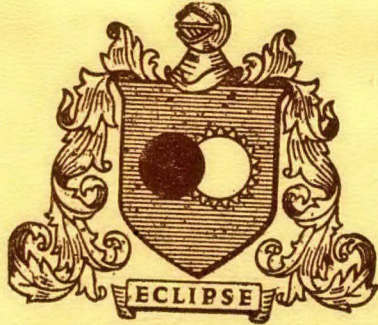


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APARTHEID IDEALS CANNOT BE REALIZED: BLUNT WARNING

By Our Political Correspondent

IN A SPEECH critical of the progress being made with the application of apartheid, one of Afrikanerdom's leading sociologists has told his fellow-Afrikaners bluntly: "Forget about the ideals and the maximum targets of apartheid—these will never be reached.

In a speech to junior and senior members of the Rapportryerskorps at Kempton Park last night Prof. N. J. Rhodie, of the University of Pretoria, came out in full support for a "volkskongres" that would take a hard, realistic look at apartheid.

He said the congress should take the initiative in providing South Africa with a blueprint of the minimum objectives. The maximum targets would never be reached but South Africa had to know where it stood in relation to minimum targets.

"In this way we will at least know where we stand," he told his audience.

UNHAPPY

Professor Rhodie made it clear that he was unhappy about economic development of the homelands — "the key to the successful application of apartheid."

"All our pretty plans for the elimination of Bantu labour will work out to a round nil if such a process is not synchronized with the creation of substitute employment in the homelands."

He called for a greater "White" role in the development of the homelands and pointed out that English domination of South Africa's economy in the early years had stimulated the Afrikaner into economic activity — the Afrikaner learned well and he made use of the growth points and opportunities created by the English businessmen and industrialists.

"Can we not arrange matters in such a way today that the Whites' knowledge and economic power can play the same role in relation to the development of

the Bantu areas as the Englishman and foreigner played in relation to Afrikaner development," he asked.

If the homelands' development tempo was analysed, one could only come to the conclusion that it would have to be considerably speeded up and expanded if the proposed economic magnetism that would draw Africans to the reserves was ever to be created.

But, in stead of progress, there were massive arrears.

Statistics about the job needs for the Bantustans told a single, clear story: "Even in relation to the minimum demands made by the supporters of apartheid for the successful application of policy, there will have to be a radical intervention if there is to be any chance, within the next 30 or 50 years, of the establishment of a White South Africa in which the Whites will have a majority in their homeland."

Multiple pile-up of 50 vehicles

LONDON, Tuesday.—Britain's first real wintry weather brought traffic chaos to parts of the country today.

More than 50 cars and trucks were in a multiple pile-up when dense fog clamped down on a major Midlands road between Derby and Nottingham.

Police said visibility was down to 10 yards in places and described conditions as chaotic. One person died and a woman was seriously injured in other fog pile-ups.—Sapa-Reuter.

'LINK AFRICAN AREAS TO STATES'

By Our Political Correspondent

Has the time come to tell South African Swazis, Tswanas, and South Sothos living on or close to the borders of Swaziland, Botswana and Lesotho, that their ethnic-national future lies in these countries?

This question was asked last night by Professor N. J. Rhodie, of the Department of Sociology of the University of Pretoria, in an address to junior and senior Rapportryers of Kempton Park.

Strongly supporting a peoples' congress on the progress of apartheid, Professor Rhodie said the congress could examine the future of those African areas in South Africa which, on the surface, could never develop into viable fatherlands but which could be joined to ethnically-related neighbouring states.

He named as examples the South Sotho fragments near Lesotho which could easily be joined to that country, the number of Tswana spots near Botswana and the Swazi spot north of Swaziland which could be attached to Swaziland and Botswana respectively.

Professor Rhodie said that the Government and the Nationalist Party always claimed that the African areas of South Africa had never been the Whites' property and that they were being held in trust for the Africans.

And both the Government and the party had said that South Africa should bring together those who belonged together.

Because of this, no White man could complain that White South Africa was giving its ground to Black States.

If the ethnic spots he referred to refused to be joined geographically to their related African states, South Africa could provide the international community with irrefutable evidence that would dramatically give the lie to their accusations of oppression.

A year of frustration for a booming city

By CHRIS DAY — Municipal Reporter

IT'S BEEN a frustrating, even an alarming year for Johannesburg. The city is facing the biggest growth tempo in its history, yet the year has shown that its destiny is increasingly being controlled from Pretoria.

Johannesburg's administrators, trying to control this growth by planning for the future, found themselves under the yoke of no fewer than 92 provisions of the Local Government Ordinance requiring Provincial approval for local schemes.

To meet the demands of the immediate future, Johannesburg will have to spend R100m on capital works in the next three years, yet the Government has demanded that R7m be cut off this year's "bread-and-butter" budget after the council had voluntarily lopped off R15m in June.

This is the situation as seen by leading Johannesburg City Councillors:

● Mr. Alf Widman, M.P.C. and leader of the United Party in the council: "Johannesburg

epitomises the plight of all Transvaal municipalities under the restrictive measures of the Local Government Ordinance."

● Mr. Pieter Roos, chairman of the Management Committee: "Unless we are allowed to spend more, there could be a breakdown of essential services."

Help needed

● Mr. J. F. Oberholzer, M.P.C. and chairman of the Planning and Technical Committee: "Johannesburg's 90,000 ratepayers can no longer foot the backbreaking bill for essential services. We desperately need financial assistance."

This is the fifth successive year that the Johannesburg City Council has been asked to cut capital works spending in the fight against inflation.

Mr. Roos says: "These cuts at

the Government's request have caused a dangerous backlog on essential services and this is snowballing all the time.

"This year we reduced capital expenditure by R1.5m. and applied for the bare minimum of R25m. This is hardly enough to meet the city's natural growth.

"Our essential services are overstrained and we still have to meet the heavy demands from huge projects like the Carlton Centre, the Trust Bank, the Standard Bank and the new Teachers' Training College.

"Come hell or high water we are going to have to complete massive sewerage programmes by 1971, but I don't know where we will get the money."

Apart from sewage disposal works, an adequate road

system remains Johannesburg's biggest problem.

Earlier this year, city councillors were shocked to learn that the Government had withdrawn further road subsidies leaving the city to find an extra R18m to foot the R63m motorway bill.

"But this is not the whole road problem," says Mr. Oberholzer. "Suburban roads have to be expanded and maintained."

