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**Afrikaans writers**



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**AFRIKANERDOM**

"GET SOUTH AFRICA" has for years been an international parlour game. New players need follow no rules, nor do they have to learn how to play the game. All that is necessary is an ability to read the latest report on this country in the overseas Press, a bleeding heart and instant indignation. Points are allocated to those scoring the most palpable hits and it is simply not possible to lose.

**TODAY:**

**Madeleine van Biljon**

Like haemophiliacs, South Africans bleed freely when jabbed and despite the years we have had to develop antibodies against criticism; like the haemophilic we are incurable. Unfortunately we are also unable to live with our disease. Every snide remark about South Africa is treated as a serious threat, a condemnation of our internal policies seen as an international incident.

**Attack reflexes**

However, as one must survive, South Africans have developed the immediate "attack reflex" against criticism from outside. "So, if you don't like it here, why don't you go home?" "Look what's happening in your country." Or, darkly: "When last in

Europe I saw some very strange things."

Despite its very negative approach, this attitude against alien criticism may have some merit. Unfortunately we are so thin-skinned that internal criticism has the same effect. Anybody daring to remark on the local scene gets the same whiplash reaction, the instant rising of the hackles, the "if - you - don't - like - it - go - some-place-else" approach.

Stubborn, unrealistic and recalcitrant we faced and are willing to go on facing a hostile

world. When, however, we become so terrified of criticism that it inhibits all action on our part and reduces us to a grey mass of yes-men, it is surely time to reconsider our attitudes.

Passionate for pigeonholing we look askance at the woman who works directly for another racial group. "Liberal?" we whisper uneasily, wondering whether she is really suitable for the next dinner party. Our blood rises at the indignities imposed upon non-Whites, but nearly always only when this relates to a domestic in our employ.

Read as a piece of reportage we may feel a momentary qualm, but any thoughts of direct action are quelled by apprehension that someone will say something, in fact, criticize.

A fear of criticism can hardly be blamed for all our attitudes, our seeming complacency in the face of blatant injustices. Twenty years of one government tend to make one forget that THE GOVERNMENT is not an abstract concept but a collection of people put in their present posts BY THE PEOPLE.

**Patriarchal**

In a country strongly geared to a patriarchal society we seem to have put all personal responsibility aside, relying heavily on those that rule to make our decisions for us.

Those who step outside of this cosy family circle are sharply attacked for being destructive, for making no concrete suggestions.

Newspapers must bear some of the blame. The English Press (for want of a better term) does criticize, but the approach is so often negative, our reaction against a hole in the dike of our mental security so instinctive,

that one tends to dismiss its superior "holier-than-thou" attitude turning with relief to the Afrikaans Press that soothes our apprehensions with massive concepts and fine phrases, unguents for an itchy conscience.

In saying this, I would be a spokesman for my generation that found, in our early 30s, the first Republic Day heartwarming moving, even if we did not share directly in the great wave of emotion that overwhelmed our parents.

Given a good marriage with reasonable incomes to live a life rich in material comfort difficult to imagine in any other country, we should now be settling into the mould of secure middle-age, our beautiful children doing well on the sportsfields, their academic careers adequate.

Somehow it is not working out this way. Because of our extremely limited contact with non-Whites we suffer from a lack of imagination and we are unable to transpose our comfortable selves into their lives.

Despite this we have come to realize that the Black man is capable of government, of academic achievement, of a longing for solid middle-class comforts we enjoy.

Told for years that we must sacrifice to achieve separate development, excited by the prospect of seeing a golden future for all and the monkey of conscience off our backs, we

heard for years, the "wekroep tot die volk?"

Not only are their ears closed to this call, but we might as well also be speaking in a foreign tongue. Dogma and doctrine do not charm them. They are primarily interested in people, in how they operate, in what motivates them. Pride in a language, a nationhood, is an accepted thing in their lives, not something that needs constant nurturing.

**New culture**

Their lives should encompass more than a fight for a new language and a definite identity. Our children should be able to see the enormous possibilities of establishing a culture that does not need constantly to tap the sources in the Western world but, firmly rooted in our common White heritage, can draw from the background of the peoples with whom we share this country.

Even if we justify our own mores, surely we can give our children courage in the place of our timidity, humour in the place of our dourness, in generosity of mind and spirit in the place of our rigidly held attitudes.

"Fine words," said an Afrikaner intellectual in his late 50s with whom I discussed these views. "Beautiful moral principles. But when it comes to practical politics, both naive and

**Nats. back Jo'burg council's traffic plan**

JOHANNESBURG CITY COUNCIL is to be given full support by its Nationalist members in carrying out plans to beat the traffic crisis by 1985.

This was made clear in the council yesterday by Mr. C. F. de Wet, deputy leader of the Nationalist Opposition.

In a speech applauded by both Nationalist and United Party councillors, he also said the city council was justified in asking for Government and Provincial aid in carrying out its plans.

Mr. de Wet emphasized, however, that the Opposition's support was conditional on full co-operation by the City Council with the higher authorities and

on the fact that every effort should be made to control the city's growth tempo.

The only speaker on the Nationalist side during a debate on the greater Johannesburg transport report released last week by the city engineer's department, Mr. de Wet warned that Government undertakings — with investments in Johannesburg totalling R1,500-million — would be hard hit if the city's problems resulting from its population and vehicle explosions were not solved.

**POPULATION**

Without help, Johannesburg's ratepayers would have to pay R313-million of the R536-million bill needed to cope with the growing population demands in the next 16 years.

Johannesburg's financial obligations could lead to such big increases in rates and tariffs that there could be serious consequences for city and State. Such increases would inevitably lead to demands on employers for higher pay.

The city council could justifiably make a plea to the Government and Province to help with present and future planning.

Mr. de Wet expressed doubts about Johannesburg's ability to solve its problems by 1985. He calculated that by the time the council had gone through all the required formalities before a solution could be executed, only about eight years would be left before the deadline.

He urged a speed-up in the project and added that at the same time the growth tempo should be controlled. Further

growth should be governed by comprehensive regional planning. A solution not coupled with limitation of the growth tempo and not linked with an active and authoritative regional development body would not succeed.

Mr. de Wet said the issue was a grave one which transcended party politics and should not be made into a political football.

He warned that Johannesburg ratepayers faced grim prospects without help and pointed to the fact that the city council had difficulty even now coping with its bills.

It would be a disaster for the city if the proposed traffic plan had to be delayed, he said.



**Madeleine van Biljon, broadcaster, columnist and housewife**

have not sacrificed a damn thing. We are beginning to query the validity and feasibility of the Great Dream.

If the problem of separate development were the only thorn in our middle-aged sides, we could perhaps come to terms with it, living from day to day, leaving the whole mess as a sour heritage for our children.

But suddenly the children are part of our problem-ridden world, our serious South African children who used to wear their hair clipped close to their heads, who were seen and not heard, who behaved like nice children.

Our generation is giving them more freedom than we ever had and while not wholly approving the new trends, we are still secure in our smug knowledge that what is happening to children all over the world, cannot possibly happen here. We are wrong. Even without the impact of foreign influences a nation must grow, expand, experiment and experience beyond the boundaries of accepted patterns.

And where we are failing our children is in the lack of moral and political guidance and in the placidity of our acceptance with hushed consciences all that we know should be spoken about and against.

Trapped in our narrow heritage, fearful of criticism, we lack the moral courage to be defiant. Caught between the new morality of which we are uncertain and the strict puritanism of our background of which we often disapprove, we give our children no pattern for either.

When it comes to political guidance my generation is the original broken reed. What can we say to these self-reliant opinionated youngsters? Mumble platitudes, the ones we have

stupid. Moral concepts and practical politics are worlds apart. And high-flown ideas butter no parsnips."

If the future is to be challenging for us and even more so for our children, then we must rethink this principle. In a society as complex as ours we must get rid of the idea that the end justifies the means.

