

Rent hikes hit West Rand

RESIDENTS at the West Rand's Kagiso and Munsieville townships, near Krugersdorp, are in for a Rands and cents shock.

From August 1, rents for the "match-box" four-roomed houses will increase by R5,70.

This means that the occupants of the four-roomed houses, who have been paying R12,71 in the past, will now pay R18,41 at the beginning of the month. Stand owners will also pay an additional R5,70 a month, which increases service fees from R9,96 to R15,66.

Although the increases do not affect the "high-

priced" new 300 houses built recently, the Kagiso community has already shown signs of protest at the rent increases. The local residents committee has held protest meetings.

Rent increases in the two townships were suspended when Wrab announced the massive hikes for all the townships falling under its jurisdiction in 1979. In that

period, rents were increased in Soweto, Dobsonville, Mohlakeng and Bekkersdal.

The area manager, Mr J H Weidemann, said rents in the two townships should have gone up on April 1 but had been deferred after representations to Wrab.

CLOSE GAP

Chairman of the local council, Mr J M Mangope, said they have decided not to increase rent on the new houses because they want to close up the rent gap. People in the new houses pay R48 a month.

"It would be too much," he said.

But speaking on the general rent hikes, Mr Mangope said: "Residents of Kagiso have realistically accepted the increases. They knew that rent hikes were on the way. They were just waiting for the hikes to be announced."

Old-age pensioners who are unable to meet increased rents, according to circulars distributed locally, are advised to report to the township manager for concessions.



Mr J M Mangope... "no rent increase for new houses."

Kagiso meeting rejects huge hostel, rent rises

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By Themba Khumalo
Residents of Kagiso, in Krugersdorp, last night unanimously rejected proposed rent increases, bus fare increases and the building of a huge hostel for men in the township.

Sister Mary Bernard, executive member of the Kagiso Residents' Organisation (KRO), said the decisions were taken at a public meeting organised by KRO and the local Kagiso Women's Organisation.

She said the meeting, attended by more than 100 residents, was held at a local school hall after they found that the Lutheran Church where the meeting was originally scheduled, was locked.

The meeting was atten-

ded by representatives of a local hostel who also rejected the building of the new hostel, said Sister Bernard.

Rents go up by R5,70 with effect from August 1. Sister Bernard said residents were presently paying R12 for four-roomed houses and stand-owners paid R9 for rent. After the increases they would pay R18 for four-roomed houses. Stand-owners would pay R15, she said.

Sister Bernard said the meeting was also attended by owners of about 300 houses built last year. Although they were not affected by the increases, they complained of poor facilities such as untarred streets and no electricity,

Residents at the meeting complained that they were consulted neither by the local Community Council nor the West Rand Administration Board about rent increases.

But Mr J M Mangope, chairman of the Kagiso and Munsieville Community Council, today rejected claims that he did hold public meetings to inform people about the rent increases.

He said the rent increases would not affect hostel-dwellers in the township. He accused KRO of unfairly blaming his council for the rent increases, saying: "We were the last council to accept these increases in the West Rand area."

Protests stopped by cops

By LEN KALANE

SECURITY police had a lussie trying to arrest some of the members who had organised a protest meeting in Kagiso last night.

The Kagiso Resident's Organisation (KRO) had organised a meeting to protest rent and bus fare increases in the area. The meeting did not take place following the intervention of the police. Executive members of KRO said the parish also refused them entry into the church yard. In a dramatic scene last night, security police grappled with one executive member, trying to arrest him. They failed and drove away amid chants and freedom songs from the crowd.

The decision to go ahead with the construction of a 6 000-bed men's hostel behind Leratong training hospital and close to the "formerly peaceful" township of Kagiso has been bitterly criticised by community leaders.

Kagiso is in the Krugersdorp area.

The new hostel will supply the Chamdor industrial area with migrant labour.

The decision to build it was taken by the West Rand Administration Board despite objections from:

- The Kagiso Community Council, who resolved at their March meeting that Kagiso needed houses and not a hostel. The council asked Wrab to build 2 000 houses on the site set aside for the huge hostel complex.

- The Leratong Hospital Board, which strongly opposed the siting of the hostel behind its premises.

- The governing board of the Chamdor In-service Training Centre, which also objected to the hostel's siting opposite its grounds.

Reverend Frank Chakane, a leading Kagiso clergyman, said the planned hostel would "injure the morals" and tend to break up family life in the township.

"Hostel dwellers are only human. They are forced to live in circumstances that force them to misbehave."

"From our previous experience we know that most of these men will be married and forced to live apart from their families. They will be bundled together in this huge complex merely to maintain the system."

No power

Mr Chakane said the way that Wrab had pushed aside the community council's objections proved that the councils had no real power when administration boards were determined to get their own way.

Social worker Miss Diana Rabotapi said the hostel complex would be a menace to student nurses particularly, as they went to and from the hospital. "The hostel will lie between Kagiso and the hospital. The nurses will have to pass it on their way to work. Their safety will be at stake."

"Nurses work unusual shifts and some will be going home after dark. Wrab must find an alternative."

School teacher Mr David Mototo, who lives opposite the planned hostel site, said he was so worried about the future that he has already applied for a new job.

"Hostels should not be



built in the townships and Wrab should know this, especially after the 1976 unrest when hostel men were fighting residents of Meadowlands and Mzimhlophe.

"My cousin, who lives in Meadowlands, had three of her daughters raped in her presence when the hostel men invaded her house at that time."

"We also know of a woman in Mzimhlophe whose three children were killed by hostel men," Mr Mototo said.

Soweto to get 800 houses

By Anthony Duigan
Soweto's first major housing scheme in six years — 800 homes and 400 flats — was launched this week as contractors moved on to the site in Chiawelo Extension 3.