The number of vehicles in Johannesburg is increasing by about 15,000 a year.

"This figure makes it plain that unless we can keep pace with essential road development, we will run into chaos," he claimed.

Town planning under Provincial control is becoming something of a nightmare for Johannesburg's forward planners.

This year, an increasing number of town planning decisions taken by the City Council have been vetoed by the Administrator.

Mr. Oberholzer says: "The crisis stage has been reached. The Provincial Administration has made a habit of overruling so many of our decisions that we are not only frustrated, but consider the town planning situation as farcical.

Strained

"Relations have become so strained in this sphere that unless better understanding and liaison can be achieved, we shall have no option but to ask the Government to take action."

Projects which the council voted against this year but which were passed by the Province included:

● The expansion of the Rosebank shopping centre.

● The creation of a new industrial centre in a residential area in South Hills.

● The building of a huge shopping centre in Claim Street near the proposed Hillbrow tower.

Probably the bitterest blow of the year for local administrators was the decision by the Administrator - in - Executive Committee to create the giant Sandown-Bryanston municipali-

ty on Johannesburg's northern border.

Local officials claimed the decision was against all town-planning principles and would lead to duplication of essential services.

This area was to have been an integral part of the city's forward planning programme. It was part of Johannesburg in all but name, officials claimed.

The decision has meant that the city's forward planning branch, which spent much of the year working on a computerised master plan to predict, control and cater for the needs of the city until the 1980s, will now have to revise the whole situation.

Stormy meetings

These clashes with the Province led to a year of stormy city council meetings lasting long into the night.

Nationalist councillors, with a view to the next elections in 1972 when they hope to gain control of the city, fought as a team for the first time in years. They adopted filibuster tactics with each councillor speaking for the maximum 30 minutes allowed.

Of the debates, Mr. Widman says: "It became obvious that the Nationalist councillors were pushing the party line all the way. They put their party's policies before the interests of Johannesburg."

In the debates, the Nationalists came out strongly in favour of the removal of Africans from White areas, influx control, the moving of Indians in the city to the Lenasia group area, no sport on Sundays and the strict application of the Language Ordinance.

Probably the most contentious argument came after the Sandown-Bryanston decision when they called for a burgo-meester with executive powers to be appointed by the Administrator to control Johannesburg.

In spite of the hectic political issues, much was achieved during 1968 in civic affairs.

Legislation making Johannesburg a healthier, brighter and prettier city was passed.

Smoking in cinemas was banned, the skies have become clearer since anti-pollution laws were enforced, the amendment of the building laws has seen the beginning of the end of "canyon" type development as seen in Commissioner Street, mass economic housing schemes were planned or completed and the city's first urban renewal project was passed.

The massive R15m Jeppe urban renewal scheme — long the dream child of Mr. Max Neppe, chairman of the Utili-



Mr. ALF WIDMAN

... "the plight of Transvaal municipalities"

ties Committee — will mean a new deal for 7,000 people in one of the most depressed areas of the city.

Work is to begin on the project early next year and the city council is to take every precaution to provide alternative housing for people whose homes are to be demolished to avoid the recent fiasco when the Province demolished houses for a new school in the area.

Great progress

Great progress was made during the year on the council's R32m five-year programme to provide 30,000 people with cheap housing.

Nearly 700 dwellings have been built and about 400 are nearly finished. At Bellavista, 200 of the planned 750 housing units have been completed.

The full scheme of 71 units at Max Goodman Park in Bezuidenhout Valley have been completed and 300 dwellings have

been built at the giant Claremont scheme.

Plans were passed to erect a R13m "complete town" of cheap housing near the Rand Airport. This will be the biggest housing-flat project undertaken by a local authority in Africa.

It was also agreed to buy 2,400 acres of ground outside the city's southern boundaries for more economic housing schemes.

The Non-European Affairs Department has made steady progress in rehousing people from Old Pimville, which is now fast disappearing. They are to be moved to new premises in New Pimville and Klipspruit.

Eastern Bantu Township, which is to make way for new roads, is to be cleared, and so far 170 families have agreed to

BUT JO'BURG DID MUCH IN 1968

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move to Soweto. They will be recompensed for the inconvenience.

The new produce market in Soweto is nearing completion and plans for the Jabulani Civic Centre, which will include shops, cinemas, a theatre, post office, banks and restaurants are almost finished.

The past year also saw the establishment of the Urban Bantu Council. The council has earned high praise from Mr. Patrick Lewis, Johannesburg's Deputy Mayor and chairman of the non-European Affairs Committee.

The Health Department has also had an extremely busy and eventful year. On top of immunising thousands of children

Bramley, has been planned and tenders will be called early next year.

- In the south, the interchange with the Main Reef Road is in advanced stages of planning.

- The council is waiting for the Province to stipulate the connection point with their ring road round the city before continuing work on the southern-most section of the north-south motorway.

When the entire route is completed, it should take about 20 minutes to travel from north to south through the city.

The City Engineer's Department is still suffering from an acute shortage of engineers. The City Engineer, Mr. Brian Loffell, recently launched an extensive overseas recruiting campaign in a bid to stop the situation from reaching crisis proportions.

For hundreds of Johannesburg's citizens, 1968 will be the year of the "Great Expropriation." Most affected was the historic suburb of Parktown, which was literally hit on all sides by bulldozers clearing the way for motorways and new building developments.

Master plan

A master plan for the transformation of Parktown into an institutional, cultural and business centre with a "garden city" atmosphere was passed by the city council in the closing stages of the year.

The plan rezones a 250-acre complex bounded by Jan Smuts Avenue, Rock Ridge Road, York and Empire Roads into what is expected to be one of the city's showpiece areas.

It is proposed to restrict building heights severely to avoid creating another Hill-brow.

Included in the area will be a 30-acre park and cultural arts complex, an 80-acre College of Education complex and a University of Witwatersrand annex.

Private development will include office blocks, medical clinics, hotels and flats.

Johannesburg's cultural amenities have taken vast strides during the year. A R1m art gallery is planned for Parktown and the curator, Miss Nel Erasmus, is on a world study tour to ensure that the gallery will rank with the most modern in the world. A photographic museum — its collection is ranked third in the world — has been established in Empire Road, Parktown, and this will be opened next month.

The City Council's Management Committee this month agreed to lease a 30-acre site next to the Melville Koppie Nature Reserve for the establishment of a R1m Museums of Man and Science complex.