We must realize that morally indefensible attitudes do not make for feasible politics. We cannot establish universities for the Black man and then give him no outlet for his skills, we cannot pay a labourer higher wages and then deny him a place in which to enjoy the money he has earned. We cannot lead secure family lives and destroy the very structure of other human beings' society.

If we are in any way to influence our children towards a more comprehensive viewpoint than the "so far so good" malaise with which we are afflicted, we must remind ourselves that every one of us has a right to free choice and action within the framework of a legally constituted society.

**Forgotten**

We have forgotten how to use this right. Plaintively we cry: "What is the Government doing?" and feel that our responsibility has ended. In the final analysis we are the government and it is high time that we are reminded of this.

We must cure ourselves of our terror of criticisms directed either against our country or against a dissident opinion within our country. Lacking the tribal calls of the '40s and early '50s, would that there were someone who in the words of the younger generation, could call out: "Let's see some action around here."

**Tomorrow:**

**W. A. de KLERK**

**WE ARE NOT DEALING HERE** with a fault peculiar to the Afrikaner, but with a condition peculiar to man. It is part of the price of being human, which means to be free: to be or not to be ourselves. At the root of it all lies irony which says that when we consciously but anxiously opt for a heaven of our own making (in our case Apartheid Come), we are in fact preferring hell, which is the final nihil, or nothing.

Of course there are those of my people who resist; the leaders of groups questioning what is being done by the establishment are mostly Afrikaans. It remains true, however, that far too many have already made the descent or are hovering on the very edge of nihilism.

This has happened in spite of the fact that the Afrikaners of Southern Africa count among the most staunchly religious groups anywhere. They have always felt themselves to be at the very centre of the Calvinist, fundamentalist tradition. Whether this is indeed the case they themselves will have to recognize within the not too distant future. The Gereformeerde (Dopper) theologians of Potchefstroom have already indicated as much in their publication "Woord en Daad."

Get a move on with your Grand Design, they said in effect recently to Prime Minister John Vorster, or else we cannot continue supporting methods and measures which are obviously causing so much human distress.

### Sacrifices

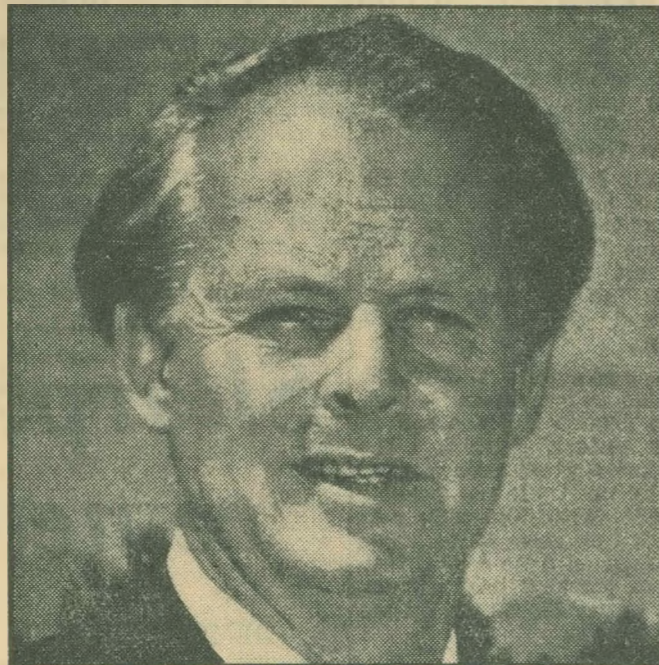
It needs facing. The Grand Design is not working out as envisaged, not because support is lacking, not because this support is bound to fall away catastrophically as soon as real "sacrifices" are called for. The Grand Design is not working out because it is exactly what all Grand Designs have ever been: the ephemeral, fantastic strivings of anxious souls who have forgotten what it needs to be fully human.

The flight from reality is a flight into nothingness.

Its energies are directed to what does not really exist and what can never be made to exist, whatever the ingenuity, talent, fervour, devotion, courage, loyalty, heroism employed.

The relevant question is always: can anything which is by nature idolatrous ever lead to reality? The answer is no. In

## CONCLUDING A SERIES BY LEADING AFRIKAANS WRITERS TODAY:



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practical terms this means that for a policy to succeed it must deal with real things.

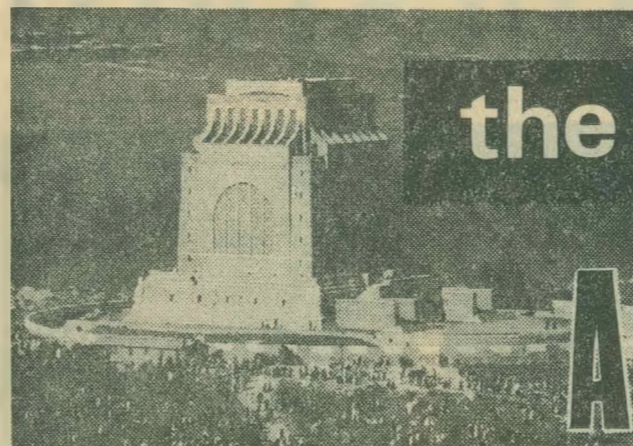
The Afrikaner's descent into nihilism is also a wandering with a loss of contact and awareness with the shape and content of reality. The first level of this is the human actuality which surrounds us in a specific landscape.

This means being alive to the

true, concrete needs of a situation, the courageous facing what is so that things function well.

Does a barrister try to practise law like a doctor? What would happen to a doctor who tried to treat his patients according to the principles of law?

Why then, in Heaven's name, do politicians whose job it is to



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see to the practical ordering of a society, to making it livable pretend to tell us as politicians what the fundamentals of existence are? Why do they try to be theologians and philosophers, instead of seeing to the trains, the drains, the roads, the farmers, etc.?

This is exactly what happens when politics becomes a *lewens-en wereldbeskouing* (world-view): a total presence, an answer to life and a guarantee of future security.

"What is the alternative?" is then his tedious, repetitive cry. He expects a theological (or quasi-theological) answer. This is because he has no feeling whatsoever left for what is real. His world is a nihilistic world. He is oblivious of the measure of his own trespass.

Politics usurping the functions of philosophy and theology is ultimately nihilism in its most virulent form; the captivity of the Idea, which is an ideology. The outcome of it is nearly always tragedy. Only an inner resistance can bring redemption.

And resistance is as necessary as air to the philosopher, theologian, and the creative artist, especially the writer. Art too, in its own particular way, is revelation; and what it reveals is reality. This in turn is destructive to the ideological vision, which is always a miasma.

The writer has to be heard and read in revolt, simply because "to avoid lying we must renounce." These are the words of Karl Jaspers at the time of his 85th birthday last year. This was a famous existentialist thinker speaking.

All the heroic words from elevated platforms, all the tremendous gestures, the counter-threats, all the furious talking at national congresses euphemistically referred to as *besinning*, all the machinery of power, cannot impress meaning on that which has no meaning because it is idolatrous.

Helmut Thielicke, another remarkable figure in the line of German-writing scholars who seemed to arise as a sort of post-war reaction to the Third Reich, examined the faces of modern nihilism in the early '50s.

There is primarily the ideological surrender to an Ideal (or Idea). There is secondly the flight of what Kierkegaard called the "immediate man" into the comforting anonymity of the common herd: the docile tractable mass who shudder at the thought of not conforming. Thirdly there is the cynic who has already discovered the

have lived for generations, developing it with their hands, their skills, their loves. They have been there as long or perhaps even longer, than the White man. There is no alternative: they have to share his homeland.

Yet, how have we treated the Coloureds?

Without even the pretence of consultation we have uprooted them from a great many areas where they have lived long enough to develop a sound tradition of their own.

Go to Kleinmond one day during the midsummer season, if you like. There you may find

for a great new Ideal.

This is apartheid. This is separate development.

Protest on the part of the people affected? Hardly. A timely visit by a Special Branch soon puts a stop to that.