Announcing this yesterday Mr David Thebehall, chairman of the Soweto Council, said an initial R1-million had been allocated by the National Housing Commission for the installation of services on the 1 200 sites.

Tenders have already been invited for the erection of houses which will be three bedroomed and cost in the region of R10 000 each, he said.

It is estimated that between 33 000 and 40 000 families are waiting for homes in Soweto.

Kagiso rent rise protest 'pointless'

By Michael Phalatse

A protest against rent increases in the Krugersdorp township of Kagiso "will be fruitless as most residents are willing to pay the new rents," says the local community council chairman.

Mr J M Mangope made the statement today in response to plans by the Kagiso Action Committee to hold an anti-high rent meeting tonight.

Mr Mangope said it was the first time in nine years that rents had been increased in Kagiso.

"We warned residents as early as January that service charges were to be increased in April, Wrab

had asked for a R12 increase but the council insisted that the increase be only R5,70," he said.

Mr Mangope said 300 residents had been paying a high rent of R62 a month but the council had reduced this to R48 and these residents would not be affected by the new rent increase that comes into effect next month.

"The action committee has very little support and I am confident most residents will be willing to pay," said Mr Mangope. The average rent in Kagiso is R12,41 for a three-roomed house.

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How to change Knoetze

Too late now to change hostel plan - Knoetze

By Michael Phalatse

Objections to the building of a 6 000-bed men's hostel in Kagiso, Krugersdorp, have come too late for the West Rand Administration Board to alter its plans.

In a statement released to Star Africa today, Wrab chairman Mr John Knoetze said the construction of the hostel had been planned over a number of years in consultation with and the approval of all concerned, including the community council of Kagiso and its predecessors.

"The complex of buildings is being erected at a cost of more than R20-million and the single accommodation will be of high quality.

"The aesthetic appearance of the completed buildings has been planned to blend with the surroundings and extensive and pleasing garden development will surround the buildings," said

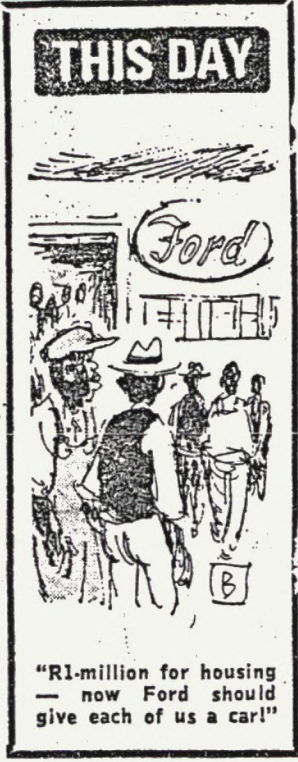
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Church halts civic project over politics

A ROW is brewing at the Apostolic Faith Mission Church in Kagiso, Krugersdorp, where a church council allegedly stopped a community project from being run in the church premises.

Members of the congregation and the community are up in arms over the matter, which comes as the latest of many differences between the congregation and church authorities.

According to an executive member of the Kagiso Residents' Organisation (KRO), Mr George Moiloa, the church authorities' order means that a structure costing R11 000 which was completed earlier this year, will have to be abandoned.

Problems within the Apostolic Faith Mission Church started in 1977 after the detention of the church's pastor, the Rev Frank Chikane.

According to a circular released by the suspended church board, the West Rand district council of the church decided during Mr Chikane's detention that he be removed from the Kagiso church. The move was opposed by the church board.

Mr Chikane was accused of making Press statements on political matters and of being active in politics. He was barred from conducting services at the church.

In August last year he was suspended for a year while he was in detention and his wife was evicted from the mission house.

The church board which had at all times opposed the district council over Mr Chikane's suspension, was also suspended in March this year.

Three other members of the church, Mr I Genu, Mr G Mojaki and a Mrs Nzima were expelled from the church in June and other church officials are said to have been warned to stop involving themselves in politics.

In a statement released by KRO, members of the community were urged to stand up against the action taken by the church authorities.

"We have heard of Christianity being on trial, this action tells us that Christianity is now being persecuted," it said.

Mr Moila said leadership, administration and management training, sewing and knitting, cane work and other self-help projects which have been halted because of the conflict.

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Close the self-help centre? No, say residents...rather

KNOCK DOWN THE CHURCH!

BY Z B MOLEFE



Mr George Moiloa, secretary of the Kagiso Residents' Committee . . . "It's behind comprehension."

KAGISO — Residents here are up in arms against the local Apostolic Faith Mission Church which has threatened to close down a R1 566 self-help centre following the suspension of the church's outspoken minister, Rev Frank Chikane, for "involvement in politics."

Instead, the Kagiso Resident's Organisation has called on the church council to rather demolish its R40 000 church buildings.

Feelings are also high against Rev Isaac Makge to vacate the Mission House "until Rev Chikane is given a fair trial."

Problems in the church surfaced in 1980 when Rev Chikane was accused by the church's West Rand District Council for undertaking community projects and appearing in newspapers addressing political meetings.

Matters came to a head in August last year when Rev Chikane, an outspoken black consciousness exponent, was suspended by the council "because

he was still active in politics and appeared in newspapers." He was barred from conducting any service or preaching in church.

While Rev Chikane was in Security Police detention from November last year to July this year, his wife and family were evicted from their church mission house. The family now stays in Soweto.

Ultimatum

In September the self-help centre, which was established with a R10 000 Urban Foundation donation and caters for the Kagiso community in sewing, old-age and educational projects, was given an ultimatum by the council to close down



A community sewing project housed at Kagiso's Apostolic Faith Mission Church which is part of a R1 566 self-help centre facing closure if the church board goes ahead with its threat.

or face trespassing charges for using the church premises.