It is planned to make the complex comparable with the world-famous Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

The Parks Department fought a winning battle this year to soften Johannesburg's concrete image. More than a

million bedding plants were planted in the city's parks and along its highways.

Melville Koppies was opened to the public for the first time recently and the pinetum (pine tree) park at Melrose has been established.

Plans were also passed to build a botanical garden at Van Riebeeck Park in Emmarentia and the council is considering buying ground in the hills near the Klip River for a second Wilds.

Two problems

Two of the biggest problems facing the man in the street — congested roads and a poor bus service — continued unabated.

There was some improvement in the bus service toward the end of the year, however, after the R250,000-a-year wage agreement between the council and the city's busmen.

The agreement allowed, for the first time, the employment of part-timers to operate buses and this helped to alleviate the critical shortage of staff to some extent.

The city council, in one of its most contentious decisions of the year, agreed to hire Coloured busmen to operate White

buses if the agreement did not provide a vastly improved service.

Traffic jams were no better and no worse than in previous years but the new motorways are expected to relieve some of the pressure next year.

Mr. Saville Dorfman, the chief traffic officer, recently returned from an overseas tour to study the latest methods of traffic control. His report is due early next year and traffic control by closed-circuit television is expected to feature prominently in it.

The year also showed that Johannesburg is soon to be a computer-controlled city. The Johannesburg City Council has bought a giant computer — it will be rented for R250,000 a year — which will run just about every municipal department from licensing to valuations.

To pay more

But Johannesburg's citizens are going to have to pay more to live in the city's brave new world of 1969. Rates will go up, parking garage fees will go up, cash bus fares will go up and sewerage tariffs will go up.

Good news for ratepayers could, however, come from this year's Parliamentary session, if the Government decides to accept the recommendations of the Schumann and Borckenhagen Commissions to widen the revenue-earning capabilities of local authorities.

The Government has been sitting on the recommendations for 10 years.



MR. PIETER ROOS
... "danger of breakdown"

nising thousands of children against infectious diseases, it began two of the biggest health campaigns in the city's history.

Two mobile anti-T.B. units are travelling through the suburbs and each house will be visited in a bid to X-ray every servant living in White areas.

The department has also begun a massive health education programme which will include lectures on hygienic food handling, smoking and lung cancer, the need for immunisation, air pollution, noise and venereal disease.

Flyover

The City Engineer's Department, which got most of this year's record R154m budget to spend, has worked hard on the 10-year, R63m motorway programme.

The key "L" section which stretches south from Smit Street to the West Gate interchange, will be open in February next year. This will allow a 60-second "flyover" of the busy western half of the city.

Another big stretch of the network was opened during the year — the R1m link road running from Marshall Street to Siemert Road.

The section from Smit Street through Rockridge Road, with the flyover at Empire Road, should be completed by July next year.

Progress reports on the network for the year show that:

- Tenders are out for the next leg of the northern route — between Rock Ridge Road and Killarney.

- The final northern stretch of the route, from Killarney to the municipal Boundary in



Mr. MAX NEPPE
... "dream come true"

Africans spark education bid

IN a major move to improve educational facilities for African children in Soweto Township, the Urban Bantu Council — the link between the inhabitants and Johannesburg City Council — has asked for imposition of increased School Fund levies at present forming part of the site rent in certain townships.

The U.B.C. has asked that townships at present exempt from the levy be brought into line.

At its meeting yesterday, the Management Committee accepted the recommendations, which would provide an additional R249,000 a year for lower

and post-primary school education.

The chairman, Mr. Patrick Lewis, said: "This could be a big breakthrough in our African education programme."

At present a levy of 18 cents is charged as part of the site rent for houses in all the townships, except Orlando, Jabavu, Old Pimville, Eastern Bantu Township, Mofolo Central and Dube.

This money, totalling about R85,000 a year, is paid into a Schools Levy Fund and is used to repay capital and interest on housing loans, as well as the external maintenance and essential services of school buildings.

In a report to the Manage-

ment Committee, the Non-European Affairs Department said facilities for "higher education" — beyond Standard 2 — are the responsibility of the Bantu School Boards and the Bantu Education Department. The school boards collect money from parents to provide such schools.

There is a shortage of schools for higher education. In Soweto, many schools "double up," catering for lower primary pupils in the mornings and higher primary children in the afternoons.

The U.B.C. made three proposals:

That the levy of 18c be extended to tenants in the

townships at present exempt;

That an additional levy of 20 cents a month be made on each tenant; and

That lodger families (those sharing houses with the legal tenants) be subject to levy in a similar way.

The Council would control the levy, which has to be accepted by the Minister of Bantu Administration and Development.

Mr. Lewis said it was significant that the move had been initiated by the Africans. "They are so desirous of education that they are voluntarily taxing themselves. This could be a big breakthrough in African education."

STAR 20/11/68

Offices plan for opera house site

SOUTH AFRICAN BREWERIES want to buy back the Braamfontein stand they sold to the Province in 1965 and which was earmarked for Johannesburg's opera house. This raises the question of whether the Province intends to build an opera house in the city at all.

The Province has declined to comment.

South African Breweries have plans to build offices, shops and flats on the hillside site which would increase office space in Braamfontein by 65 per cent.

The Management Committee of the city council was presented with a full report on the brewery plans this week.

The site was originally sold to the Province for R2,750,000 in 1965 and has since been occupied by the Rand Afrikaans University.

REACTION

In support of their development scheme the breweries state that they intend to develop only 30 per cent. of the site which would provide Braamfontein with 6.3 acres of extra open space.

The area, bounded by Jan Smuts Avenue, Ameshoff Street, Melle Street and the Helpmekaar Boys' High School, lies in the most highly developed part of Braamfontein.

Council officials' reaction to the scheme is that it would have "disasterous repercussions on traffic congestion."

A report to the Management Committee states that the site has no access points apart from Ameshoff Street on the southern side. The office development would introduce 3,100 workers to the area and not 1,500 as suggested by the brewery, and would attract 1,400 cars at peak hours.

The City Engineer's Department has suggested various amendments to the scheme reducing the number of shops, offices and flats in the plans.

"There are also very good reasons to prefer residential development to office development on this site," states the report. The site is close to educational institutions and the Civic Centre and it would not be in the best interests of the city to have these two separated from each other by office development which would leave it deserted at night.

The Management Committee has deferred its decision.

NEW MEN IN LINE

STAR 25/11/68

Council to consider top posts

MR. A. P. BURGER, Johannesburg's Clerk of the Council, has been recommended for the city's top municipal post—that of Town Clerk.

