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Crime and compassion, splendour and squalor, music and mayhem

THE MIXTURE THIS is Soweto. Popula-

tion half - a - million. Popularity, varied. Some people love Soweto but most say it is for the birds. A mere glorified slum which they would gladly trade if they could go back to where they lived before **Operation Black Spots was** set in motion in 1954 by Dr. Verwoerd, then Minister of Native Affairs.

Obviously among many of the people who are outrightly dissatisfied at being resettled in Soweto are those who wrote such slogans on walls of Sophiatown as "We Won't Move."

These slogans disappeared when Sophiatown was razed to make room for new houses for Whites. But one, on the wall of an Old Age Home, still remains in its mute protestation: "We shall

They dream

These are the people who still recall the easy-going life in So-phiatown and the neighbouring townships of Newclare and Western Native Township. They still dream of the 5c return fare to, town and the low rent.

In Western rent used to be bright rainbow hues with which nic groups. 17s. 4d. a month. In Soweto rent the houses are painted. is anything from R5.05 to R8.

THAT IS **SOWETO**

SOWETO MEADOWLAND ORLANDO JABULANI ZOLA DUBE EAST MDENI ABAVU NALEDI (TLADI MOROKA

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It is a sprawling metropolis, this complex are named in the doctor's wife decided to sell it and life here is as colourful as the vernacular according to their eth- and go back home to the States.

It is a showcase of the various Divorces A metropolis of contrasts. different African races, including

The many townships that make As you approach Soweto from Dube is that many of the people

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by Casey

of the first townships of Soweto proper is Dube. Here you find the rich, with

houses as beautiful as those you can find in Parktown. They are referred to as Dubeheimers Mostly, these are people who

We just look at their posh bill are so high this month. This is where the late Doctor houses and shake our heads. Xuma built his home — a real They're proud people, Rock-Where did the money come ville people. The youngsters worshowpiece which is now occupied

by another doctor. It took some from? we ask ourselves. Payroll ship Jimmy Smith and Shelly song to find a buyer when the snatches, someone will venture. Then someone will say, I don't ville," they remark as they place

believe it, the guy's too old. Then a Monk LP on the turntable. it's either booze, diamonds, dagga or fah-fee.

Parties It is said that here adultery is -

Township types

sons unknown.

Never dull

All the really "juicy" and sen-sational divorce cases come from Dube. Every woman wants to stay in Dube; every sensible man who does not like living up to the Ungester s again. The what

Rents During week-ends they hold -

parties - free or fund-raising - And although people here pay and indulge in beer and whisky sub-economic rent, a large per

which are regarded as status centage of them are usual Adjacent to Dube is the com-plex of Motolo — Mofolo South; North: Village Control Famous

semi-detached houses, and on the that the best solution would be creasing lack of employment as other-side are the so-called "two to deport them back to Basuto- reason for this. There are other

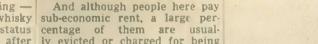
some compensation from the staying there don't seem to be he kept his promise. But the of this where the late Doctor This is the provide the this matrix and the electricity the this matrix and the electri

men and depend mostly on are doing good work in their nightmare days of the Msomis making a livelihood by selling fight and have the blessing of and the Spoilers. dagga, various concoctions rang- the police, with whom they work ing from skokiaan to a crude one, hand-in-hand. Only the payroll snatches in town and the armed robberies on

ing from skokiaan to a crude one hand-in-hand. known as "aih-aih" — the main Yes, this is Soweto. And the council bottles stores and beerly potent.

Shelters, which was a hotbed of lot of money and will take a long time.

Otherwise there's very little violent crine here. But like all you can buy a radiogram worth Soweto townships, Dube has its Death Alley — which, true to the recorder included. The people did not leave these traits behind when they packed their bags. Squalor and filth are to order of the dry here the order of the dry here then the order of the dry here there the order of the dry here there the order of the dry here the order of the the order of the day berg. A syonig man might leave home



ingredient of which is methylated spirits. It is cheap; it is unhealthi-seething metropolis is Canada semblance of having been pre-Bridge, otherwise known as Hell viously planned. Both Phiri and Mapetla have Bridge. one thing in common with their This subway is the bane of men who deliver in Soweto. One

But they soon realized that proof; the drivers were then way, after they had dropped the

from a fellow African, no matter

A young factory girl goes to how much he has on him, if they work and returns days later with can satisfy themselves that the



All the really "juicy" and sen-sational divorce cases come from Rockville has a counterpart — although as yet not electrified. It is called Mapetla Extension, or

does not like living up to the Youngsters again. The what Joneses fights shy of living there. you can do I can do better type. Otherwise there's very little Here the motto seems to be: If sadistic violence and crime.

was killed a this spot. A car with seats strined with blood was abandoned at this spot. And the virdict at the inquest? Typical: Killed by precessor of a surplus from Rock. type, is at the bus and taxi rank The women here are like those-Typical: Killed by person or per-

