single factor affecting a change in the quality of human rights.

But it is the little struggles, of little people, which will inform and influence policy-makers of the future.

Actistop, and the lawyers who supported the "illegals" of Johannesburg, have contributed significantly to the assertion of human liberties in South Africa.

Vaal rents will stay low for now

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HOUSE rentals in Vaal Triangle townships will not be hiked within the first six months of next year.

This assurance was given by the chairman of the Vaal Community Council, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, who assured residents there was no need to panic that rents would be increased in January.

He was replying to speculations that the council would hike tariffs early next year following a large deficit on the council's 1982/83 budget.

Mr Mahlatsi said his council's financial year ended next June and it would only be then that "we shall decide whether to increase rents in the townships, or not. Residents can rest assured that there will be no increases until then."

He was opposed to the annual hiking of tariffs because "this only cripples blacks who are

already reeling under the escalating cost of living and who are facing chances of being unemployed due to the country's economic downturn," he said.

"Normally it is the administration board that draws the budget and the council only gives advice by approving most of the projects. As a result we will have to cut off certain unnecessary things to avoid increasing rentals."

His council's priority was to build more homes — about 4 980 will be built next year — to reduce the housing backlog estimated at thousands at the moment.

Other projects include the building of recreational facilities, schools, creches, clinics and a huge business complex to be decided upon by the Vaal and Evaton community councils next year.

'If you cough the walls crack'

House prices cause a stir in Tshiawelo

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RESIDENTS of Tshiawelo Extension 3 yesterday said they were not going to buy the houses being sold by the Soweto Council unless they got clarification on the R145 monthly rental they have been paying.

They also argue that the quality of the houses is too poor to warrant a price tag of R13 800, which has been quoted as the minimum the houses will cost.

Mr Samuel Matona, acting chairman of the Interim Residents' Committee, said some of the house roofs leaked and "almost everything you touch, breaks. In fact, all you need is to cough and the walls will start cracking."

Mr Matona also accused the Soweto Council of using clandestine methods of getting residents to buy the houses without prior arrangement with them.

Soweto Council chair-

man, Mr David Thebali, was earlier quoted as saying that part of the R145 monthly rental would be used as deposit for buying the houses.

"What does that mean, Mr Motana asked. "This is confusing. Has the council taken a unilateral decision that everybody in Tshiawelo must buy the houses they live in? Why were we not told before we moved into the houses so that we could decide whether we wanted to buy the houses or not?"

"What part of the R145 is for site rental and how much of it goes into the deposit for buying the house? We have been told that the R145 rental was provisional, but for how long?"

He also demanded that the council make it clear whether the deposit required for the house was 10 or 20 percent.

Normally, 20 percent

deposit is required on the purchase of a house, although it was reported yesterday that 10 percent deposit was required for the Tshiawelo houses.

New decision dashes hopes

Council rules out 'zozo' huts

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ORLANDO East's 2 000 families staying in shacks are in for yet another shock — the Soweto Council will not allow the erection of "zozo" structures in the area as reported earlier.

"We never said we would allow 'zozos' instead of shacks in that area," Mr David Thebehali, chairman of the council, told The SOWETAN yesterday

"In fact, we only used the name 'zozo' because it is commonly used around the townships. What we meant was that the council was looking at ways of extending existing houses in the area," Mr Thebehali said

He said the council had not yet approved the building of temporary structures in Or-