Mr A F Nxumalo, chairman of the council, told GCP that the fate of the centre will be decided sometime after Christmas. He confirmed that the centre had been given a ultimatum to close down. He added: "Other things concerning the church, cannot be discussed until we have met and made a ruling on the matter."

On the other hand, there are feelings among the residents that the council is under pressure from white members to have Rev Chikane and the centre removed from church property

"because Rev Chikane was the enemy of the State as a result of his detention."

An obviously-disturbed Mr George Moiloa, secretary of the Residents Organisation, said: "The church thinks it has disciplined Rev Chikane for being involved in politics but they have dimly failed to explain their actions."

Disciplined

"But now it is beyond comprehension that a self-help project which has cost us more than R10 000 could be disciplined by the church. Particularly that the same church agreed to its erection in the first place."

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RESIDENTS in Riverside, an elite section in Kagiso, near Krugersdorp, have accused the council and the West Rand Development Board (WRADEBO) for allegedly turning a blind eye to "poorly built" houses.

But the chairman of WRADEBO, Mr John Knoetze, said the houses were the council's responsibility.

"I would like to put the record straight now. The record handed over those houses to the council when it gained autonomous status under the Black Local Authorities Act," said Mr Knoetze.

Angry residents said they were paying high rentals for poorly built houses. Most houses have cracked walls and leaking roofs, residents said yesterday.

Mr Thomas Koboe-kae, said: "There is no improvement. I have a leaking roof and have reported to the office on several occasions, but no one seems to care."

The council and the board were reluctant to improve houses, said residents. Residents pay R130 for a six-roomed house and R105 for a four-roomed house.

The Town Clerk for Kagiso, Mr B Vorster said it was true that the houses were expensive. But residents were not forced to reside in them, he said.

"Residents have some real reason to complain. But the council will do everything in its power to improve the houses," he said.

The houses were part of WRADEBO's project which was financed by the Department of Public Works, said Mr Vorster.

By NKOPANE
MAKOBANE

THE CHAIRMAN of the Kagiso Residents' Organisation (KRO), Isaac Mosotho Genu (30), was sentenced to an effective eight years' imprisonment by a Krugersdorp regional magistrate yes-

terday after he was convicted on charges to do with the outlawed African National Congress (ANC).

Mr T J le Grange jailed Genu for four years for membership of the organisation, another four years for taking part in activities of the ANC and six months for possession of an ANC publication, "Mayibuye". The six months will run concurrently with sentences on the main and second count. He had pleaded not guilty to all charges.

In passing sentence, the magistrate said the

offences were of a serious nature and that is why even the legislature had introduced a minimum sentence of ten years each for membership of and taking part in the ANC activities.

He rejected the defence counsel's submission that a suspended sentence be imposed because it would in itself act as a deterrent not only during the period of suspension but for the rest of Genu's lifetime. He also rejected a plea that for the purpose of sentence, the offences be taken as one.

Kagiso residents call for the resignation of town council

THE KRUGERSDORP Residents Organisation (KRO), a civic body opposing tariff hikes in Kagiso for the past five years, yesterday called on all members of the local town council to resign immediately.

This was one of the resolutions taken at a meeting held at the Roman Catholic Church in Kagiso Two. Guest speakers in-

cluded the president of the Soweto Civic Association, Dr Nthato Motlana, Mrs Albertina Sisulu, of the Federation of South African Women and a member of the General Allied Workers Union, Mr Samson Ndou.

KRO's chairman, Mr Joe Makgothlo, told the meeting how his organisation fought high rentals since its establish-

By RAYMOND MASHAO and ERNEST NKABINDE

ment in 1981. He said KRO succeeded in its fight for houses in the elite "Joshua Doore" — an area which he said was originally earmarked for a hostel.

"We won't allow the council to increase rentals in future. If rentals go up, we will not hesi-

tate to demand an explanation from their council. The council must give us a breakdown on services we are suppose to pay for in future," he said.

Meanwhile, a meeting of the Soweto Parents Association called to discuss students' problems scheduled for the

St Francis Anglican Church, in Rockville, was postponed to a date still to be announced.

● MORE than 5 000 Sharpeville residents mandated the Sharpeville Civic Association (SCA) to take the Lekoa town council to court on the rent issue.

This decision was taken at a public meeting held at the Sharpeville Hall yesterday.

Mr Philip Molefe, the PRO of the association, told the meeting that everything had been done to get the council to reduce the rents to R30 per month but the demands had fallen of deaf ears.

He said the association met Mr Esau Mahlatsi, the mayor, and his executive on the issue in December and were promised that the matter would be discussed

at the full council meeting which was held last Tuesday.

According to reports received by the association the issue was not discussed at all, Mr Molefe claimed.

"This shows that the council is not prepared to discuss the matter and hasn't the decency to reply or send a report to the association," said Mr Molefe.

By RAYMOND MASHAO

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**Boycott
threat to
council**

ALTHOUGH town councils are Government-created, they are still able to fight for better living conditions for the people, Kagiso Mayor, Mr L E Moeketsi said.

He was reacting to a call by the Kagiso Residents Organisation (KRO), which said it would urge residents to boycott businesses owned by councillors if they did not heed a call to resign.

Mr Moeketsi said: "We are equally involved in the struggle. Even scavengers play a significant role in the struggle because without their help, diseases could spread.

"People have different ideas, but it will benefit everybody if we solve whatever problems we have in the township, together."

Regarding the threat to boycott shops, he said the organisation would have to think again because "I am the only councillor who has a shop in the township".

He said: "KRO must not try to emulate what our contemporaries in other areas are doing. This should be noted for the sake of peace in the township."

It was a pity that some people were not aware that the council comprised men and women "who are as humble as any other resident" in the township, Mr Moeketsi said.