Mr. Burger, whose appointment is to be officially considered by the city council tomorrow, succeeds Mr. D. Ross Blaine, who has retired.

After serving with the public service from 1934 until 1943, Mr. Burger—who is 51—was on military service from 1942 until 1946.

From 1946 until 1947 he served his articles with a firm of attorneys and was admitted as an advocate in October, 1947.

In 1948 he became legal assistant in the Town Clerk's Department, Springs, and in 1953 Deputy Town Clerk of the same town.

In 1954 he became Town Clerk of Parow in the Cape, a position he held for 10 years.

He then served for more than a year as assistant registrar, South African Medical and Dental Council, before becoming Clerk of the Council in Johannesburg in October, 1965.

At its monthly meeting tomorrow the city council will be asked to approve the appointments of:

● Mr. V. Bolitho, Chief Sewerage Engineer, to the post of Assistant City Engineer in the place of Mr. A. E. Tait, who has retired.

● Mr. T. R. Shaw, senior horticulturist, Johannesburg Non-European Affairs Department, to the post of Deputy General Manager, Parks and Recreation Department.

STAR 25/11/68

New Soweto schools plan suggested

A new scheme to provide extra education facilities in Soweto for African children beyond standard two is to be placed before the Johannesburg City Council at its monthly meeting tomorrow. The council has been warned that the lack of such facilities could have serious repercussions in the future.

Adoption of the scheme, which increases in house and site rents is subject to the approval of the Minister of Bantu Administration and Development, would mean paid by Soweto residents—plus the imposition of a R1 charge to be paid by people lodging with families in Soweto.

An ad hoc committee which drew up the scheme for providing more facilities submitted its recommendations to the 10 Bantu Advisory Boards for comment, and of the seven boards which replied, all were in favour.

The plan is to impose an additional levy of 20c for each site/house. This levy alone would provide for the construction of 10 10-classroom schools a year.

At the moment an 18c educational levy is paid by Africans in Soweto except those living in Orlando, Jabavu, Old Pimville, Mofolo Central Dube and Eastern Bantu Township for the provision of lower primary schools. The suggestion is that the people here pay the 18c levy too — plus the proposed new 20c additional levy.



and I determined to love my
enemy and to Bless him....

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and lo - there was no enemy -
for his curse turned into trust
and his wrath became respect -
and my seed of love brought a
rich harvest of goodwill and
friendship - and we rejoiced -

May the future hold
lots of success
and happiness
for you

Most sincerely,

Ditta Kertz



SOWETO RESIDENTS WANT TO IMPROVE LIVES

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NON-WHITE AFFAIRS

Municipal Reporter

MR. T. W. A. KOLLER has been appointed manager of the Johannesburg City Council's Non-European Affairs Department.

Mr. Koller, 55, has had 17 years' service with the City Council. He had 14 years' experience as a legal advisor in the Cape Divisional Council and was solely responsible for administration of the African areas in the Cape for some time.

He succeeds Mr. W. J. P. Carr, who has retired after 43 years' in Council service.

Mr. Patrick Lewis, Johannesburg Deputy Mayor and chairman of the Non-European Affairs Committee, said in a tribute to Mr. Carr that Soweto was his monument.

A GREAT DESIRE for improvement has become a characteristic of the people of Soweto, Mr. Patrick Lewis, Johannesburg's Deputy-Mayor, said in an interview today.

Indicative of this, he added, was the high standard members of the Urban Bantu Council had set themselves.

"The recommendation of the council that a 38c levy be imposed on all householders in Soweto, to be used to improve educational facilities, is a case in point. So, too, is the enthusiasm with which they organized their Festival of the Soil.

"It is doubtful if many communities, Black or White, appreciated the significance of the festival as they did, or worked harder to infuse an appreciation of what the soil means to their people. The fact that the recent drought necessitated an increase in the charges for water from 30c a month to 50c did much to bring this home."

HIGH POINT

Mr. Lewis, who is chairman of the city council's Non-European Affairs Committee, said the establishment of the Urban Bantu Council, with the election of its members and the pomp and ceremony of the Council Chamber opening ceremony, was "probably the high point in a year which has been an eventual one for the Non-European Affairs Department."

Reviewing the department's



MR. PATRICK LEWIS.
U.B.C. "high point."

work during the year, Mr. Lewis said steady progress had been made in rehousing people from Old Pimville, now fast disappearing. They were being moved to much improved houses in New Pimville and Klipspruit.

Eastern Bantu Township, standing in the way of proposed new roads, would also be cleared and 170 families had already, of their own accord, agreed to move to Soweto. They would be recompensed for the inconvenience.

SOWETO

"The improvement of facilities in Soweto continues. The Mayor of Johannesburg opened a new community hall in Naledi. The hall, which seats 600 people, is to be the nucleus of a civic centre for this area. Shops and doctors' consulting rooms have been built, and a post office and other facilities are planned."

Shops had been built in many other areas and a produce market was nearing completion at the site of the proposed Jabulani

Civic Centre. Plans for the centre, which would have shops, cinema, theatre, post office, banks, restaurants and other facilities, were well advanced.

Mr. Lewis said the city council's new Bantu beer brewery at Langlaagte was proving adequate for Johannesburg's needs. The year's highlight was the opening of a new packaging plant for Bantu beer.

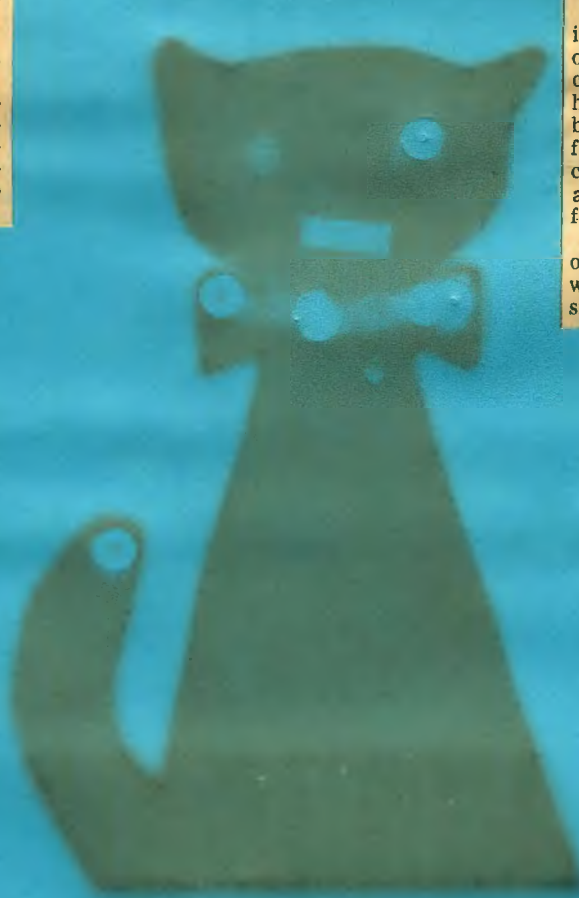
ADMINISTRATION

"On the administrative level the new township and labour regulations have meant a new approach and although the former, which came into force at the beginning of August, has standardized regulations for most of South Africa, many aspects of these regulations have been, and still are, because of local circumstances, being discussed with representatives of the Department of Bantu Administration."