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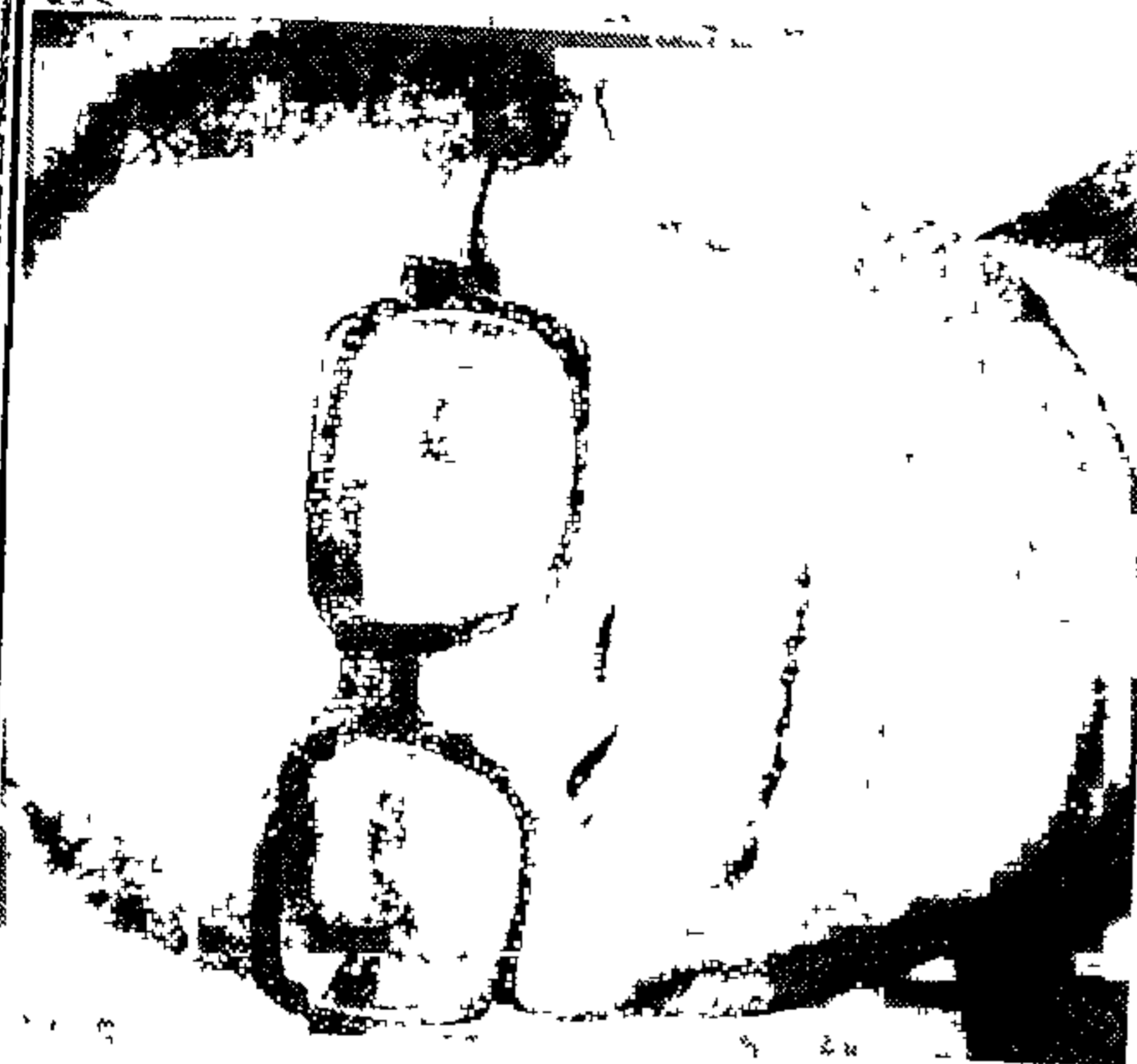
The council's director of housing, Mr J J Oosthuizen, yesterday warned residents not to erect any illegal structures "Anybody putting up 'zozo's' or any illegal structures will be prosecuted. Zozo's are not permissible," he said

By LEN MASEKO

lando East. The council had to observe health and building by-laws before it approved the erection of such structures

This news will dash the flicker of hope of the township's shack population that "zozos" would be allowed in the area

Mr Thebehali had told a monthly council meeting and a Sunday newspaper that erection of temporary structures would be allowed—sub-



MR THEBEHALI: No zozos.

KAGISO HOUSES WELL UNDERWAY

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By LEN KALANE

THE FIRST phase in the building of 1 000 houses is underway in Kagiso township on the West Rand.

Stage one has already started with the erection of 500 houses just on the southern outskirts of Kagiso

According to the chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, Mr John Knoetze, the next stage will proceed as soon as

more funds are available

Three hundred and fifty of the houses will be normal four-roomed with an internal bathroom while the remaining 150 will consist of three bedrooms, a living room, bathroom and a kitchen

Mr Knoetze hopes the scheme will be completed by May next year He said they were optimistic that soon thereafter continuation of the next stage would

commence

The housing scheme was approved by the Kagiso Community Council and Mr Knoetze said they had not yet worked out the rent figures

He said the new rent tariffs in the West Rand areas announced two months ago were likely to be made official in due course

He said although they were still awaiting the Government's approval on the recommended in-

creases, his board was optimistic that the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, would agree to the hikes

The rent increases in this area were suspended about two months ago pending the approval by the minister

The areas affected by the pending hikes include Dobsonville, Kagiso, Munsieville, Mokoleng and Bekkersdal

Tembisa rents ^{12.7} to soar ^{Sowetan 17/12/82}

THE East Rand Administration Board has raised part of the R40-m needed to electrify Tembisa, near Kempton Park.