**Those rent arrears:
it was all a mistake,
Kagiso residents told**

Star
Staff Reporter

18th April 1985
Board ruled against the increase and declared it null and void.

The panic over rent which Kagiso residents were accused of owing has been settled.

It turned out that in fact the residents do not owe anything.

It was all a bad mistake. Blame it on the computer.

Yesterday *Star Africa* reported that nearly all residents of Kagiso township near Krugersdorp had received notices telling them their rent was in arrears.

Councillor David Modiba explained that in 1983 the previous community council implemented a rent increase before it was approved by the Government or gazetted.

Four months after the council increase the West Rand Administration

"When we changed to the new computer," said Mr Modiba, "it reflected the increase and the accounts said residents were in debt.

"This debt was not sorted out by the West Rand Development Board which took over from the West Rand Administration Board."

Mr Modiba said this confusion had been cleared and those who had paid would have the amount credited to their next account.

Town Clerk B Vorster yesterday said the council had inherited a dirty house which they were busy cleaning.

No one would be made to pay anything they did not owe, he added.

18th April 1985

**Kagiso
rent
furore**

By LEN MASEKO

KAGISO residents are up in arms over notices sent to them by their town council requiring them to pay rent arrears — in some cases as high as R800 — dating back to 1981.

The residents told The SOWETAN yesterday they had receipts to prove that they had been up to date with their rent payments during the period.

A check by The SOWETAN around the township revealed that amounts "owed" by residents ranged from R200 to R800. The notices urged residents to report at the local town council's offices to arrange payment.

One resident said: "The council officials have failed to give us a satisfactory explanation regarding the arrears. The whole thing has puzzled us. Is the Kagiso Town Council suggesting that they have been unable to keep their books properly in all those years?"

The council's town clerk Mr J Vorster said the council had sent notices after discovering that scores of residents in the area owed the council thousands of rand dating back to 1981.

"It is just a matter of administration procedure," Mr Vorster said, "We have realised that our accounts department had made mistakes regarding rent payment in certain cases. Our staff, like other human beings, can make mistakes."

The town clerk said no resident would be evicted for having failed to pay the outstanding amount, "but those affected should contact us as soon as possible."

He added that the council had a "surprise in store for some residents", who would be refunded some money for having paid more

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Row erupts over 'mystery' rent arrears

By Chris More

Nearly all residents of Kagiso township, near Krugersdorp, this week received notices telling them their rent payments were in arrears by amounts ranging from R20 to R600.

Bemused residents yesterday told *Star Africa* that there was no explanation for the arrears in the notices they had received.

Instead of an explanation, the residents got a message from the mayor of the township, Mr Edward Moeketsi, thanking them for their loyal support for the council.

The message read: "Thankyou for your loyal support of my council and for keeping Kagiso calm in these troubled times."

The Town Clerk of Kagiso, Mr BJ Vorster, said: "If the residents are in arrears, they are in arrears. This is a pure business procedure."

Mr Vorster said that in a few cases false accounts had been sent to residents, but that such errors were being rectified.

'Inherited a dirty house'

She said that in a few weeks the residents should receive proper accounts.

"We have inherited a dirty house and we are now busy cleaning it", he said. "No-one will be made to pay any amounts they do not owe."

"However, we would like people to appreciate that we don't have machines working here, we have human beings. They can make mistakes."

A teacher at a local school said: "We are not prepared to pay these amounts, because we do not know where they came from and how they were arrived at."

She said residents had first received the accounts on about March 19. When she had gone to the township manager's office for an explanation, she had been told she owed three months' rent for 1983.

She said she had produced her receipts to show that the rent in question had been paid. This month, however, she had received another notice telling her that she owed rent.

Kagiso Council to write off 'arrears'

THE Kagiso Town Council has resolved to write off thousands of rands owed by local residents in rent arrears.

This news will be greeted with relief by scores of the township's residents who — to their shock and disbelief — recently received notices requiring them to pay rent arrears — in some cases as high as R800 — dating back to 1981.

In a statement yesterday, the council said:

"We have resolved to regard as irrecoverable losses all arrears which emanated while the township was under the jurisdiction of the West Rand Administration Board. The arrears in question are those which accumulated before July 1, 1984, the day the council became a local authority."

The amount owed by residents would be debited to the West Rand

Development Board, according to the council.

This means that residents whose rent arrears accumulated before July 1984, should ignore notices sent to them by the council. Those who had already responded to the notices by paying their arrears, would have the amount credited to them and regarded as advance rent payment.

"However, residents owing rent as from July 1984 until now will be required to pay their arrears," the council stated. "We appeal to the residents to report at the Kagiso Council offices as soon as possible. They should bring their receipts — dating from July 1984 — along, because we are introducing our own financial system independent from the West Rand Board."

Women stand up to be counted

Black women in this country experience the worst kind of oppression and are the least considered when it comes to basic human rights.

Over and above the oppression experienced by their menfolk, black women are also faced with sexism which is why they believe that nobody, besides them, can do much about the problem.

This is one of the reasons why the Federation of Transvaal Women (Fedtraw) an affiliate of the Federation of South African Women (Fed-saw), was launched last year.

Sister Barnard is at the helm

By SELLO RABOTHATA

The SOWETAN learnt this, and many more, from Fedtraw's first president, Sister Barnard Ncube, who added that women have to understand that they need a united body to realise their aspirations and goals. The organisation is also affiliated to the United Democratic Front (UDF).

Sister Barnard Ncube, who has been involved in community work and has had numerous

brushes with the law, takes everything in her stride. No work is too much for her when it involves anything to do with the community and its problems. She is also a member of the Kagiso Residents Organisation (KRO) and several others.

What could have motivated this woman to be involved in such energy sapping and "dangerous" a field? One could ask. Believe it or not it is her belief in the Bible.