Sometimes in conversations, when these anomalies in the Grand Design are pointed out, we fall silent again, until one pipes up and says: "Let's rather talk of something nice. They tell me that Chris Barnard, every morning before he starts operating, goes down on his bended knees. . .!"

Mutatis mutandis what we have done and do and will do to the Coloured people of South Africa, has been done, is done and will be done to all the other non-White groups in the country.

It is done in the holy name of the Idea. Or else it is suffered in unknowingness and uncaringness by many thousands submerged into the great insensible mass. Or else it is done simply because it is the way of power. All this is nihilism.

Is there any hope for my people? Yes, there is. God does not pay on Fridays but in His own good time. We are already approaching recognition. The phenomenon of *verligtes* indicates this. They include the cynics who question all values, but, precisely for that reason, may yet experience true salvation, it may need tragedy to bring it home to us. But a new sense of comedy may provide a true alternative. Laughter, humility, faith go together. The writer will have to remember this: Always.

But this condition of freedom from nihilism in whatever form it predominates, can only be obtained by accepting a truly human task. This means rediscovering one's neighbour, not in terms of the Idea (*Beleid*) — not in terms of an object — but in terms of our common humanness.

## Why do politicians try to be theologians and philosophers instead of seeing to roads?

emptiness of the Idea and now questions everything.

Which of these faces do we, the White Afrikaners of Southern Africa, turn to the world? The answer is: All.

The truth or non-truth of this can be tested by looking at it in the close light of what has been done to a group who share almost everything we lay claim to as being part of Western Civilization: the Coloured people.

They speak the same language, they contribute to the same literatures, they confess the same religions, they share (as far as they are allowed to) our full cultural heritage. What is more, they largely, in fact to a sometimes rather surprising degree, look back to the same forebears. Finally, they share the same territory where they

some fine, charming young people with the sincerest of motives, organizing and attending religious services on the sands, under the banner of the Student's Christian Association (segregated). Ask any of these young people if they realise that at Kleinmond a whole Coloured community, rooted in the soil of this place, have been denied any worth-while local access to the sea. To enjoy what God has given all of us, they would have to travel some 20 miles to Hawston (with no public transport, with very few motor-cars to use) or even further to highly dangerous Kogel Bay.

Ask the young people if they know of all this, and you will be stared at in amazement. Do not blame them. It is we who have conditioned them. They sincerely believe that we are all working

"Freemasonry of bowls" <sup>STAR 22/3/69</sup>

## Bowling Mayor puts his finger on it

**T**HERE HAVE BEEN dozens of references to the "freemasonry" of bowls but very few attempts to make an analysis of the reasons for it. Pat Lewis, however, must have been very close to getting to the root of things when he addressed about 180 bowlers who recently celebrated 30 years of association between the Johannesburg Municipal Bowling Greens Association and the Randjeslaagte Memorial Homes.

Mr. Lewis, who was attending his first bowls function since his installation as the Mayor of Johannesburg, said that in those 30 years the members of the association had contributed a minimum of R75,000 in hard cash to Randjeslaagte but that they had been repaid.

He said that in gathering the contributions a greater bond had been forged among bowlers, that clubs had been helped because there was an incentive outside of the actual playing of the game and this had provided the launching pad for the spirit which prevails throughout bowls. It is very unlikely that

Mr. Lewis will be referred to as "Mr. Mayor" except on the most formal occasions when he mixes with bowlers, for as a member of the Northern Suburbs club and obviously a man who has caught the bowling "spirit," he is one of those who are in a game in which a former mayor, Mr. Keith Fleming, said "nobody had a surname." To bowlers he will be "Pat."

Mr. Fleming said that the contributions made by the association had helped to "enhance the dignity of old age" and Mr. Doug. Kewley, the president of the association, said that residents of Randjeslaagte had helped to build Johannesburg and they deserved a contented retirement.

The bond that the Mayor was describing was in evidence again two days later when bowling friends of the late Reg. Greenwood competed for a trophy presented to Johannesburg Municipals by his widow, Mary.

Only a lack of green space kept down the numbers' who would have played, but when Auckland Park, for whom Greenwood played for many years before joining Municipals, are settled in their new home at Montgomery Park the field will probably be doubled.

The first winners of the "Reg Greenwood Memorial Trophy" were Alan de Roos, Mike Kourie, Taffy Jones and Mrs. Ruth Jones.

There could have been no better way of Greenwood's bowling friends paying their respects than in playing the game he loved

<sup>RDM - 24/3/69</sup>

## Jo'burg mayor a granddad

**T**HE MAYOR of Johannesburg, Mr. Patrick Lewis, became a grandfather for the first time yesterday when his daughter-in-law Angela, gave birth to a son. The birth was expensive. When Mr. Lewis's son Ian took his wife to the nursing home he left her clothing in the car. He returned to find that it had been stolen.



The Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. Patrick Lewis (right), presented France's Silver Medal of Gratitude to Mr. Ulysse Tomasoni, an employee of the City Council, at a special ceremony at the City Hall today. The award was made for special service during the Second World War, 24 years after Mr. Tomasoni was nominated for it.

## FRENCH WAR MEDAL FOR CITY MAN

**T**ODAY, 24 YEARS AFTER he was nominated for the decoration, Mr. Ulysse Tomasoni, an employee of the Johannesburg City Council, received France's Silver Medal of Gratitude for special service during the Second World War. But he refuses to talk about it.

The medal was presented to him by the Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. Patrick Lewis, at a special ceremony at the City Hall.

He was told by the French Vice-Consul in Johannesburg, Col. George Vessiere, that he was one

of only two people in South Africa to receive the decoration.

He said afterwards that he did not wish to make public the circumstances which led him to qualify for the decoration.

Mr. Tomasoni said that he had first learned in 1945 that he was to receive the decoration.

### LEFT FRANCE

"At that time there were hundreds of thousands of French soldiers applying for pensions, and it was only in 1948 that they got through with that business."

Before the presentation could be made, however, Mr. Tomasoni, then a foreman for a construction company, left France and travelled extensively before he settled in South Africa in 1958. The French Government, meanwhile, was unable to trace him.

It was only after a severe accident, which forced him to give up his work, that he approached the French Consulate in Johannesburg for help and thus re-established contact with officials in France.

According to Mr. Tomasoni, there are about 15,000 people who have received the decoration, which bestows the title of "Knight of the Order of Civil Merit."

Visitor

STAR 26/3/69



The Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. Patrick Lewis (right), chats to the Rhodesian Minister of Finance, Mr. John Wrathall, at the opening in Milner Park today of the Witwatersrand Agricultural Society's new flower hall. The Johannesburg Parks and Recreation Department has put on a floral display in the hall—with the emphasis on begonias.

RDM - 28/3/69

## The Rand Show ATTENDANCE POOR ON FIRST DAY

STAFF REPORTER

TRUE to tradition, the Rand Easter Show opened yesterday in overcast, rainy weather which, organisers say, has prevailed on the first day of the show as far back as they can remember.

"I don't know why, but this kind of weather seems to keep the people away from the show. It is the best time to come as it isn't too hot and anyway one third of the grounds are under cover," said one official.

The attendance yesterday was poor, but this is ascribed to the fact that the schools have not yet broken up. Last year the approximate attendance figure for the first day was 41,000. Over 100,000 people are expected on each of the "big three" days, March 29, and April 5 and 7.

### QUIET DAY

Police and ambulance stations both reported a quiet day.

Later in the afternoon, the Mayor, Councillor Patrick Lewis paid an unofficial visit to the show and stopped to examine the Flower Hall which he opened yesterday. Mr. Lewis is a keen horticulturist.

Commenting on this year's show, Mr. Lewis said: "It seems to be getting bigger and better each year. I was most impressed by the South African Industries exhibition."