Mr J H Opperman, senior director of the board said this week phase one of the electricity master plan would be carried out next month

Mr Lazarus Nhlapo, deputy chairman of the Tembisa Community Council, said electrification costs would have to be borne by residents. He disclosed that rent increases could be expected in April to cover the loan for the programme.

Erab's big NO to Springs bishop:

TUTU PROTESTS

TO KOORNHOF

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

BISHOP Desmond Tutu yesterday sent a telegram to Dr Piel Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development, protesting against the refusal last week to grant Bishop Simeon Nkoane permission to occupy a house in KwatThema, Springs

This action shows the Government's nonsense when it talks about change taking place

Other leading black clergymen have reacted sharply to the East Rand Administration Board officials action and put the blame on the country's oppressive laws

Bishop Nkoane the Anglican Bishop Suffragan of the Springs District said that he was told that he did not qualify to live in the East Rand under

of the Nederduitsch Gerelormeide Kerk said he viewed the incident as an indication of how the authorities abused the church

The Rev Cecil Begbie vice-president of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches said he was saddened that his colleague had to go through this frustrating experience

This shows how a black person is restricted in the land of his birth and how freedom of movement is suppressed by laws of the country he said

The Rev Frank Chikane the suspended Apostolic Faith Mission minister said it was strange that a bishop should be denied the occupancy of a house

'BUT HE CAN STAY IF CHURCH BUYS HOUSE'

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

BISHOP Simeon Nkoane, will have to wait four weeks or more before knowing whether he will be allowed to stay in KwatThema

Last Wednesday members of the KwatThema Anglican Church were saddened by the disclosure that Bishop Nkoane could not move into the house His furniture and other belongings had to be stored in the local church building

Mr J H Opperman senior director of the East Rand Administration Board confirmed yesterday that Bishop Nkoane was refused permission to move into his new house in KwatThema

He said that the Board and the Angli-

can Church were still negotiating the purchase of the house Bishop Nkoane will not be allowed to stay in the house unless the Anglican Church decides to buy the house

Negotiations between the board and church are underway and it will take four to eight weeks before they are completed said Mr Opperman

The Rt Rev Timothy Bayn heard of the Johannesburg Anglican Diocese confirmed that the church and the board were still negotiating the purchase of the house in KwatThema which will be occupied by Bishop Nkoane

Meanwhile Bishop Nkoane stays with his brother in Thokozani near Alberton

Public shares will contribute to black housing problems

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COMMUNITY leaders in the East Rand have praised black businessmen who have embarked on improving the housing problem in the black townships.

A black controlled company, the African Development and Construction Company, a subsidiary of African Development Construction Holdings, has offered 400 000 of its shares to the public. The company which was founded in 1978 includes, among its directors, Mr Sam Motsuenyane, president of the National African Federated Chamber of Commerce (Nafcoc)

According to reports, the company has already signed agreements with the East Rand and Orange Vaal Administration Boards to develop housing schemes in Tembisa, Sebokeng



DIRECTOR: Mr Sam Motsuenyane.

and Bathele townships. The company has also been allocated stands in Vosloorus, Daveyton and in Mamelodi near Pretoria

The company is offering the shares at R1,00 to raise capital for developing housing, commercial and business properties in the townships

Mr J H Opperman, senior director of the East Rand Administration Board confirmed that the board had signed an agreement

with African Development and Construction Company with the aim of providing more houses in the East Rand

Mr Andries Kheswa, chairman of the Tembisa branch of the Inkatha movement commented "The problem of housing is not experienced in South Africa only, but throughout the world and it is great to see black businessmen doing something towards the improvement of the problems. We hope that more black businessmen will come forward and contribute towards this project"

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By Sheryl Raine, Pretoria Bureau

Riots which left a trail of destruction in Reiger Park were caused by a critical housing shortage and not racial strife as suggested by the Government and some media, a Human Sciences Research Council investigation has shown.