"One finds that if one trusts enough in God then He lays the foundation and commitment of

towards the needs of all people who are affected by the oppression brought about by the whole system."

She said Fedtraw was launched because they realised that Fed-saw did not have its own constituency in the Transvaal. Its aim is to mobilise women and to be a loud voice in the provinces local and regional issues. It is composed of 20 women's organisations in the province and its power lies at the local levels.

Sister Barnard said: "We deal with everyday matters that affect us as women, as well as community problems such as rents, health, schools, and many more that we are faced with.

Relevant

"This is one of the reasons we have organi-



FEDTRAW PRESIDENT: Sister Barnard Ncube motivated by the Bible.

and problems, there was not much to say. Her confrontations with police are "part and parcel

uals but as a group.

Sister Barnard works at the St Mary's Convent in Kagiso 1. She is soft spoken but very ag-

Attack on convent seen as 'dirty work of the system'

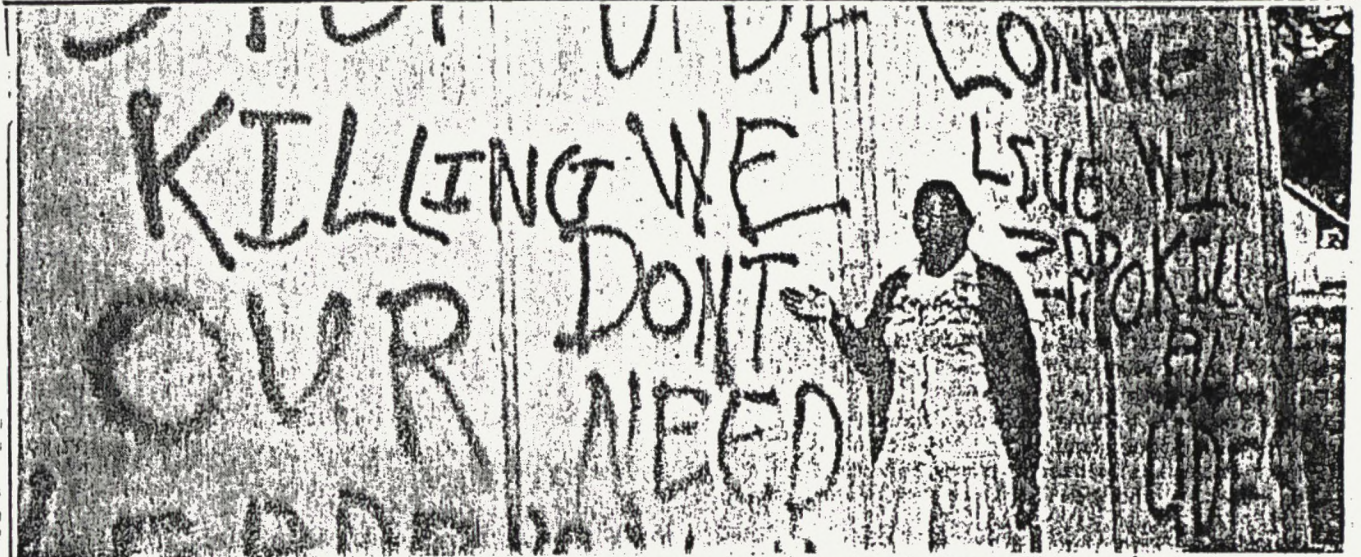
The attack on St Mary's Convent in Kagiso township on the West Rand was the "dirty work of the system", one of the convent's nuns, Sister Bernard Ncube, said yesterday.

The convent was attacked with stones and daubed with slogans at about 2 am on Friday.

Sister Ncube said the windows had been damaged and the convent defaced with the slogans "Kill all UDF", "Stop killing our leaders", "Azapo will destroy UDF" and "Azapo was here". Sister Ncube has had a close association with the United Democratic Front (UDF).

Sister Ncube said: "This was the dirty work of the system. It was not the work of the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo). The system wants to disrupt and destroy black unity in the liberation struggle because it is unity which will bring about a more just society."

Mr Lawrence Ntlokwa of the UDF said: "We do not suspect that Azapo did this because Azapo as an organisation does not exist in Kagiso. And there have been no clashes of an ideological nature between the organisations here."



SISTER Raphael Molokwane standing next to slogans allegedly sprayed by Azapo. The nuns have cleared Azapo.

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Azapo clash

By MONO BADELA and

In Johannesburg, the convent housing Federation of Transvaal Women president Sister Bernard Ncube and two other nuns who are supporters of Fedtraw, was stoned and slogans claiming it was the work of Azapo were sprayed on the wall.

The Kagiso convent was attacked at 2am on Friday and 10 minutes later the car of UDF Area Committee member Joe Dadoo was also smashed.

"Kill all UDF leaders, Azapo was here, stop killing our leaders" was written on the body of the car.

Kagiso Residents' Organisation spokesman Lawrence Ntlokwa said Sister Ncube, Sister Christinah Obotseng and Sister Raphael Molokoane were not hurt during the incident.

Mr Ntlokwa said "the system" was responsible for the stoning. He said Azapo was innocent and that the UDF would not be misled.

Nuns blame 'system'

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

ROMAN Catholic nuns in the Kagiso convent that was stoned and had slogans sprayed on it, yesterday blamed the "system" for the stonings and slogans.

In a statement to The

SOWETAN, the sisters emphatically denied Azapo's involvement in the incident that took place last Friday at 2 am.

Among the nuns staying at St Mary's Convent is Sister Barnard Ncube, president of the Feder-

ation of Transvaal Women (Fedtraw), an affiliate of the United Democratic Front (UDF).

Slogans written on the convent's wall and St Peter's Higher Primary School, adjacent to the convent, read: "Azapo

was here, UDF, we don't need you; Long Live Azapo and "We will kill all UDF's".