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North; Village; Central. Famous spot here is The Cross Roads which embrace tycoon Tshabala-Their wives bring it in for them Soweto is an offence in the privacy of their bedrooms. Their wives bring it in for them

from the beer depot in disguised thousands of rands in back rent Never a dull moment. The containers such as pots. hustle and the bustle. The car accidents and the funeral proces-sions. The knife fights between the Apaches and the Black Swines The meetings to hold flip and it seems this Swines. The meetings to hold flip-than go and borrow one from his a safe distance is Chiawelo. Ethneighbour. nically grouped here are Vendas The fights at the football It is a comparatively young and Shangaans — peace-loving people who always want to keep people who always want to keep people who always want to keep people who always the law. There selling cabbage, tomatoes, onions not yet fenced. The men pride on the right side of the law. There and snoek. themselves on being professional is practically no crime and

Never a dull moment. "Six- gardeners - but only after the violence here, and neighbours are pence the lot ... one-and-a-half woman of the house has bought usually quick to come to the help cents ... tickey ... them a drink. "A car can't move of anyone who is in trouble with Still young couples, here. Stay- without petrol," they argue con- his rent. Moving farther down we come

ing in "doubles" (semi-detached) vincingly. or "sin les.

The women are uppity and fond Lars and Jazz of parties. They have Self-Help- -

ing Club meetings every week. And as in Dube, the language Point.) The husbands are told it's a spoken at home is English-ex-

Motolo is White City Jabavu — cantankerous today, Jack" you might as well venture out with-The houses resemble gigantic tout your coat or rain coat. Ioaves of bread. Four houses in one building . . . A.B.C. and D. As is normal, the city council Access to and, of course, jazz. As is normal, the city council Access to and, of course, jazz. As is normal, the city council Access to and, of course, jazz. As is normal, the city council Access to and, of course, jazz. As is normal, the city council Access to and, of course, jazz. As is normal, the city council Access to and access to a course, jazz. As is normal, the city council Access to a course, jazz. As is normal, the city council Access to a course, jazz. As is normal, the city council Access to a course, jazz. As is normal, the city council Access to a course, jazz. As is normal, the city council Access to a course, jazz. As is normal, the city council Access to a course, jazz. As is normal, the city council Access to a course, jazz. As is normal, the city council Access to a course, jazz. As is normal, the city council Access to a course, jazz. As is normal, the city council Access to a course, jazz. As is normal, the city council Access to a course, jazz. As is normal, the city council Access to a course, jazz. As is normal to a course to a course, jazz. As is normal to a course to a course, jazz. As is normal to a course to a course to a course, jazz. As is normal to a course to a c

As is normal, the city council Across the road from "Little men and superintendents are crime. Crime here is on the in-has blessed them with a Stadium. Rock" are Phiri and Mapetla trying their best to fight this crease and social workers will al-Anything can happen here, like proper. Phiri is composed of menace and there has been talk ways point to the equally in- to write their protests, appeals, demands and pleas on the nearest

list also a swimming-pool utiful bikinis and legs; lovely and furiny shapes - just like at the beath

A four-year-old child burnt death when dry grass caught fire while they were playing use. bhe was not the first, and the trakedy is that she will not be the Last

Proud

Then comes Rockville. Officialy it is known as Moroka, but the young men decided to call j Rockville. Home for people of Western Native Township mostly. Sometimes they call it Press But ton because it has electricity in all four or five rooms --- and a bath, Sir.

The Man of the Moment is still moral rearmament man P. Q Vundla, veteran boardsman although his house, This Is It, is situated in Dube where he keeps pedigree dogs with such impossible names as "Cassius Clay"

Talk is that Vundla had promised the people of Western Township electricity if they could Mile after mile of sprawling townships make up the complex called Soweto. This is Meadowmove without much ado. If so,



lands, seen from the air.

red

to the townships of Moletsane, Tladi, Naledi, Jabulani, Zondi, Zola and Emdeni (a loose trans-had kidnapped her and kept her to a White man. lation of which is The Farthest a prisoner of love. But the small-time operator is

Kidnapping in Soweto lingo is still the stock-in-trade of crime

"women's only" affair so they go their way, looking here and there for somebody to console them. Here you also get front page (Western High School) and the others Nguni. These hane (Western High School) and the other hand (Western High School) and (Western High School) and (Western High School) and (Western High School) and (W as "on the other side of the brought safely home.

The people of Soweto, like people everywhere, are inclined convenient wall in the form of

slogans: "Free Sobukwe Now;" "Free Mandela or bombs"—" Stay Home

June 26, 27, 28" and-even on the sanctified wall of a church-We want Freedom.

Some of these slogans are faded and almost illegible. Not with time but through genuine attempts to remove them.

Soweto is characterized by a cacphony of weird evening and morning sounds of bells, hooters and human voices of hawkers shouting their wares. The women seem to understand these sounds.

A distorted voice will yell: 'Faaarood!" and the woman will ask you for 5c to buy firewood. Other voices call out: "Maaashala" (coal); "Saaawa" (sour milk); "Melegooo" (fresh milk)

And as the sun goes down these same outlandish sounds are repeated with other evening commodities:

'Mogooodoo" (tripe) "Sebeeete" (liver) and others which you can easily make out-"Heeee, andles, here.

And so Soweto prepares to go to sleep . . .

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