The HSRC warned that unless the causes of dissatisfaction were removed from the Reiger Park coloured community near Boksburg it would take only a spark to set off further unrest

The Department of Community Development is already tackling the housing problem with the help of the Boksburg Town Council, but a chronic shortage still exists

According to a report produced by two researchers in the Conflict Studies Division of the HSRC and leaked to The Star, ineffective communication between the Reiger Park Management Committee and the Boksburg Town Council was a major cause of the riots which began on May 9 last year

On May 11 and 12 while rioting was still in progress, HSRC researchers accompanied by the Boksburg police began investigating the causes of the unrest

Researchers interviewed coloured residents extensively, spoke to the police and the Boksburg Town Council and examined newspaper reports

Although the HSRC acted on its own initiative, a copy of its report has been handed to Mr Leon Ferreira, the Town Clerk of Boksburg. The Boksburg Town Council will consider the report at a meeting on January 27

The HSRC report could have widespread repercussions and lead to the examination of other conflict situations along similar lines

At the time of the Soweto riots in 1976, the issue of Afrikaans as a medium of instruction in black schools as

For another report and map see Page 17.

a cause of the unrest, was also swept aside by the Government and others

Later, the Cillie Commission revealed that the language issue was a major contributing factor to the riots

At the time of the unrest, rioters attacked the property of Indian traders and taxi owners in Reiger Park, causing damage estimated at thousands of rands

Two teenagers and a child were killed and 21 people received gunshot wounds, including prominent politician Mr Jac Rabie

Twenty-five people were later charged with public violence

Two Cabinet Ministers, Mr Chris Heunis, then Minister of Internal Affairs and Mi Pen Kotze, Minister of Community Development, said racial strife between Indians and coloured people was the immediate cause of the riots

Although they acknowledged the housing shortage, the Ministers blamed a pamphlet campaign for aggravat-

15 000 are impatient for homes - Rabie

By Erik Larsen, East Rand Bureau

Overcrowding, a high crime rate, slum dwellings and littering have turned Reiger Park into what one community leader, Mr Jac Rabie, has called "one of the worst coloured townships in South Africa"

Mr Rabie, chairman of the Reiger Park management committee and chairman of the Labour Party's Transvaal region, said little in the township had improved since last year's riots.

"The housing situation has got worse and overcrowding is serious," he said

At the time of the May riots 22 000 people were living in the township and 10 000 names were on the waiting list for houses. There were now 25 000 residents and 15 000 names on the waiting list.

In some cases five families lived under one roof.

A large part of the community lived in poorly-constructed tin shanties erected in the back yards of family and friends

Mr Rabie said housing was so poor that two old women were obliged to live in a tin shack for the past 18 years

Blamed for riots

Housing shortage

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Resentment that led to death at Reiger Park

Timetable for a racial riot

Grievances which led to unrest in Reiger Park last year went back to at least 1961, according to a report by the HSRC which presents a clear timetable for a riot

The problems in the area began when Zindabad an Indian area outside Boksburg was converted into a coloured group area on October 27, 1961 Zindabad was later renamed Reiger Park

Residents interviewed by HSRC researchers remembered, and resented, their hasty removal to Reiger Park on orders from the Department of Community Development in its enforcement of the Group Areas Act

Further resentment brewed among coloured businessmen who were ordered out of Benoni to Reiger Park where there were no compensatory business premises available for them

These feelings of injustice were aggravated when 14 Indian families were allowed to stay in Reiger Park

From Press reports, it appears that population growth, insufficient land for expansion, and the unwillingness and inability of the white town of Boksburg to foot the bill for develop-

An investigation into the causes of the Reiger Park riots by the Human Sciences Research Council could have widespread repercussions and lead in future to the examination of other conflicts along similar lines. The HSRC report on the Boksburg coloured township leads to the inevitable question: Do the Group Areas Act, its implementation and the resentment it evokes, create situations in which riots just wait to happen? Sheryl Raine of The Star's Pretoria Bureau reports.

ping its unwelcome coloured stepchild, led to a housing shortage, a lack of business premises and a growing slum

The HSRC found that coloured residents began to blame their plight on the few Indian traders and residents living in the area

The Indian residents — whose houses and business premises could never have alleviated the chronic housing shortage at Reiger Park even if these premises were given to the coloured community — came to be seen as the obstacles standing in the way of relief from overcrowding