On the same morning, the car of Mr Joe Dadoo, area committee member of the Transvaal Indian Congress in Azaadville, was sprayed

with slogans and also had the back window smashed.

"If the action was by Azapo as it is claimed, what would it gain from such a cowardly act? We emphasise the cynical involvement of the system in this dirty work.

"These are planned delaying tactics intended only to disrupt and destroy black unity in the people's effort in the liberation struggle.

"The system's action in Kagiso has made a big blunder because Azapo does not exist as an organised and visible body. At the same time,

we as religious people do not take sides with political organisations that represent the wishes of the black people," the statement says.

The nuns added that they have not reported the matter to the police because they find it pointless.

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Residents decide on buses

By MANDLA
NDLAZI

THOUSANDS of residents on the West Rand yesterday decided at a huge meeting to continue the boycott of Greyhound buses until their demands are met.

The decision was taken at a mass meeting held at the Kagiso Stadium. Residents instructed the Krugersdorp Residents Committee (KRC) to inform the bus company about issues that could end the boycott.

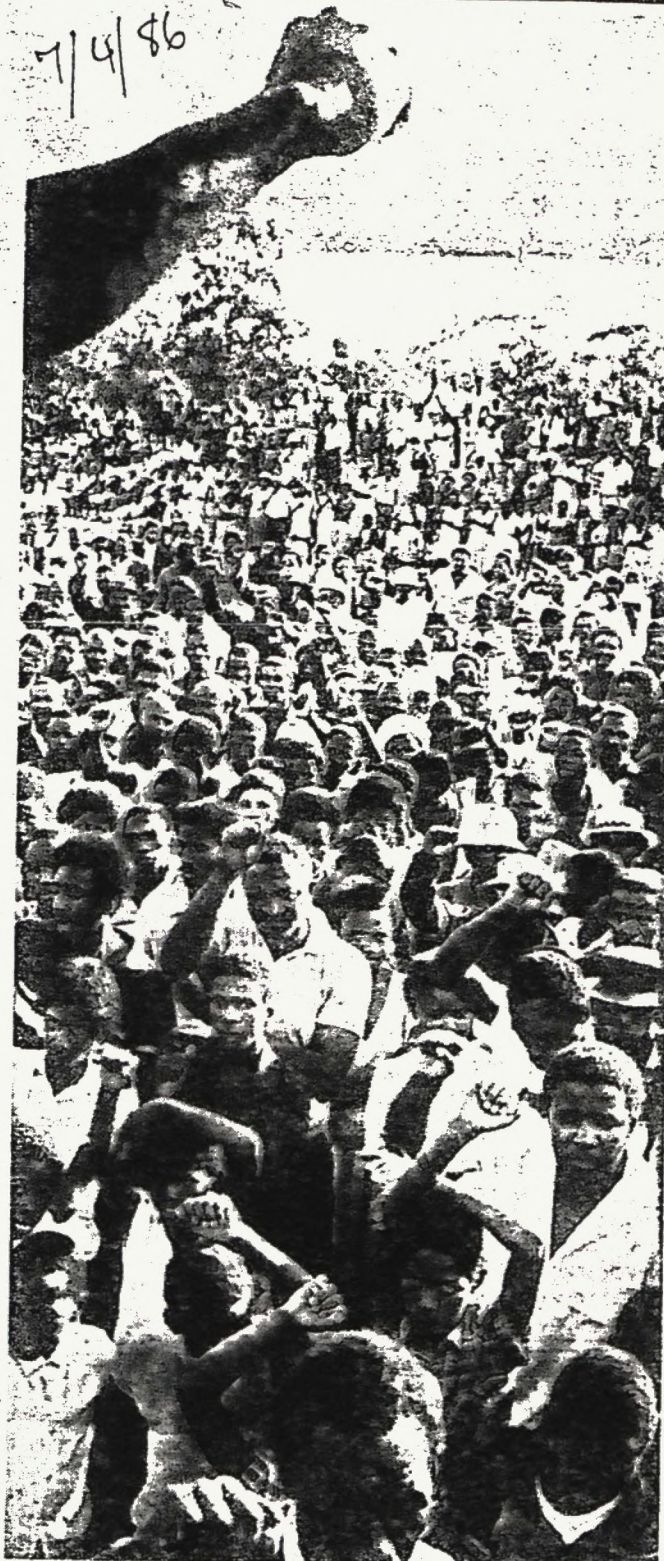
Residents have been on a boycott of Greyhound buses in the townships of Kagiso and Munsieville (Krugersdorp), Mohlakeng (Randfontein) and Bekkersdal. The meeting had people from all these areas. The boycott started in January.

Demands

The residents have made the following demands:

- That the company should erect decent bus shelters.
- Half price fare for the children.
- Pensioners should be given a free ride to pay-out points.
- Free buses for funerals of unrest victims and the needy.
- The company's mini-buses should be withdrawn from the townships.
- Streets to be tarred.
- The fleet of buses should compare well with those allocated for the use of white communities.
- Greyhound should not block applications by residents who intend operating taxis.
- Greyhound should make bursaries available to residents' children.
- Fare increases to be negotiated with KRO.
- Greyhound bus employees retrenched because of the boycott to be re-instated.
- Company to introduce monthly tickets.
- Greyhound to refund the taxi owners who were fined by traffic officers for overload and other mechanical defects.

The residents resolved that the boycott could end if these conditions were met by the company.



SOME of the people who attended yesterday's meeting in Kagiso.

MINUTES OF KAGISO RESIDENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7.00 IN KAGISO ON TUESDAY, 10th MARCH 81

The meeting started by prayer. The chairman welcomed the members and introduced the observers.