More than 5,000 people visited Soweto this year, Mr. Lewis revealed. Among them were the Archbishop of York; Senator O'Hara, of the United States Senate Committee on Apartheid; the Commissioner-General of the Xhosa National Unit, Mr. J. H. Abraham; Cabinet Ministers; an international group of travel agents; and a "surprising number" of delegates to medical congresses held in Johannesburg.

More than 70 per cent. of the visitors on council bus tours to Soweto were from overseas, but the department was hoping to persuade more local people to go on these tours.

Mr. Lewis said the theme of the Non-European Affairs Department "is, and must remain, that of human development" — of improved housing, people educated, and people assuming and accepting the responsibility their place in the community demanded.



New Mayor

STAR 7/2/1969



LEWIS IS THE NEW MAYOR

Johannesburg's Mayor-elect for 1969 is Mr. Patrick Lewis. The Deputy Mayor-elect is Mr. Hugh Ismay. They were chosen at a United Party caucus meeting this morning.

During a brief tea-break interview Mr. Lewis said he was not planning any specific theme for his mayoral year. "I feel it is a tremendous honour to be made Mayor of a city like Johannesburg," he said.

Mr. Lewis entered the council in May, 1957. He had held the portfolio of Non-European Affairs since 1958 and does not regard himself as a politician. "I am a mediator—a mediator between the African and the Government," he said.

He became M.P.C. for Parktown in 1962 and served on the council for one term.

Because of his position on the Management Committee—he has been a member since 1961—he will not act as chairman of the council. A councillor is to be elected chairman today.

Mr. Lewis is a chartered accountant by profession—he retired from practice in 1963—and a director of companies. He is married and has three sons.

The Deputy Mayor-elect, Mr. Hugh Ismay, has been a member of the council since 1957. His particular interest has been to try to improve the lot of the city's pensioners. Mr. Ismay has served on the Non-European Affairs Committee with Mr. Lewis since 1957.

He is married and has one son and one daughter.

Two members of the city's Non-European Affairs Committee will be Johannesburg's new Mayor and Deputy-Mayor elect for 1969. They are Mr. Patrick Lewis, Mayor (centre), and Mr. Hugh Ismay, Deputy-Mayor (left). Extending congratulations to Mr. Lewis is the retiring Mayor, Mr. Ivan Schlapobersky, who commented, "My mayoral year was the greatest experience that I have had. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did."

GOUDSTAD SE NUWE BURGEMEESTER

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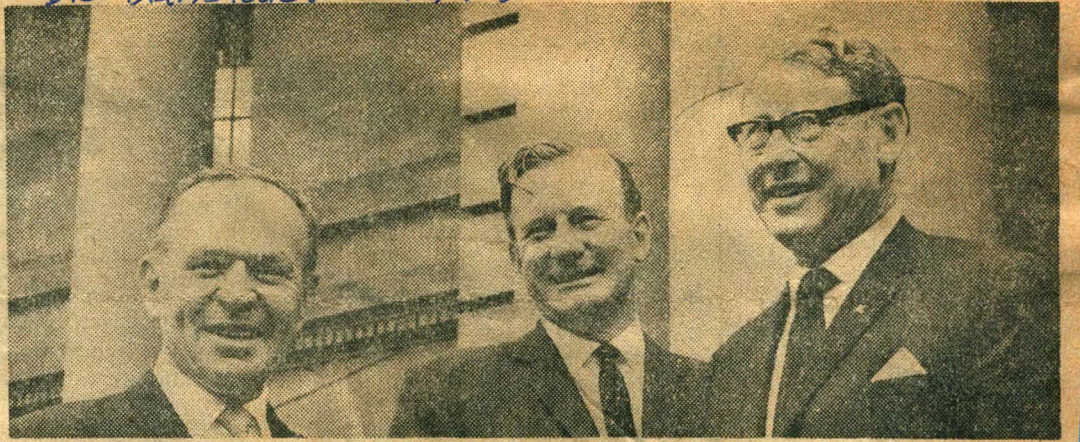
MNR. PATRICK LEWIS (links), is vanoggend deur die Verenigde Party-koukus in Johannesburg se stadsraad aangewys as die Goudstad se burgemeester vir 1969/70.

Johannesburg se nuwe eerste burger het in 'n onderhoud aan Die Vaderland gesê dat hy nie 'n tema vir sy burgermeestersjaar het nie, maar dat hy persoonlik voel dat die burgemeester die publiek in die algemeen dien en nie om 'n spesifieke doel nie.

Mnr. Lewis is tans voorsitter van die komitee vir nie-blanke sake en lid van die bestuurskomitee.