According to The Star's records, it appears that no action was taken on appeals from the Reiger Park Management Committee, whose job it was to advise the Boksburg Town Council of the

coloured people's needs

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It was under these circumstances that the HSRC found that events ran away with reason

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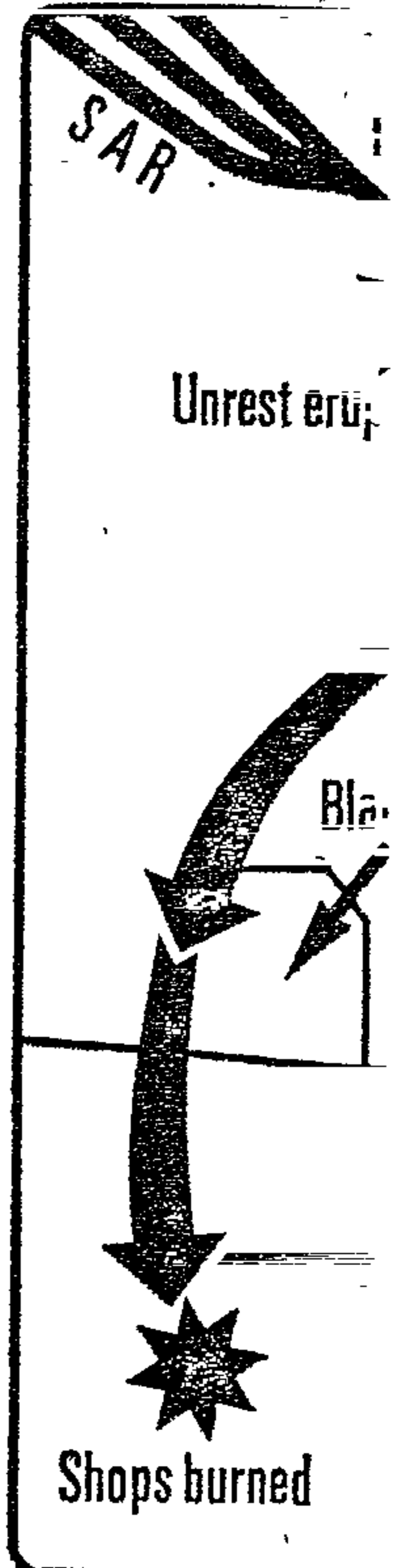
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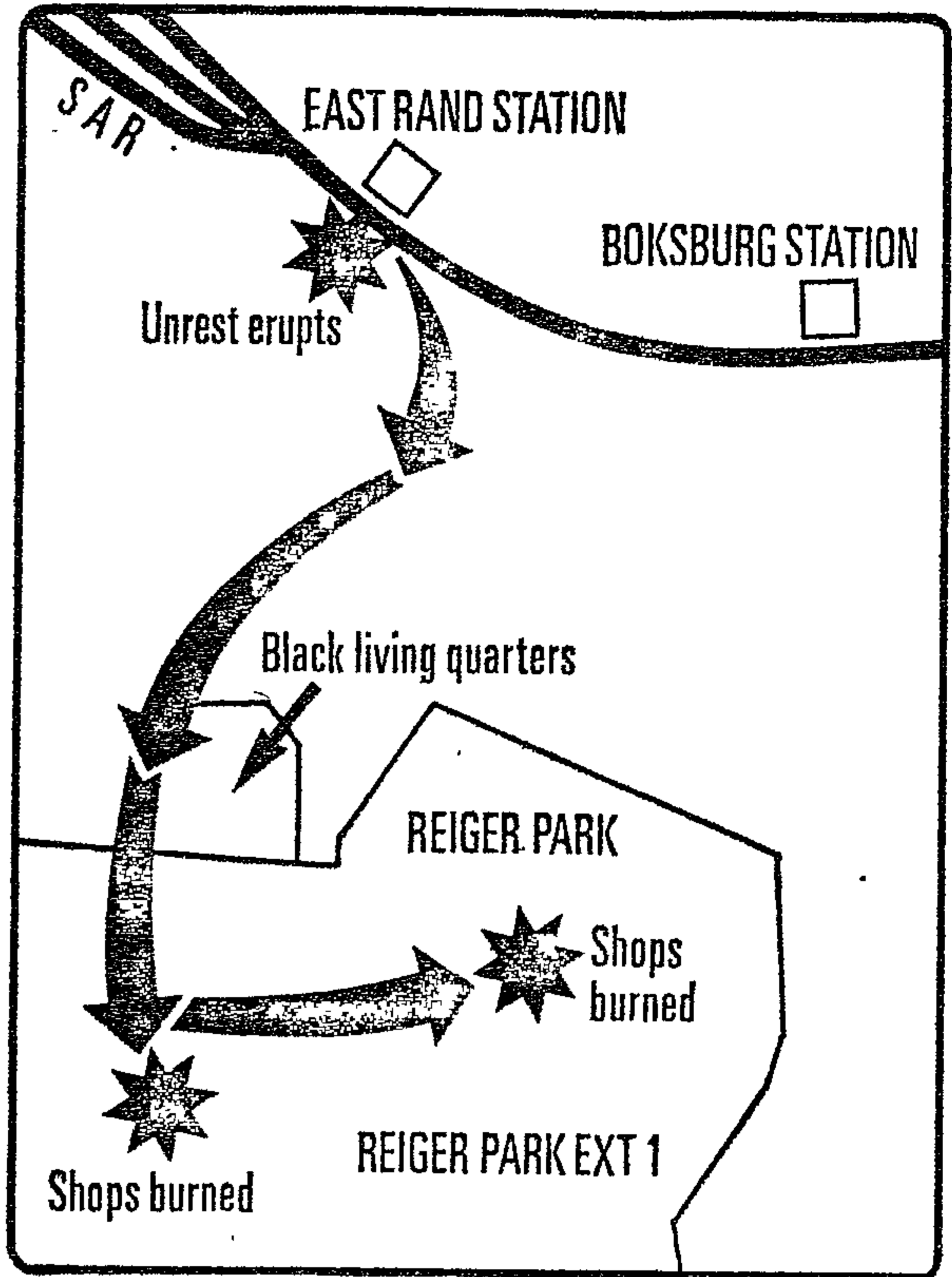
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and three shops. A fourth shop was plundered