THOSE PRESENT: The chairman, Mr. J. Margotlho.
Mrs. Nzima
Mr. I. Genu.
Mr. G. Moiloa.

APOLOGIES :: Nil.

observers

EST. OF DEPTS : The meeting agreed that all members present and other members of the steering committee work jointly to recruit a suggested number of twenty members of the community who could serve in the departmental committees.

That a meeting with the recruits be held at 7.00 on the 26th Thursday at a venue still to be decided and that the secretary inform all concerned about the venue.

That an announcement be made at the mass meeting of the 22nd for the volunteers to register with the chairman immediately after the meeting.

RENTS : A resolution was reached that the community be strongly urged to stand in solidarity with the committee in whatever stand adopted and that support of the organisation through membership could decide the firm stand on the unfair rent hikes.

That the reason why the increased rents have been indefinitely suspended be raised and explained at the next mass meeting.

OFFICE : The committee mandated two members to negotiate for an office with Roman Catholics in Kagiso I.

GENERAL : The committee resolved that the ministers of Churches be met to be persuaded to stand for the welfare of the people by alternatively opening their Churches to the people in times of need and that if the move still proves to be futile, a memo, enlisting the culprits be sent to their affiliate - SACC to intervene.

NEXT MEETING : The next meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday, 17th in Kagiso II.

CLOSING : Prayers were said and the meeting closed.

KAGISO RESIDENTS COMMITTEE
o/o 3820 SETLOLAMATHE STR.
P O KAGISO
01 . 05 . 1981.

THE SECRETARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH COUNCIL
P O KAGISO 2

DEAR SIRs

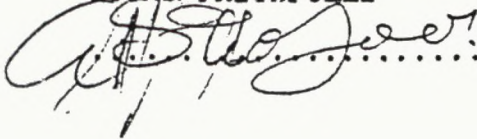
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[Handwritten Signature]
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Minutes : Date 9 June 1981

16.

Those present: The chairman, Mr Mackillop and four other members of the committee.

Apoologies: The officers absent failed to send any apology.

MEETING WITH DEPTS: The meeting with departments was arranged for the 17th on Wednesday for report back and plan of location. A decision to invite someone language executive was also reached.

Dates of 10th and 17th July were suggested for a working session with departments.

MASS meeting:

The Secretary should apply to Baptist churches to secure a venue for their ^{Dept. labour meeting} meeting, either on the 21st or 28th June.

MEMBERSHIP Essentials: Mr. Quinn was asked to inquire about ^{means of acquiring} T-shirts and membership cards for the organization.

A O B: An issue of the organization's association with other bodies pursuing the same aims and objectives was raised and proposed for later consideration.

An additional suggestion was raised that Railways should be inclusive of Dept of Transport that "dignity-walks" should be encouraged in the remaining public services.

Next meeting: The next meeting was arranged for the 16-06-81 at 11am Bro Thomas.

The meeting was pleased by prayer and closed.

16.1
Departments to meet executive on Wednesday 17th
Women's League executive to be invited

OAB. constitution to members (Friday)

AGENDA:
Progress report
(form plan of action with departments) (Leadership course)
Mass meeting:

21st and 28th

AGENDA:
(History)

Presentations of const
A O B

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Association with other organisations
Suspended.

DEPARTMENTS : Transport (Railways.)

Dignity - Watch (masses to be watched)

Member ship form

Visi - black chain - T-shirts, M. cards etc.

Next meeting

16 18-30

Sto. Thane!

Kagiso Residents Organisation
c/o 3820 Setlolamathe Street
P O Kagiso
1744
19 July 1981

THE ARCHBISHOP
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF JOHANNESBURG
P O BOX 17054
HILLBROW
2038

Dear Sir

The above mentioned Residents Organisation hereby kindly wish to apply for an office in your building at Kagiso One, Krugersdorp for the purpose of;

- (a) Consultation with the residents,
- (b) Information centre for residents on various problems;
- (c) A training and information centre on labour matters and for the different Trade Unions in the neighbouring Industrial area.

If possible, we shall appreciate an offer of another bigger room for meetings and training purposes.

For the history and nature of our Organisation, we hereby enclose;

- 1. Brief history,
- 2. Constitution with aims and objectives.

We shall be very happy if you could help us in this regard.

Yours Faithfully

.....; (SECRETARY)

Kagiso Residents Committee
c/o 3820 Setlolamathe Street
P O Kagiso
1744
21 July 1981

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THE CHAIRMAN
WEST RAND ADMINISTRATION BOARD
80 ALBERT STREET
JOHANNESBURG
2000

Dear Sir

It has come to our notice that you (the West Rand Administration Board) have inconsiderately refused to heed protest by the Kagiso community, Leratong hospital Board and Chamdor Inservice Training Centre against the erection of more than a R20million men's hostel between Kagiso and Leratong Hospital to accomodate about 6000 men, who are definately going to be a threat to the community of Kagiso.

Further that, your refusal is based on the following;

1. That the hostel was approved by the Community Councils as early as 1976;
2. That you cannot stop the hostel now because of the expenses already incurred

This Committee, however, wish to point out to you that;

1. The fact that the community did not know about the project untill it was started, whereas it was approved by the Community Councils as early as 1976, proves beyond doubt that the Community Council is not representing the people but their "masters";- the West Rand Board and the government.
2. The erection of a unisex hostel for married people perpetuates the abhorrent migratory labour system which is responsible for the breaking up of families and enforces the hated influx control laws which considers the black man as a labour-unit rather than a human being.
3. That it is beyond comprehension why a hostel of that magnitude can be build, when we the residents of Kagiso, have no roofs over our heads. (We challenge you to take a look at Kagiso and see how many shacks (pre-fabs) have been erected in the backyards, bearing testimony to the housing backlog in our Township. Take a similar look at Krugersdorp's white surburbs and see the difference; WHY THE DIFFERENCE?