STAR - 26/3/69

## U.D.I. man at show—so no U.K. envoy

By a Staff Reporter

THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR to South Africa has withdrawn from an official Witwatersrand Agricultural Society luncheon on Saturday in honour of the official opening of this year's Rand Easter Show because of the presence of the Deputy Prime Minister of Rhodesia, Mr. J. Wrathall.

Although show officials declined to comment on the ambassador's withdrawal I understand that the society strictly follows government protocol procedure in events of this sort in which in this case, Mr. Wrathall would take precedence.

Other Ambassadors including those from Italy, Switzerland, Austria and Portugal have accepted invitations to the luncheon.

Mr. Wrathall and his wife are visiting the Rand Show today and his visit has been carefully arranged to avoid any of the national pavilions, which, because of UDI, may be embarrassed by a visit.

This morning he was due to visit the flower hall, the South African Industry's pavilion, the Agricultural Machinery Hall, the Control Boards Hall and the cattle section in an escorted tour with W.A.S. officials before having lunch in the Jan Meyer Room.

### REFUSED

Last night Mr. Wrathall officially opened the Rhodesian pavilion and the event, itself an innocuous cocktail party, reflected the effects of Rhodesia's U.D.I. Although the Rhodesian pavilion is in companionable neighbourliness with the British pavilion, observers at the opening ceremony of the Rhodesian pavilion said that of the 500 guests there were no diplomats present apart from the few from South Africa and various trade commissioners.

The general manager of

the Witwatersrand Agricultural Society, Dr. George Bosman, was himself refused admission to the Rhodesian party last night. He said today that he does not carry on him the many invitations he is sent but relies on the fact that he is well known and wears an orange tag which identifies him as the general manager of the show, to gain admittance into any official function or building.

Dr. Bosman told the official on duty at the entrance of the Rhodesian pavilion who he was, but the man refused to admit him. The general manager then pushed the man aside and walked in where he was within a few seconds recognized by Rhodesian officials and welcomed to the pavilion.

# NO R21,783 CAR FOR MAYOR OF <sup>S/TIMES</sup> JOHANNESBURG <sup>6/4/69</sup>

SUNDAY TIMES REPORTER

THE MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, Mr. J. F. W. Haak, has rejected an appeal from the City Council for permission to buy a R21,783 car for the Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. Patrick Lewis.

The Director of Imports and Exports had previously refused to grant a permit to import the car, a Mercedes Benz 600 seven-seater with a top speed of 125 miles an hour, but, as the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr. Sybrand van Niekerk, had approved the purchase, the City Council decided to take the matter further.

During a visit to Cape Town last week Mr. J. F. Oberholzer, M.P.C., acting chairman of Johannesburg's Management Committee, met the Minister of Economic Affairs, Mr. Haak, on another matter. He took the opportunity to mention the Mayor's car.

Mr. Oberholzer told me: "The Minister undertook to go into the matter, and we have now had his reply — a decided no."

The choice of the Mercedes 600 was made after an inspection of a car from this series owned by Mr. Harry Oppenheimer, head of Anglo American Corporation, in Johannesburg.

Members of the Management Committee were given permission to inspect the car along with a technical expert from the City Engineer's Department.

## Prestige

"We felt such a car would be in keeping with the tradition and prestige associated with the position of Mayor," Mr. Oberholzer said. "We were offered more expensive models of other makes but decided on this particular model, which incidentally was more than R10,000 cheaper than the top-listed car."

"This is the first time permission has been withheld for the purchase of a mayor's car of our choice."

A final decision about a car for the Mayor will be made by the Management Committee shortly.

When the Director of Imports and Exports withheld permission for the Mercedes 600 to be imported, he listed seven cars from which the City Council could make a revised choice — a Cadillac, a Chrysler New Yorker, an Oldsmobile, a Mercedes Benz 300 S.L., a Chrysler le Baron, a Daimler and an Austin Princess.



## Mayoral service

All the Reef mayors, including the Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. Patrick Lewis, will attend the Mayoral Service at St. Marks Presbyterian Church, Yeoville at 11 a.m. on Sunday April 20.

The service will be conducted by the Johannesburg Mayor's chaplain, the Rev. J.B. Hawkrige. The public is invited to attend.

The Rotarians organised a week-long tour for close on 100 Johannesburg matric schoolchildren during the last week of the school holidays. The pupils visited many places of interest — including Iscor, I.B.M., the Stock Exchange and the Johannesburg planetarium.

Seen in the picture are from left the Mayoress, Mrs. Lewis, the Mayor, Mr. Patrick Lewis, the Junior Mayor Matthew Margo from King Edward High School and two Northview schoolgirls, Felicity Lewis and Joan Hessel.

The Mayor had just finished addressing the youngsters at the planetarium. Northern Reporter 17/4/69

R.D.M. 21/4/1969



The Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. Patrick Lewis and his wife, at the entrance of St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, in Yeoville yesterday.

Behind Mrs. Lewis in the parade of 17 Reef mayors, as well as other dignitaries, is the Johannesburg Town Clerk, Mr. A. P. Burger.

## Mayor's induction service

Staff Reporter

MORE THAN 500 people attended a service at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, Yeoville, Johannesburg, yesterday, to mark the installation of Mr. Patrick Lewis as Mayor of Johannesburg.

Mayors from 17 neighbouring towns were led in a procession into the church by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis.

In a service, in English and Afrikaans, the Rev. John Hawkrige, the Mayor's Chaplain, reminded municipal officials of passages in the Old Testament in which the shepherd became fat while the sheep did not.

He said the passages apply to any person with authority and are a warning not to take unfair advantage of position.

The Mayor read a passage from the New Testament and Mr. Sam Moss, the Deputy Mayor, read from the Old Testament.

## Mayor inducted

STAR 2/4/69



The Johannesburg Fire Brigade formed a guard of honour at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, Yeoville, yesterday at a service to mark the induction of the Mayor, Mr. Patrick Lewis. Mr. Lewis leads the procession with his wife, Mrs. Lewis, followed by the Town Clerk, Mr. A. P. Burger and his wife. Mayors and mayoresses from 17 surrounding towns attended the ceremony along with 500 citizens of Johannesburg.

STAR - 22/4/69



The Mayor and Mayoress of Johannesburg, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Lewis yesterday opened the sixth annual meeting of the organization for the Joint Sale of Charity Christmas Cards. In the picture Mr and Mrs. Lewis (right) are seen talking to Mrs. V. Macpherson, vice-chairman of the organization.

## STOEP TALK

# Biggest hospital comes of age

**T**WENTY-ONE YEARS AGO on May 1, 1948, Baragwanath Hospital, believed to be the largest hospital in the world today, was handed over to the Transvaal Provincial Hospital Services as a hospital for Africans.

*The name derives from that of Mr. John Albert Baragwanath, a Rand pioneer who arrived here in 1886. He purchased a wayside hotel and store known as Junction Hotel on the spot where "Uncle Charlie's" roadhouse and service station now stand at the junction of the Potchefstroom and Vereeniging roads. The surrounding area has become known as Baragwanath.*

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### Mayor's quest

A civic function will be held this Thursday to recognize Baragwanath's 21st birthday. The Mayor, Mr. Patrick Lewis, is anxious to contact some of the early workers and voluntary helpers on the Baragwanath Gifts and Comforts Fund, the Ladies' Hospital Visiting Committee, the Polish Ladies' Hospital Committee and the Men's Voluntary Committee, which helped to build the hospital's swimming-bath.

Any people interested or able to furnish the Mayor's secretary with such information should telephone Miss Solarsh at 836-1911, Ext. 377.

### Huge intake

The scope of the hospital is staggering, especially to doctors and lay-visitors from overseas. Here are some eye-opening figures:

Steam for cooking, sterilizing and heating is conveyed round the hospital through seven miles of overhead pipeline. The kitchens provide meals day and night,

### Monday's prayer

*AT the close of every day  
Don't forget to kneel  
and pray,  
Giving thanks for home and  
friends,  
All the things the Good  
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Dwelling on this gratefully  
Means you will sleep peace-  
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serving an average of 10,000 every 24 hours.