At the end of the three days, two teenagers—Anthony Phillips (14) and Thomas Damons (19) — and an unknown eight-year-old were dead

Twenty-one people received gunshot wounds and several others were wounded. Two people were hit by

teargas canisters and three others were known to have suffered injury at the hands of the police

Two youths claimed they were shot by Indian residents. Unknown numbers of others suffered injuries

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Park's Operation

Upgrade

By Sheryl Rame
Pretoria Bureau

The Department of Community Development has launched a campaign to upgrade the coloured township of Reiger Park near Boksburg and to expand the coloured residential area in the region

There is a critical housing shortage in the township, which has about 25 000 people

This week a report by the Human Sciences Research Council found that the housing shortage was the underlying cause of riots in Reiger Park in May last year

Mr P D McEnery, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Community Development said in Pretoria his department was tackling the housing problem in Reiger Park

SHOPS

"This year we completed 52 new houses in the existing township and have plans to build 52 more next year"

A complex of 16 shops had also been built this year

"There are also plans to develop 343 ha near Boksburg for use as a second coloured residential area

"We have already begun to buy up the necessary land and are going ahead, together with the Boksburg Town Council, with plans for the new region," he said

Between 3 500 and 4 000 houses would be built and private concerns would also be allowed to build housing for middle and upper income groups

PLANNING

The Boksburg Town Council announced on December 8 it would undertake all the planning and services for the new coloured township if funds from the State were made available

The Department of Community Development also has plans to upgrade existing facilities at Reiger Park next year

"We are hoping to keep as many of the existing buildings as we can but will improve these to upgrade living conditions," Mr McEnery said

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A KWATHEMA Community Councilor, Mr Ezekia "Tiger" Rabolou was stabbed to death by a man who alleging that he took his money after promising to get him a house.

Mr Rabolou (59) of 37 Motshegwa Street had attended a party held by one of his neighbours last week when the man attacked him

His daughter, Mrs Gertrude Sibanyoni, told The SOWETAN yesterday that her father was enjoying a meal when the man entered the house and demanded to see him

She said her father refused to go outside and the man advanced towards him shouting "Tiger, since I gave you my R200 last year you promised that you would get me a house in

the township but instead you decided to give the house to your children and you left us stranded"

Mrs Sibanyoni said that after the man said these words he stabbed her father twice in the neck before disappearing in the dark She said that her father died on the spot before transport could be arranged to take him to the hospital.

By CHARLES MOGALE

Mr Rabolou who had been involved in civic affairs for the past 28 years had arranged a braai for his home yesterday for his Ward 5 committee members but the party had to be cancelled because of his death.

