

Furore in Lekoa

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OPPOSITION groups have called on Lekoa town councillors to resign following news that they have allocated themselves bottlestores in the area.

During previous meetings to protest the increases in house rents and service charges at the weekend, leaders of the Vaal Civic Association, Azanian People's Organisation, Cosas and Azanyu, lashed out at

the councillors and called on them to resign immediately.

Yesterday the SOWETAN Sunday MIRROR reported that several community leaders, including the mayor, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, and South Africa's soccer el supremo, Mr Geore Thabe, have been allocated bottlestores costing over R14 million.

The bottlestores are being phased out by the Oranje-Vaal Development Board and sold to



THABE . . . allocated a bottle store.

residents, subject to the Minister of Co-operation and Development's approval.

Deplored

The Reverend Tebogo Moselane said that the bottlestores should have been given to people who have knowledge of the business. Councillors must stop using their "little powers" in the chamber to obtain businesses.

An executive member of the National Taverners' Association, Mr Ray Mollison said that the action of the councillors should be deplored. They are just rushing into business after acquiring the status they obtained through a low percentage poll.

"The association was not worried about issuing of the liquor outlets to councillors. We shall continue to build our own stores where our members will support us," he said.

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