There are at present 2,040 beds in use. When the already approved building programme is completed, Baragwanath Hospital will have 2,500 beds.

The daily number of in-patients for a year is 2,054. The average number of patients visiting the casualty and out-patients departments daily throughout the year is 1,200. On peak days it is well over 2,000. The daily average number of in-patients admitted to the hospital is 170.

In addition, the hospital has two decentralized clinics where approximately 800 patients are attended to daily.

### Trained nurses

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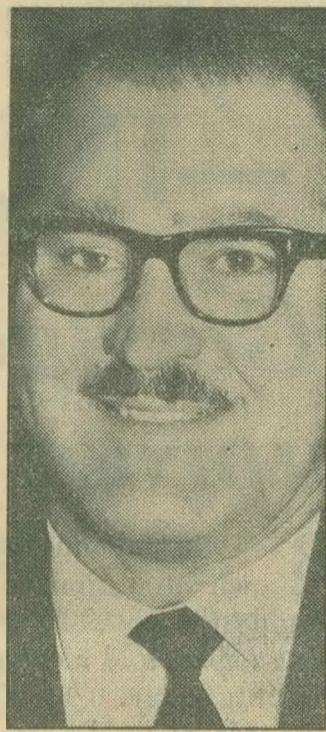
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Mr. Oberholzer said that on previous occasions when the Rand Water Board increased and later decreased its prices, the city council followed suit.



Pay increases for Johannesburg's 18,284 African and 114 Coloured non-graded municipal employees were approved by the city council yesterday.

The rises, which will cost the city council about R524,000 in the first 12 months, come into effect on July 1.



Tribute was paid at the meeting to two top municipal officials who have served the city for a combined total of 69 years.

Recommendations that testimonials under the seal of the council be presented to Mr. George Cain, Chief Fire Officer, and Mr. N. G. Hosking, Deputy

General Manager of the Electricity Department, were approved unanimously. Both men retire this year.

Mr. Pieter Roos, chairman of the Management Committee, is making a good recovery from his illness, the Mayor, Mr. Patrick Lewis, told the meeting.

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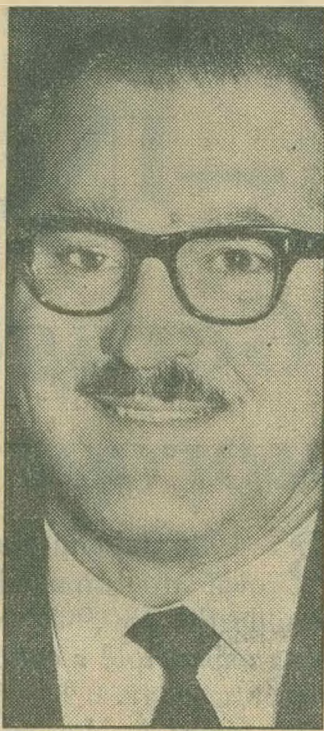
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## Toespraak about a speech . . .

The Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. Patrick Lewis, opened his welcoming speech at the second Building Research Congress today with an explanation in Afrikaans as to why his speech would be delivered in English.

He said it was in deference to the many overseas visitors who did not understand Afrikaans.

When the Minister of Community Development, Mr. Blaar Coetzee, started his official opening of the congress he prefixed it with a short statement in Afrikaans saying that his speech would also be in English, even though his English was not as good as the Mayor's.

The congress received this banter with good humour.

STAR - 6/5/1969

## Sandton officials appointed

Sandton's mayor and councillors-elect are solidly behind the appointment of the senior officials for the new town.

Yesterday the appointments of Mr. R. I. Louttit, Town Clerk; Mr. R. H. Ledlie, Town Engineer; Mr. P. P. de Jager, Town Treasurer; Mr. J. J. Hattingh, Clerk of the Council and Mr. W. J. C. C. Botes, Director of Non-European Affairs were announced.

The Mayor-elect of Sandton, Mr. A. P. Tweeddale, said in an interview today that the council was "very pleased" with the appointments. "These are men of high calibre. As a group they are all highly qualified, very experienced and conscientious."

Mr. Tweeddale said that every one of the new senior officials had been associated with the Peri-Urban board for many years and had fought for the development of the area.

### FINE TEAM

"We are not only pleased with the choice of our senior officials," said Mr. Tweeddale, "but also with the appointment of the other officials. We have the makings of a very fine working team here with all the necessary intimate knowledge of the area. These men have been close to the problems, needs and development of our area and with them Sandton can look forward to a bright future."

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Councillors and senior officials from Johannesburg and the proposed new Sandton municipality met at a City Hall luncheon given today by the Mayor, Mr. Patrick Lewis, to discuss matters of mutual interest. Sitting alongside Mr. Lewis at the main table was Sandton's Mayor-elect, Mr. A. P. Tweeddale. Also present were Johannesburg's Deputy Mayor, Mr. Sam Moss; Management Committee members, Mr. J. F. Oberholzer, M.P.C., Mr. A. B. Widman, M.P.C., and Mr. Max Neppe; and a number of heads of Johannesburg City Council departments. Besides Mr. Tweeddale, the Sandton guests were Mr. J. G. Watson, Deputy Mayor-elect, Councillors Mr. G. A. A. Bosman, Mr. G. P. Summerley, Mr. A. Laird-Smith, Mr. Reynecke, Mr. W. R. Hedding and Maj. R. Sive. Also present were the men who will serve in Sandton's top municipal posts—Mr. R. I. Louttit, Town Clerk; Mr. R. H. Ledlie, Town Engineer; Mr. P. P. de Jager, Town Treasurer; Mr. J. J. Hattingh, Clerk of the Council and Mr. W. J. C. C. Botes, Director of Non-European Affairs. (See Page 5.)

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## Officials



Newly-appointed officials of the Sandton Municipality, which comes into being on July 1, were in happy mood when they had lunch with the Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. Patrick Lewis, at the City Hall yesterday. They are (left to right): Mr. R. I. Louttit, Town Clerk; Mr. R. H. Ledlie, Town Engineer; Mr. P. P. de Jager, Town Treasurer; Mr. J. J. Hattingh, Clerk of the Council; and Mr. W. J. C. C. Botes, Director of Non-European Affairs.

## MASSIVE HELP TO CHARITIES

# Students earn high praise from Mayor

THE COMMON IDEA of a university student as a protester was inaccurate, to say the least, Mr. Patrick Lewis, the Mayor of Johannesburg, told Rag organizers and welfare workers at the City Hall today.

The Mayor held a special luncheon to meet the students who planned this year's Rag, to meet people from the beneficiary groups, and to talk about the "important permanent task which students have voluntarily undertaken for the past 43 years."

Mr. Lewis paid tribute to the students and their Rag effort. "Any business would be happy to raise so much money in such a short time, particularly with voluntary labour," he said.

"Is it any wonder that the University of the Witwatersrand justifiably is recognized as the largest student welfare fund-raising organization in the world."

### DETAILED PLANNING

Mr. Lewis gave a detailed outline of the planning involved in the Rag each year. It seemed like "a military operation in its complexity," he said, and the dovetailing work began in August the year before.

He also spoke of the other welfare work done by Wits. students throughout the year. They organized work camps, built schools and churches and villages for

Africans. They did farm work, collected money, food, blankets and clothes. They ran an annual blood donation week, ran medical clinics and social schemes. They administered bursary, loan and health insurance funds.

Students were certainly not only protesters, Mr. Lewis concluded. "They are young people of action, carrying out a multiplicity of tasks which are essential in any civilized country."

STAR 8/5/1969

## City needs big-scale planning - Mayor

Imaginative planning on a big scale is needed for the Johannesburg of the future, the Mayor, Mr. Patrick Lewis, said today.

Opening the annual conference of the Association of Trust Companies in South Africa, he told delegates that planning should not be done in isolation, however, but on a regional basis. This was one of the things so necessary in South Africa today.