Last year, there was controversy surrounding the allocation of the new houses next to Club 45.

As a result of investigations carried out by the East Rand Administration Board, nine families were evicted from the new houses after the Board had discovered that the families had bribed certain councilors to be allocated

the houses

Mr Gilbert Mohlapeng, the chairman of the council said yesterday that it was a tragedy and a great loss for the community to lose a man of Mr Rabolou's calibre. He said that the council was planning to give Mr Rabolou a civic funeral this coming weekend.

No funeral arrangements have been made yet Mr Rabolou is survived by his daughter, Mrs Sibanyoni and six grandchildren. A spokesman for the Kwazulu-Natal Police said yesterday that a man had been detained for questioning.

Bishop gets house keys



AT LAST: After a week of frustration and influx control red tape, Bishop Simeon Nkoane is handed the keys of his new house by UBS manager Mr Leo Francis.

By SELLO RABOTHATA

BISHOP Simeon Nkoane, Anglican Bishop Suffragan of the Springs district, was last week given keys to his new house in KwaThema, after days of frustration during which he found himself a victim of influx control.

Bishop Nkoane had been refused permission to occupy the house in an area called Mimi Selcourt in the township by the East Rand Administration Board (Erab). It was said he did not qualify under Section 10(1a) or 10(1b) of the Urban Areas Act to buy property on a leasehold in the area.

On Friday, The SOWETAN reported

Bishop Nkoane would be moving into his new house and in the afternoon he was handed the keys by Mr Leo Francis, manager of UBS, the company that built the house.

Mr Francis said the house was eventually bought by the trustees of the Anglican Church in the name of the church. "All is well that ends well," he said.

Mr J A Opperman,

the senior director of the East Rand Administration Board, said the board had moved fast to resolve the issue because of all the publicity surrounding the case.

On December 15, members of the Kwa-Thema Anglican parish were saddened by the disclosure that Bishop Nkoane could not move into the house. His furniture and other belongings had to be stored in a local church.

Bishop Nkoane said he was happy that the matter has been resolved. He could now spend the festive season in his new home.

Evaton

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Year

IN A SHOCK move, the Oranje-Vaal Administration Board and Community Council are to increase house rentals in some townships by R14.60 next month.

And the Evaton Community Council also resolved to increase permit fees by almost R8 per month from April 1.

Informed sources also disclosed that most house rentals in the area would be increased by R14 next year.

Already several residents of Residensia near Evaton have received letters informing them of rental hikes.

The letters, signed by the board's chief director, Mr D Ganz reads "My board has found it necessary to increase rentals as they had not been increased since 1971."

The shock announcement comes after the chairman of the community council, Mr Esau Matlatsi, declared that no rents would be increased for the first six months of 1983.

Mr Johnny Dilima, a Residensia resident said the new tariffs surprised most people. They were "ridiculous" and came at a time when most blacks would be unemployed.

The new rents that residents will be expected to pay between R56 and R82, depending on the type of house occupied.

The Evaton tariffs mean that residents will pay R18 permit fees when the increases are implemented. They are currently paying R10.

Councillor Alex Nene of Evaton said he and some councillors opposed the move to increase permit fees, but "we were beaten to the punch when the matter was thrown to the vote".

However, Mr Nene indicated that they would try to challenge the matter in the next council meeting.

Opposition groups also intend holding meetings to discuss the increases at the weekend.

Former chairman of the Vaal Community Council, Mr Josia "Knox" Matjila, said he was "shocked" to learn rents would not be hiked in the area. "The council and the board have agreed on the matter."

Mr Matjila disclosed house rentals would go up in most townships next year.

R45 - m for housing in Jo'burg

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By Lucille McNamara, Municipal Reporter

R45 million could be spent in Johannesburg next year to reduce the housing backlog among old age pensioners and coloured people.

With almost 5 000 pensioners and coloured families on official waiting lists for accommodation the Johannesburg City Council is to apply to the Department of Community Development to help fund schemes involving R45,25 million

"I am extremely optimistic that we will receive the finance in view of a recent statement that the Government will support applications for money to house people in the sub-economic bracket," said Johannesburg's housing director, M_r Thys Wilsnach

The council needs R37,1 million for housing schemes for coloured people and R8,15 million to build 667 units for the aged.