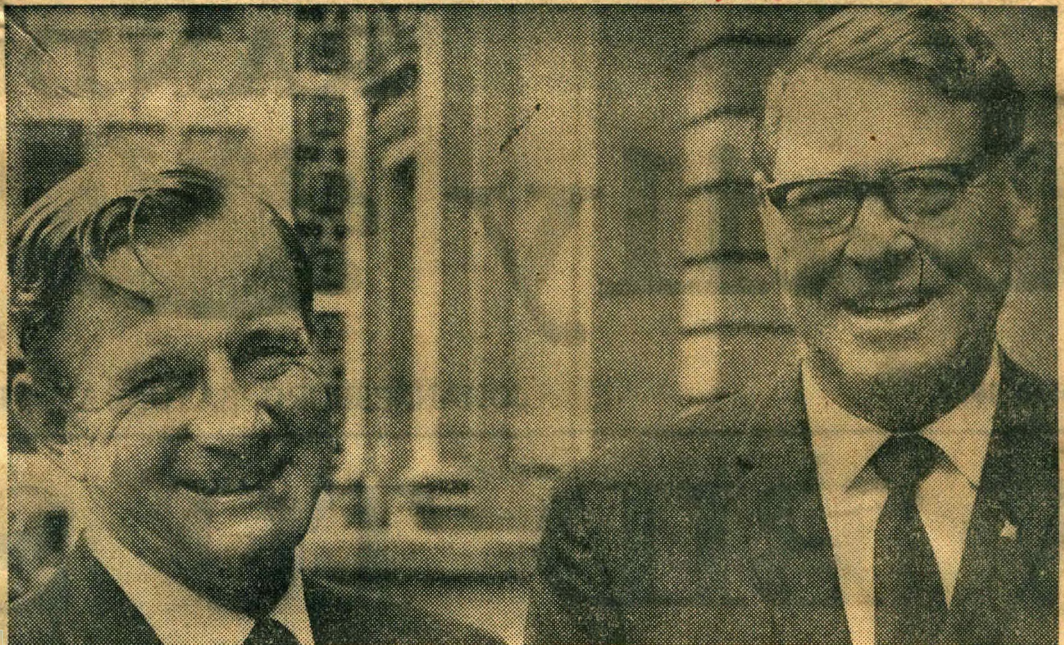
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Mr. Patrick Lewis, left, Johannesburg's Mayor-elect and Mr. Hugh Ismay, Deputy-Mayor elect, photographed shortly after they were nominated as the city's two leading citizens yesterday.

LEWIS TO SUCCEED SCHLAPOBERSKY

MUNICIPAL REPORTER

MR. PATRICK LEWIS, chairman of Johannesburg City Council's Non-European Affairs Committee, was yesterday nominated Mayor-elect of the city. He will succeed Mr. Israel Schlapobersky.

A member of Mr. Lewis's committee, Mr. Hugh Ismay, was appointed Deputy Mayor-elect.

Mr. Lewis, who has been a city councillor since 1957 and became Chairman of the Non-European Affairs Committee a year later, is regarded as one of the city's most efficient administrators.

He has decided to break with tradition and not have a mayoral theme because "I believe the Mayor should serve the public generally and not a particular cause."

"This is not a criticism of other mayors, but my personal view," he said yesterday.

"This is indeed a great hon-

our for me and I'm looking forward to a stimulating year."

Mr. Lewis is to apply to the Administrator of the Transvaal for leave of absence from the Management Committee during his term of office. This would allow him to retain chairmanship of the Non-European Affairs Committee, although he will not attend any of the committee meetings.

If the Administrator grants him leave of absence, another city councillor will be appointed chairman of the city council, as a member of the Management Committee cannot hold this position.

Mr. Lewis, who does not regard himself as a politician,

has earned the respect of both parties in the city council.

Although Non-White affairs policymaker for the United Party-controlled council, he is known among Nationalists as the "Minister's blue-eyed boy." Some say he runs the best "Bantustan" in South Africa — Soweto.

"I have always tried to do what is best for the African people and have tried not to put politics before their welfare," he said.

Mr. Lewis, an honorary life member of the South African Institute of Race Relations, sees his role as a mediator between the city council, the African people and the Government.

Sunday Times - 9/2/1969



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Mayor's fund

THE retiring Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. I. Schlapobersky, has launched an emergency appeal fund for the victims of the rail disaster.

He has appealed for as much cash as possible to be donated within the next couple of days to help those with immediate needs.

"Once the position becomes clearer an appeal may also be made for goods in kind," he said this morning.

"I only heard about the disaster late last night," he said. "I immediately telephoned Baragwanath Hospital but was told there was nothing I could do—the victims had all been

settled for the night and there was no point in my going to the hospital then.

"Our Non-European Affairs Department is administering aid out of a small emergency fund which it has, but I doubt whether this will be effective for more than a day or two.

"So we decided to launch an emergency appeal fund. I appeal to Johannesburg's public and to the public of the Witwatersrand to come forward with generosity and speed to my office at the City Hall with aid for my fund."

Cheques should be made payable to the "Mayor's Train Disaster Fund," The City Hall, Johannesburg.

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Times Correspondent

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Rail-death families reassured

Cape Times Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG.—Mr. I. W. Robinson, acting manager of the Non-European Affairs Department of the Johannesburg City Council, said yesterday that nobody who had lost a breadwinner in Monday's train disaster would be penalized or endorsed out of Johannesburg.

Mr Robinson and a councillor, Mr. S. Moss, called the conference to discuss the implications of the rail disaster and yesterday's appeal by the Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. I. Schlapobersky, for contributions to the disaster fund.

The City Council was aware that people would be involved in expenses for funerals, for clothes, for food and rent while the bread-winner was incapacitated or dead. Those directly affected would not be evicted from their homes because of inability to pay rent and they would also not be endorsed out of Johannesburg.

NEXT-OF-KIN

Contributions in money or in kind should be sent to the Treasurer, Non-European Affairs Department, PO Box 5382, Johannesburg.

Col. J. W. Smith, Assistant Commissioner of Railway Police, said yesterday afternoon that while a number of the dead and injured had been positively identified, the Railways would not release a full list of the names of those concerned till it had been established that all next-of-kin had been informed. Colonel Smith said that a full departmental inquiry into the accident was under way.

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Miracle mid-ocean rescue of 69 people from doomed flying boat recalled

PAT LEWIS—JO'BURG'S NEXT MAYOR—LIVING ON BORROWED TIME

By JACK SACKSE

MR. PATRICK ROBERT BRIAN LEWIS, who takes over from Mr. I. Schlapobersky next month as Mayor of Johannesburg, believes that for two decades he has been living "on borrowed time." Just over 21 years ago he came down in an overloaded flying boat in mid-Atlantic in the middle of a raging gale.

The craft teetered on the crest of waves over 30 feet high and then pitched down again. Every man and woman among the 62 passengers and crew of seven thought their end had come.

"Every minute it seemed certain we were going to plunge to the bottom," Mr. Lewis recalled.

With him on this never-to-be-forgotten nightmare flight was a fellow South African business man, Mr. A. Ross Glen, of Pretoria.

The flying boat was battered and badly damaged and leaking after a collision with a rescue vessel. That all aboard eventually were saved was little short of a miracle.

The two South Africans were among the last to be rescued, after climbing through the nose of the flying boat, leaping on to a raft, making a hazardous change into a rubber boat and then being hauled aboard a cutter.