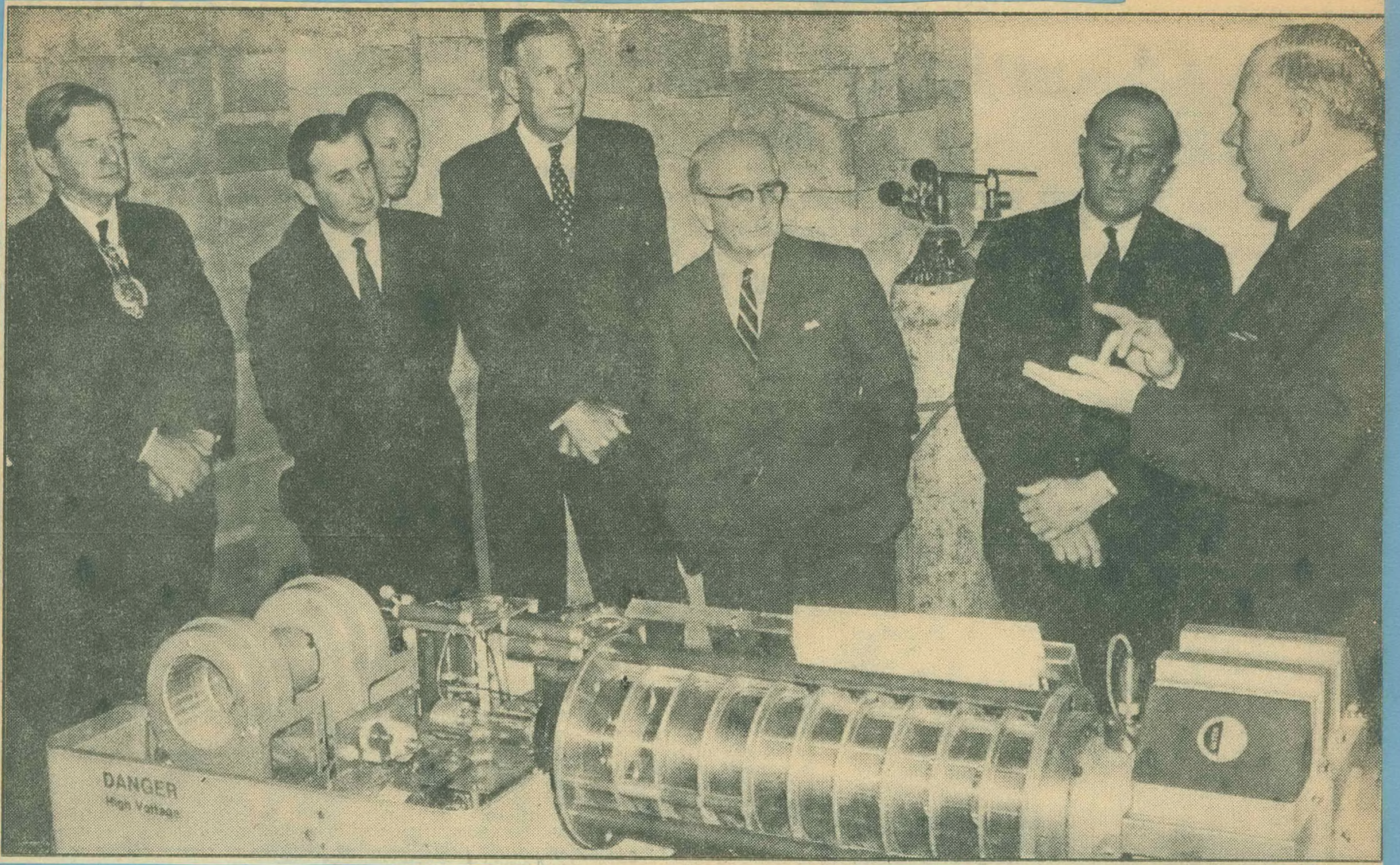
"If metropolitan facilities are available, the local authorities should get together. We in Johannesburg feel the great need for planning not only for ourselves but also for the areas surrounding the city. They should plan in conjunction with us," he added.

### "CRIPPLING"

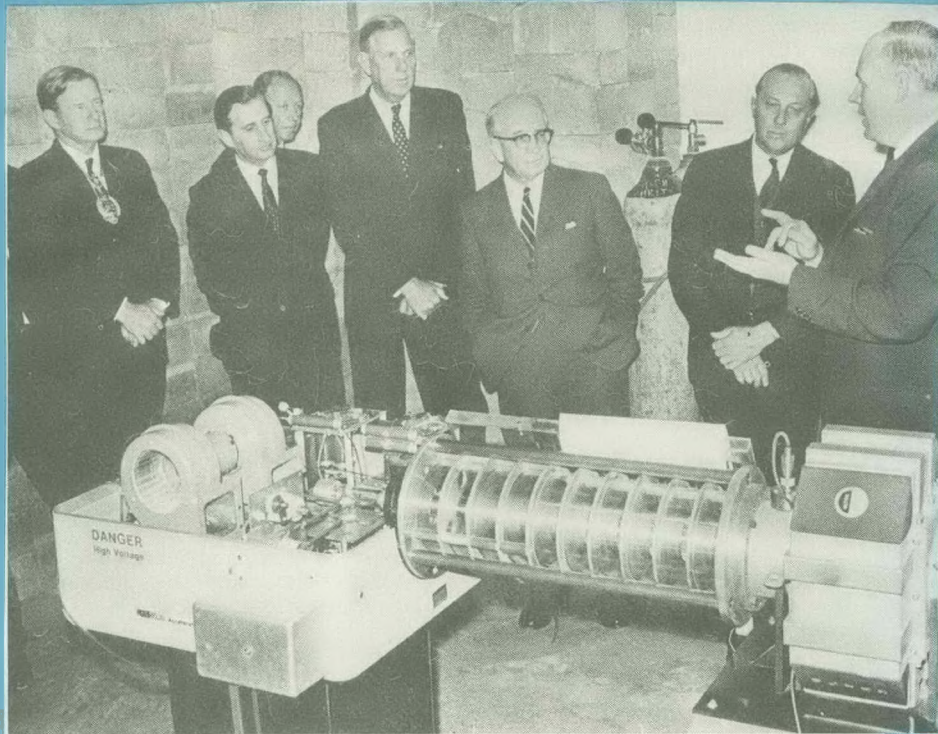
In a wide-ranging review of the tremendous developments taking place in Johannesburg, Mr. Lewis referred to State Treasury control of local authorities' capital spending and said it was having a "crippling" effect on the city's development programmes.

Mr. Lewis said great development had taken place in the north and this had made Johannesburg "lop-sided." As the mines finished their working lives, however, more residential areas would be opened in the south. And if the city's bid to acquire 130 square miles to the south succeeded, the imbalance would be rectified.

The imaginative scheme for a playground on the Klip River—with a 200-acre lake—and the 18,000-acre Suikerbosrand recreation area would also make a vast difference to the face of Johannesburg.



Prof. Friedel Sellschop, professor of nuclear physics at the University of the Witwatersrand (right), explains the working of a neutron generator to some of the people who attended the opening of the new building of the university's nuclear physics research unit yesterday. They are (left to right) the Mayor, Mr. Patrick Lewis; Dr. T. F. Muller, president of the Chamber of Mines, who opened the building; Dr. Hans Nel, president of the Associated and Technical Societies of South Africa; Sir Keith Acutt, a director of Anglo American Corporation; Mr. M. W. Richards, chairman of the University Council; and Dr. G. R. Bozzoli, principal of Wits.



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The Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. Patrick Lewis, with Rag Queen, Miss Helen George, and her two princesses, Maxine Goldber (left) and Helen Bloomberg (right), at a luncheon for Rag officials and beneficiaries at the City Hall today.