As the nationwide housing shortage worsens Johannesburg is gearing itself to become independent of Government support in the next five years

The council has established a housing development fund which already boasts R10,7 million — R8,7 million from an overseas loan and R2 million from the council's coffers.

Coloured

"The council has promised to make further annual contributions to the fund and this will be augmented by money from the sale of council-owned houses which will be ploughed back into the fund

"We should become self sufficient in housing funds in five years," said Mr. Wilsnach

The housing shortage is particularly critical among coloured people

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struction and in the pipeline include

- Eldorado Park Extension 9 — a R12 million selling scheme of 450 units which should be ready for occupation at the end of next month plus 225 upper-income homes to be sold at R37 000 each

- Klipspruit West — 752 economic and 440 sub-economic units, of which 501 have already been completed

- Klipspruit West Extension 1 — 519 houses, including 64 economic units for sale to private buyers and 455 sub-economic homes These will cost R7,5 million

- Newclare — 128 stands bought from the Department of Community Development The council will sell them to self-builders

The old-age schemes planned for next year include 210 units in Elandspark, 120 in Crown Gardens, 120 in Moffat View, 101 in Dewetshof, 60 in Viededorp, 42 in Claremont and 14 in South Hills

With an estimated 10 000 homeless, of whom 4 238 are on official waiting lists, Mr Wilsnach has now identified sites which could be suitable for coloured housing estates

"I have already submitted a report to the council's housing committee for consideration early next year

"We have to find suitable alternative land because there is none left for expansion within our municipal boundaries," said M_r Wilsnach

Coloured housing projects under con-

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Council seeks R45m from Govt

'End in sight' to coloured housing crisis

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Mall Reporter

THE chronic housing problem in Johannesburg's coloured areas will be solved within three years if an ambitious plan mooted by the city council's housing and utilities committee is carried out

This prediction was made yesterday by Johannesburg's housing director, Mr Thys Wilsnach, who said the current housing shortage for white old age pensioners would also be solved within a year in terms of the plan

He confirmed that the city council had asked the Government for R45-million to boost its housing development fund which now stands at just under R11-million

Mr Wilsnach said his department had sent letters to about 2 000 coloured tenants inviting them to purchase their houses. Money received from the sale of these houses would further boost the fund

The official housing shortage in the coloured areas is more than 4 200, although community leaders say the actual shortage is twice that number. The housing shortage for white pensioners is about 420

Mr Wilsnach said in view of the statement by the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, that money would be made available to house people in the sub-economic group, "I am extremely optimistic that our application will be successful"

According to Mr Wilsnach, the council requires R37-million for the coloured housing schemes and R8-million for the housing of white pensioners

The council planned to build more than 2 000 housing units in the existing coloured areas of Eldorado Park, Klipspruit, and Newclare, and his department had identified more land as potential coloured areas

The council also plans to build 667 units for white pensioners in Elandspark, Crown Gardens, Moffat View, Dewetshof, Vrededorp, Claremont and South Hills

Mr Wilsnach said he could not disclose which new areas were being identified for coloured occupation until the Johannesburg Management Committee considered the housing committee's proposals next month

Community leaders have warned that the coloured housing shortage remains a potentially explosive issue, and their views were reinforced by a Human Sciences Research Council finding that the housing shortage was the cause of last year's riots in Reiger Park.

In August there were widespread protests against a decision to raise rents in coloured areas. Increases were postponed to January 1 and the city council undertook to make all houses in coloured areas available for sale to coloured tenants by tomorrow

Mr Wilsnach said sale offers had been sent to nearly all tenants in houses, except for those in Eldorado Park Extension 9 whose prices were still being calculated. The prices averaged between R18 000 and R23 000

However, tenants in coloured areas will not be able to buy council-owned flats

Mr Wilsnach said certain tenants would be offered new houses in Eldorado Park Ext 9 at a payment of R350 a month

Mr Wilsnach's optimism over eliminating the housing backlog was not shared by the Coloured Management Committee. A CMC member, Mr Mohamed Dangor, said "I don't think we will ever catch up with the backlog. It all sounds very good in theory, but we must have more land"

"In any case, the real problem is the Group Areas Act, which must be scrapped. The Government has made it clear it will build homes only for those earning less than R150 a month. Those earning over R1 000 must provide for themselves"

"But the vast majority of the people fall between those categories, and they haven't a hope of getting houses because building societies won't give them bonds," Mr Dangor said