For more than 24 agonising hours, they were confined to the doomed flying boat as it pitched and tossed in the ocean.

"We really thought we had had it," Mr. Lewis confessed.

A contemporary account of the incident in Time magazine says: "In those long hours the cabin of the wildly pitching plane became a stinking chamber of horrors. Many of the passengers expected to die, waited for the plane to open up with the smash of every dredging wave.

Mothers

"Passengers and crew grew violently seasick, vomited helplessly on themselves and each other. Exhausted children were sick, fell asleep in the foul, chilly air, woke up and were sick again. Mothers were al-

most too weak to care for their babies . . ."

The craft was a big old Boeing flying boat, the Bermuda Sky Queen. She landed in the boiling ocean on the morning of Tuesday, October 14, 1947, loaded with the biggest human cargo to attempt to fly the Atlantic up to then.

Mr. Lewis and Mr. Glen were on their way to a business convention in Atlantic City, U.S.A.

Plane accommodation was chronically short at the time and the two South Africans thought they were lucky to have been included in the chartered flight.

"We took these seats because there were no others available anywhere," Mr. Lewis recalled. "It turned out that the owners were running a very small outfit which normally worked between Baltimore and, Bermuda. They had heard about the pile-up of passengers and decided to cash in on it. There was not even food on board."

When the Sky Queen took off from Foynes, Eire, at 3.40 on the Monday afternoon of October 13, 1947, she was 3,600 lb. overloaded and carried two passengers too many.

Out of fuel

She was to have taken 17 hours to reach Gander, Newfoundland, but ran into such violent headwinds that 18½ hours later there was not enough fuel left to take the craft either to Newfoundland or back to Ireland.

The 33-year-old ex-U.S. Navy pilot, Charles Martin, decided to head back to the Coast Guard cutter Bibb, which was on duty some 800 miles north east of Newfoundland. He radioed ahead that he expected to land next to the vessel at around 8 a.m.

At that time the men of the Bibb were all up, holding their



breath as the flying boat came in sight.

As it ditched in the heaving, broiling sea, it disappeared from sight and in that moment all thought it had gone under. Then it suddenly came into view "like a huge whale" and wallowed towards the rolling Bibb.

The sea was so violent that it was impossible to start rescue operations and in the next seven hours, while the Bibb stood by unable to do anything about it, the flying boat crashed into the hull of the cutter and stove in its own nose.

Leaking

At 3.15 p.m. it became evident that rescue operations somehow had to be attempted, as the plane had begun to leak and many passengers were on the point of hysteria.

On board the flying boat were nine sailors homeward bound after delivering a tanker to an English buyer. Three of them calmly got into a rubber craft, came towards the cutter on a line and were safely picked up.

Then a bigger, 15-man raft was manoeuvred to the flying boat and took off four loads of passengers before rescue work had to be suspended until the morning.

Even so it was wild work. On the fourth trip the raft was swamped, the motor launch (to which the passengers were being transferred) was hit by a wave and many of the passengers were washed out into the water. Seamen leaped into the water to save some, others were rescued by being pulled in by hand from life nets over the cutter's side.

Mr. Lewis and Mr. Glen were

Johannesburg's next Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Lewis — a photograph taken this week at their home in Saxonwold.

That night Mr. Lewis and Mr. Glen left by train for New York. They reached New York at midnight, slept for a few hours, then caught an early morning train which took them to Atlantic City via Philadelphia.

Director

"Now here is a happy personal coincidence," said Mr. Lewis. "When we got to Boston, a business associate, Mr. George Thorpen, was there to meet us. I have just had word that he is coming over to Johannesburg to be present on March 4 at my induction as Mayor."

Red-headed Mr. Lewis — Pat to his close friends — is the son of Mr. Stakesby Lewis, who was an apostle of temperance. "I myself am not a teetotaler, although I am a non-smoker," says Mr. Lewis.

Now 58, married and with three grown-up sons, Mr. Lewis headed an accountancy firm before his retirement, and he remains a director of a number of companies.

He became a city councillor in 1957 and took over the chairmanship of the Non-European Affairs Committee 11 months later, succeeding Mr. Hymie Miller who was elected to Parliament.

Mr. Lewis has made a name for himself as an administrator who has done outstanding work for the non-Whites.

"My great interest," he says, "has always been race-relations. I am more interested in getting results than gaining any political advantage. Rather than attack a Minister, I prefer to discuss matters quietly over a cup of tea and it is a policy that to my mind has been justified."

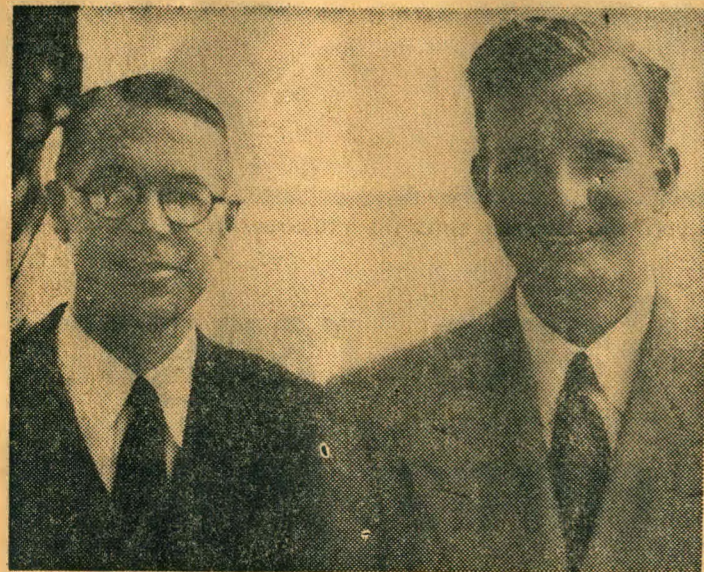
Miracle

Mr. Lewis told me: "The feeling of relief once we were aboard the cutter is something I can hardly describe. Right up to then it hardly seemed likely that we would survive. It was just a miracle."

As the damaged Sky Queen was reckoned to be a danger to navigation, the cutter riddled it with gunfire, stood by while she burned and sank and then turned for home.

"We came down on the Tuesday morning, were rescued on the Wednesday and the Coast Guard cutter got us into Boston on the Sunday," said Mr. Lewis.

"She came into harbour with a broom tied to her mast in token of a clean sweep rescue. She was given a tremendous reception. Small craft swarmed around us, fireboats threw spray, whistles blew. Thousands lined the waterfront."