## Mini-floats and drum majorettes

MINI-FLOATS and majorettes, "Myths and Mythtakes" and 35 fully-fledged floats leave the Civic Centre at 10 a.m. tomorrow for the annual Wits. University Rag procession through the city.

The procession will travel down Rissik Street, turn left into Plein Street and then right into Eloff Street. At Market Street the floats will turn right again, and return to the Civic Centre through Rissik Street.

Students will be collecting money for charities.

Three groups of drum majorettes will march with the procession — those from Natal University, the Johannesburg College of Education and Wits.

The Rag Queens of Wits., J.C.E. and Natal University will take part.

# Unfriendly blitz hits Wits Wits

STUDENT Rag leaders were unwilling to comment today on the storm that has blown up over their 1969 Rag magazine "Wits Wits." Sales of the magazine have been suspended.

Churchmen as well as businessmen have objected strongly to what they feel are smutty or obscene jokes in "Wits Wits." There has been talk of a court

order to prevent further sales and, according to a report, one of the Rag beneficiaries is thinking of refusing any donation from the Wits. Rag.

Yesterday Rag committee members, the editors of "Wits Wits" and members of the Students' Representative Council met Dr. G. R. Bozzoli, the vice-chancellor and principal,

and later issued a statement saying that further sales of "Wits Wits" would be suspended.

"The magazine implied that material published in it had been censored by Dr. Bozzoli," the Rag chairman, Mr. Alan Barnett, said. "In point of fact, because of an administrative oversight of the Rag Committee due to tremendous pressures of work, some material had not reached him."

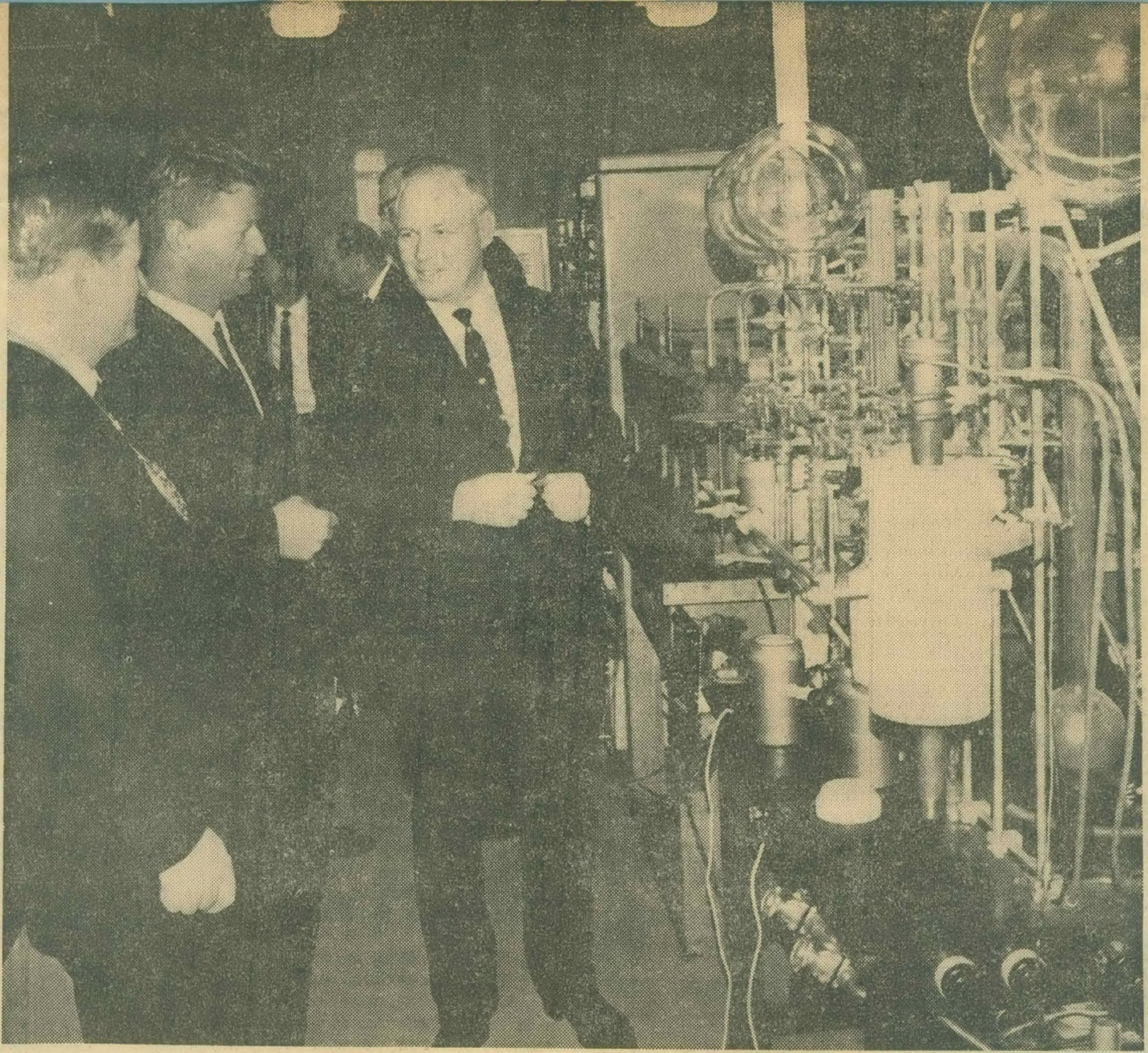
Dr. Bozzoli was not available for comment today. Asked whether the remaining R7,500 worth of unsold copies of "Wits Wits" might still be sold, Mr. Barnett said: "I really do not know. Nothing further is being done at this stage and I prefer not to comment on the possibility of the suspension on sales being lifted."

Despite a report in an Afrikaans newspaper yesterday that

the Abraham Kriel Kinderhuis in Langlaagte might not accept a donation from Rag, representatives of the home attended a Mayoral luncheon for Rag committee members and beneficiaries in the City Hall yesterday.

Randburg Municipality, which once before forbade the sales of "Wits Wits," gave permission for the magazine to be sold in Randburg this year.

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## Wits nuclear research is praised

STAFF REPORTER

**ANY INDUSTRY** which disregarded the fundamental research work in South African universities did so at its peril, according to Dr. T. F. Muller, president of the Chamber of Mines.

Speaking at the opening of the new R250,000 Nuclear Physics Research Unit at the University of the Witwatersrand at the weekend, Dr. Muller said university research units were not founded purely for direct commercial benefit that might stem from their work.

"But the advantage of the Wits research unit for the new industrial development in South Africa — the introduction of nuclear power, for example — will develop from the acquirement of technical experience in a new but very necessary science" he said.

"South Africa is always in need of acquiring new scientific knowledge and the training of new technologists. The tempo of new development in this country and the need to co-operate with overseas scientists to ensure that we are keeping up with all the advances requires that we also make some contributions to world research in this important field of science," Dr. Muller said.

### TEACHING

"The unit also makes a major contribution to teaching in the university at all levels — covering general physics as well as nuclear and atomic physics — and this important activity will continue to expand.

"With nuclear power stations to be established here in the near future, this aspect of the unit's work is extremely valuable," Dr. Muller said.

The new research unit is also assisting in water research in South Africa, South West Africa and Botswana and has received financial grants from overseas for this.

Prof. J. P. F. Sellschop, director of the Nuclear Physics Research Unit at the University of Witwatersrand, explaining some of the apparatus to the Mayor of Johannesburg, Councillor Patrick Lewis, left, and Dr. W. Stutterheim, centre, deputy president of the C.S.I.R. The research unit was officially opened by Dr. T. F. Muller, president of the Chamber of Mines.