In our Townships, parents share 2;3 and 4 roomed houses with their sons and daughters in-laws. Is this so in the white surburbs? NEVER! Does this warrant the erection of the hostel? NEVER!

We therefore demand that

1. The erection of this monstrous hostel be stopped forthwith and the project be replaced by a housing project for the residents of Kagiso.
2. That, should WRAB continue with the erection of the hostel, the community shall be called to stage a protest march to stop the project.
3. That whatever the amount that has been spent for the hostel is insignificant compared to the danger to the community and damage of the morals of the people.
4. That since the hostel is build primarily to provide labour for the white Industrialists and business and not for our community (as approved by the protest) we demand that you build the said hostel in a white residential area in town.

Yours Faithfully
.....; (SECRETARY)

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The Parish Council 28
P.O. Box 10
Kangiso II
1744

28th July 1981

Kangiso Residents Committee
c/o 3820 Sellolamathe street
Kangiso.

Re: application for a Venue.
dear Sir,

I regret to inform you
that the abovementioned parish
council has turned your applica-
tion down, as our church is
undergoing renovation, due to
damages entailed after June 16th

Regards
A. K. K.
SECRETARY

M. T. SHAI
CHAIRMAN

FD.

The Parish Council
Roman Catholic Church
P O Box 43
KAGISO


28th July, 1981

The Secretary
Kagiso Residents Committee
3820 Setlolamathe Street
P O KAGISO

Dear Sir,

The council has no reasonable objection to your application for permission to use the church on 2/8/81, and has chosen not to stand in your way. Instead you have its blessings.

Yours in Christ,



WILLIE MAHLANGU
CHAIRMAN PARISH COUNCIL

MUNSIEVILLE DEVELOPMENTAL
COMMITTEE

1024 Munsieville
Krugersdorp
1740

2 July 1982

The Secretary
Kagiso Residents Committee
P.O. Kagiso
1744

Sir

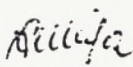
Re: INVITATION TO GENERAL MEETING


We hereby invite KRO to our General Meeting to be held on Sunday, the 11th July 1982 at Dutch Reformed Church in Munsieville. The meeting shall start at 14 h 00.

The meeting shall be based on a report of M.D.C.'s activities as from January 1981 to June 1982 (1½ years). We cordially ask for a speaker from your committee to participate during the very meeting. The speaker shall please give a speech on analysis of KRO, its operations, participation, etc.

We hope our invitation will be accepted.

Thats,


N.C. MIYA
SECRETARY


S.I. MERAPE
CHAIRMAN



Phones: 944-1929, 949-1602

P.O. Box 185 Orlando 1804

2nd November 1982

The Secretary

Kagiso Civic Association

Kagiso

Dear Sir/~~Madam~~

The Soweto Civic Association invites your Association to its Annual General Meeting. to be held on the 11th December 1982 at the Holy Cross Anglican Church in Phefeni.

The Theme of the Conference is; Local Government. The purpose being to clear the illusions and confusion created. Anticipated is total and active participation from your delegation in the discussions and fraternal greetings. The latter can even be sent by post where your association for weighty reasons is unable to send a delegate/delegates.

Yours sincerely,

Manthata
Tom Manthata
Gen. Sec.

Members:

Rev. V.M. Macathula, Rev. T. Sebidi, Mr. D. Lolwana, Mr. L.M. Mathabathe, Mr. L. Mosala, Mrs. M. Mahlanqo, Mrs. T. Ichuzwaco, Mr. T. Manthata, Mr. G. Wauxhape, Dr. N. Motlana

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KAGISO RESIDENTS ORGANISATION

c/o 3820 Setlolamathe Str.

Kagiso

22 November 1982

Dr. Motlana

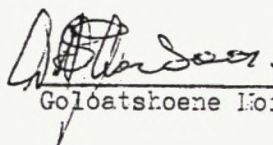
Soweto

Dear Dr. Motlana

The Kagiso Residents Organisation kindly invites you as a guest speaker at a rent protest meeting to be held at 2.00pm on the 28th November '82 at THE Methodist Church - Kagiso 2.

Should you for weighty reasons be unable to come; a delegate from the Committee of Ten will be highly appreciated.

Yours Faithfully

 (Secretary)
Goloatshoene Moiloa

P E T I T I O N

*Resolution about 17 & 3
Krugersdorp*

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By resolution taken by residents of Kagiso and Munsisville at a meeting held on the 7th November 1982, at The Roman Catholic Church in Kagiso, We the undersigned hereby demand the dismissal forthwith, of the members constituting the Krugersdorp Community Council.

Standing Order in House 27th Feb 1983

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SELLO MONYATSI

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SOUTH AFRICA

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SOUTH AFRICA
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YOUR REF.

OUR REF. JSM/nk/ K.32

1983 March, 02

The Chairman
Krugersdorp Residential Organisation
74 Poswayo Street
Kagiso 1
P.O. Kagiso 1744

Dear Sir

PETITION

Attached please find a copy of a letter
received by us from the Minister in regard
to the above matter.

Yours faithfully
SELLO MONYATSI

per:

JOSIAH SELLO MONYATSI B.A., B.IUR



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Ministry of Co-operation and Development

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Hendrik Verwoerdbou
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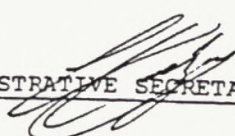
Dear Sir

RESIDENTS OF KAGISO AND MUNSIEVILLE

I have been directed by Dr the Honourable G de V Morrison, Deputy Minister of Co-operation to acknowledge receipt of your letter JSM/nk/ K.32 dated 9 February 1983.

The matter is receiving attention and a further reply will follow as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully


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