

ADDRESS AT DUNCAN HALL : 11TH NOVEMBER 1970.

ASPECTS THAT COULD BE DEALT WITH :

- Clinics,
- Bantu Beer,
- European Liquor,
- Leasing of Sites,
- Nursery Schools,
- Schooling - Primary and High,
- Vocational Training Centre,
- Youth Clubs,
- Cultural activities,
- Customs of the African and extent to which practised in Soweto,
- Marriage Customes - Labola,
- Belief in Ancestral Spirits,
- Belief in Witchcraft in omens good and bad,
- Juvenile Employment,
- Infantile Mortality,
- Baragwanath Hospital, of the New Hospital Plan,
- Swimming Baths,
- Communal Halls,
- Creches.

These are some of the aspects which have to be covered to give a full, even a partial picture, of Soweto. I will confine myself to one or two aspects such as Housing and Railway facilities as I thought you would be interested to see slides which have been taken over a period of years, but before doing so wish to give a brief history:

- 1903 : Insanitary Area Commission.
- 1904 : Moved to Klipspruit now Pimville.
- 1918/21 : Western Native Township 227 houses.
- 1924/27 : Further 1000 Western Native Township also Eastern Native Township 400.
- 1930 : Purchase of 1300 morgan at Orlando by 1935 - 3000 houses built by 1939 - 5800 houses built.
- 1939 : Total Houses 8700 in Orlando Western Native Township and Eastern Native Township.

:- 1944 ...

- 1944 : 4042 Breeze Block shelters at Shanty-Town.
- 1946 : Moroka occupied 11000 plots 20' x 20'.  
In 7 years 1939 to 1946 - 991 houses built.  
1945 to 1953 - 18,292 houses built in Orlando  
East and West and Jabavu built by Contractors  
using various methods of construction.
- 1951 : Building Works Act.
- 1953 : Bantu Service Levy.  
Total to date R25 $\frac{1}{2}$ -Million R1.7-Million per  
year.  
Bantu Transport Levy R9-Million.
- 1953 : Site and service scheme introduced plots 40' x  
70'. Eventually 35,000 sites laid out.
- 1954 : Housing Division created.

NEW HOUSES BUILT:

1957/58	:	9330.
1958/59	:	9510.
1959/60	:	8696.
1960/61	:	3840.
1961/62	:	3336.
1962/69	:	(7 years) <u>8676.</u>
		<u>43388.</u>

SERVICES PROVIDED:

HOUSING SHORTAGE:

Primary List	4700
Pimville	2000
Eastern Native Township	<u>400</u>
	<u>7100</u>
Secondary List	5000
Woman	<u>1300</u>
	<u>13400</u>
Natural Increase per year	<u>2000</u>

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