Mr. A. Ross Glen (left), a well-known Pretoria business man, and Mr. Patrick Lewis, the two South Africans aboard the ill-fated Bermuda Sky Queen when it had to be ditched in mid-Atlantic. So violent was the gale that rubber rafts flew up like kites and a heavy motor lifeboat was sunk by the waves. This picture was taken shortly after the rescue.

JOHANNESBURG'S new Mayor and Deputy-Mayor will be inducted on March 4. As they prepare to serve their city in these high offices, a Women's Page Reporter talks to the new Mayoress and the new Deputy-Mayoress, and also to the retiring Mayoress.

THE OFFICE, NOT THE PERSONALITY



MRS. PATRICK LEWIS, Johannesburg's new First Lady, is appropriately photographed at her desk, which will be the nerve centre for her many civic commitments during her term of office.

BECAUSE of the prestige attached to being Mayoress, there is a danger of regarding oneself as a more important person in one's own right than is often justified.

Mrs. Patrick Lewis, Johannesburg's Mayoress-elect, said she was made aware that it was the office and not the personality which was being honoured when, early in her term as Deputy-Mayoress, she had attended a morning tea party arranged by the Goodwill Club of the Johannesburg branch of the N.C.W.

"When everyone rose to their feet as I entered the room I got quite a shock,"

Mrs. Lewis recalled. "Then I realized it was not me, personally, who was being honoured, but the fact that I was the Deputy-Mayoress."

Flowers

During the past year, as "Madam Deputy," Mrs. Lewis said she had got over her nervousness and apprehension at meeting a number of people, at the same time realizing that holding mayoral office entailed great responsibilities.

"And with the growth of the city every year, this becomes even more so," she commented.

She does not envisage any vital changes in the running

of her Saxonwold home this year.

"Last year, my youngest son, Duncan, who is a student at the University of the Witwatersrand, had a friend to stay with him. You see, it's rather lonely in a big house and we are out so much for meals that I hope we can continue this arrangement."

The Lewis's other two sons are married.

One of the household chores that Mrs. Lewis will have to relinquish, with regret, is arranging the flowers.

"I am hoping that a young cousin of mine who is a domestic science student will come in and do them. While I enjoy working with flowers, this year I simply won't have time to spend a whole Saturday morning or afternoon arranging them."

Welfare

Mrs. Lewis will not be carrying over very much of her wardrobe from last year. "I find that fashions change so quickly that the outfit I wore to last year's induction ceremony, for instance, has already had to be shortened — and I feel quite skittish in it."

For many years Mrs. Lewis has been a tireless voluntary worker for the Toc H organization but in the next 12 months her mayoral duties will not allow her time to concentrate on any one aspect of welfare work.

"One thing I'm determined not to abandon, however, is the yoga exercises I have been doing for the last 12 years.

"Without them I would be much more creaky."

*No time for flower
arranging, but
yoga will continue*

Personality

48 hours in her day—and every minute enjoyed

THE Deputy-Mayoress-to-be, Mrs. Hugh Ismay, could not be better suited to her new position. Her vivacious personality and her enthusiasm indicate an outgoing friendliness and the ability to make the best of any situation.

Mrs. Ismay does not think her civic commitments will interfere with the running of her home, as she has always led an extremely active life.

"I believe that the only way to enjoy the present is to keep busy 48 hours a day . . . and enjoying today is the answer to living."

She paused, and added in her quick, bright voice: "I never look back. You cannot look backwards into the future."

Mrs. Ismay has good reason to believe in this philosophy, for she met the tragedy of sudden widowhood and rebuilt a rewarding life by making the most of the present.

Tragedy

Born in England, educated in France, Switzerland and Britain, she married her first husband in England before the war. They travelled widely together. Then, during a short visit to South Africa, he was killed in an accident.

"I left South Africa, but found that the whole world was full of memories, so I decided to come back to Johannesburg and fight against unhappiness where the worst had happened.

"I'd had commercial training in America before the Second World War, and I became sales manager in a

MRS. HUGH ISMAY, the new Deputy-Mayoress, and Sasha.



nut and bolt factory here. That is when I met my present husband."

They were married in 1963, but as the firm was expanding rapidly and could not spare her immediately, she continued as sales manager for another three years before resigning.

"I'd led a man's life until fairly recently," she said. "Now I'm really enjoying being a complete woman."

Evidence of her essential femininity and boundless energy lies in her many hobbies.

"I find any work that I do with my hands very relaxing — they seem to act as an outlet," she said, fingering a lace tablecloth which took her five months to make.

Mrs. Ismay prefers to create her own design for any item she makes, including knitted garments, ceramic pottery, mosaics, lampshades and lace. Interior decorating and sketching are other absorbing interests.

She has become a South African citizen. "I am terribly happy in South Africa. Rivonia — with its village atmosphere and friendly people — is a wonderful place to live," she declared warmly.

Sensitivity

The Ismay's property has an easy, spacious country atmosphere, but at the same time their home has elegance. Carpets bought in the

TIME FOR THOUGHT

THE pleasant prospect of having enough time to weigh up what she would like to do, instead of days crammed with official engagements, awaits Mrs. Israel Schlapobersky, the retiring Mayoress.

"I have been trying to analyse my feelings, and I think I am looking forward to being an ordinary person again.

"My daughters are nagging me to go back to university to do an honours degree, but I don't know whether I'd still be able to swot," said Mrs. Schlapobersky.

"And there's golf and bridge. And my second daughter's wedding to arrange. (She gets married on Sunday.)

"My term as Mayoress was just fabulous, but you have very little time for private life. I know now how the Queen must feel about all her engagements which for her go on for a lifetime — not just for a year.

"The Royal family also comes in for lots of personal criticism. That didn't happen to us. Johannesburg people were simply wonderful.

"People talk about the city being a concrete jungle, but it certainly responds whenever there is an appeal."

Of her husband's mayoral theme, "Know Your City," Mrs. Schlapobersky said: "We were born in Johannesburg and have lived all our lives here, but our mayoral term has really enabled us to get to know the city."

Of all the engagements she had undertaken during the year, she had most enjoyed those which were associated with young people. "It's interesting to hear the ideas of the young."

She feels that a Mayoress should support her husband without trying to develop her own pet interests. "There is only one Mayor, and it's his wife's job to help him."



MRS. ISRAEL SCHLAPOBERSKY, the retiring Mayoress, is looking forward to being "an ordinary person" again.

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