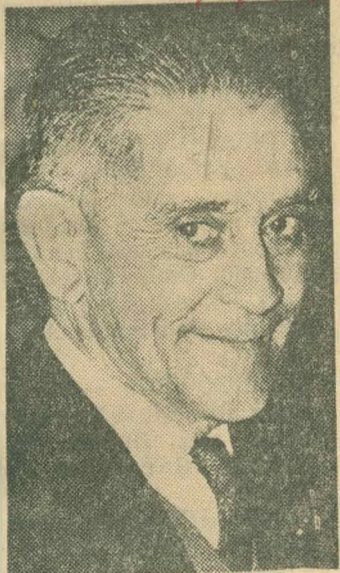


## Good cause

STAR 14/5/69



Eyes screw up with concentration and sewing-machines whine as these women from the Union of Jewish Women prepare for their fete on Wednesday, May 21, at the Temple Emanuel, Parktown. The fete will be opened by the Mayoress, Mrs. Patrick Lewis. The Union of Jewish Women supports various projects, such as hospital visiting, soup kitchens for non-Whites at the outpatients section of the General and Edenvale Hospitals, and care of underprivileged children. From left to right, the women are Mrs. A. Glaser, Mrs. S. Mansell, Mrs. V. Bradlow, Mrs. A. Youngleson, Mrs. J. Marks, Mrs. M. Cassel and Mrs. B. Heyman.



MR. FRED HAYWOOD  
... honoured at City Hall.

## For 50 years Fred has served Jo'burg

Municipal Reporter

MR. FRED HAYWOOD has been at it for nearly half a century. Serving Johannesburg, that is.

Yesterday — 45 years ago to the day that he joined the Transport Department as a tram-car cleaner — Fred really felt it was all worth it.

Smiling broadly, and not a little proudly, he topped the list of seven municipal employees — their total service amounts to 300 years — who were honoured at a civic function at the City Hall.

After the ceremony, all Fred Haywood could say was: "This is a great city. It is filled with wonderful people."

He joined the municipal service in the roaring 20s. Those glorious days when the city's Transport Department ran at a profit.

He went through the full bit: tram-car cleaner, pointsman, conductor, driver, and for the past 29 years, inspector.

In the last 50 years, there had been only one other person who can claim a longer service record than Fred in the Johannesburg municipality.

## When city trams ran at a profit

At a ceremony in the Duncan Hall yesterday the Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. Patrick Lewis made presentations to 79 council employees who have given altogether almost 2,500 years of service.

Seven long-service certificates were awarded to retiring employees with more than 30 years of service each. Top of the list was Mr. Fred Haywood who was with the transport department for 45 years, reaching the post of inspector.

In handing over the certificate, the Mayor quipped that only four years before Mr. Haywood joined the transport department, the city trams actually used to run at a profit.

Mr. Lewis gave 72 gold watches and other awards to employees who had 30 years of service.

Six cash awards were given for beneficial suggestions, and two letters of commendation were acknowledged.

## STAR 23/5/1969 Personality



Miss Marlene Arkin, South Africa's Miss Teenage Personality, who was yesterday given her return air ticket to America by the Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. Patrick Lewis, at a special function in the Mayor's Parlour. Miss Arkin, who is 16 and of Birdhaven, will represent South Africa at the International Teen Princess Pageant in Chicago from June 1 to June 8. She will leave for the United States on Sunday. The Mayor also presented her with six silver spoons bearing the Johannesburg crest, which, he hoped, she could present to the cities in America she visits. Miss Arkin will fly on the new South African Airways route via Rio de Janeiro.

# „Skokfeite’ oor Goudstad



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## ‘POLITICS’

MUNICIPAL REPORTER

THE MAYOR of Johannesburg, Mr. Patrick Lewis, was accused by a senior Nationalist City Councillor yesterday of conduct not befitting a mayor of the City by involving himself in politics.

The accusation was made at yesterday's City Council meeting by Mr. C. P. Venter, chief whip of the National Party in the council.

Traditionally the mayor's office is regarded as above politics. Mr. Lewis was not in the chamber when Mr. Venter spoke.

Mr. Venter's accusation followed a recommendation by the Management Committee that Mr. I. W. Robinson be appointed deputy manager of the Non-European Affairs Department.

Mr. Lewis claimed that Mr. Lewis had attended a recent United Party caucus meeting to put representations from the Urban Bantu Council that another candidate, Mr. J. C. de Villiers, was "unacceptable" for the post.

### LESSER BODY

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Deur Ons Stadsverslaggewer

„Skokfeite’ oor die bevordering van 'n Johannesburgse munisipale amptenaar het gister aan die lig gekom, terwyl Johannesburg se burgemeester, mnr. P. R. B. Lewis, van politiekery beskuldig is.

Dit het op die maandvergadering van die Goudstad se stadsraad gebeur. Die hoofswep van die Nasionale Party-groep in die raad, mnr. C. P. Venter, het gepraat.

Mnr. Venter was aan die woord oor die aanstelling van mnr. I. W. Robinson as adjunk-hoofbestuurder van die afdeling nie-blanke sake.

Die bestuurskomitee het eers eenparig besluit om mnr. J. C. de Villiers in die pos aan te stel. Hy en mnr. Robinson is albei assistent-bestuurders in die afdeling nie-blanke sake.

Volgens mnr. Venter was die gort gaar omdat die bestuurskomitee van vyf mnr. De Villiers aanbevel het en het die burgemeester, mnr. Lewis, toe die ongehoorde stap gedoen en ingegryp.

### Rede

Mnr. Lewis het glo samesprekings met lede van die Stedelike Bantoraad gevoer, wat vir hom (mnr. Lewis) gesê het mnr. De Villiers is vir hulle onaanvaarbaar in die pos van adjunk-hoofbestuurder.

Mnr. Venter het gesê hy is bekommerd omdat die Stedelike Bantoraad van die aanbeveling van die bestuurskomitee geweet het.

Hoewel mnr. Lewis as burgemeester buite die partypolitiek behoort te staan, het hy 'n vergadering van die kookus van die VP-groep in die raad bygewoon. Daar het hy 'n venynige aanval op mnr. De Villiers gedoen en druk op die kookus uitgeoefen om die Stedelike Bantoraad te paai, het mnr. Venter gesê.

Die bestuurskomitee het daarna aanbeveel dat mnr. Robinson aangestel word.

Mnr. Venter het gesê hy beskou dié gebeure as 'n mosie van wantroue in die bestuurskomitee. Hy betreur hul swak oordeelsvermoë en deur hul optrede maak hulle die deur oop vir nog inmenging in die huishoudelike sake van die stadsraad.

### Raad

Dit behoort aan die Stedelike Bantoraad tuisgebring te word dat hy daar is om raad te gee en hom nie moet inmeng in die raad se huishoudelike sake nie.

Mnr. Venter het gesê die stadsraad is die venster waardeur die res van die land Johannesburg sien en die beeld wat hulle sien, is die een wat hulle altyd met hulle saamdra. In die verlede is al dikwels gepraat oor die verbetering van dié beeld en die raad behoort niks te doen wat dié beeld verswak nie.

Die voorsitter van die bestuurskomitee, mnr. P. M. Roos, het in antwoord gesê 'n klomp raaiwerk is gedoen en baie mense het blykbaar in kristal-balle gekyk, want die besluit wat die bestuurskomitee geneem het, is soos dit in die sakelys aanbeveel is, nl. dat mnr. Robinson aangestel word.

Hy het gesê dit maak nie saak of die aanstelling onderhewig is aan goedkeuring van wie ook al nie, dit sal deurgevoer word.

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# COUNCILLOR ACCUSES MAYOR OF 'POLITICS'

MUNICIPAL REPORTER

**THE MAYOR** of Johannesburg, Mr. Patrick Lewis, was accused by a senior Nationalist City Councillor yesterday of conduct not befitting a mayor of the City by involving himself in politics.

The accusation was made at yesterday's City Council meeting by Mr. C. P. Venter, chief whip of the National Party in the council.

Traditionally the mayor's office is regarded as above politics. Mr. Lewis was not in the chamber when Mr. Venter spoke.

Mr. Venter's accusation followed a recommendation by the Management Committee that Mr. I. W. Robinson be appointed deputy manager of the Non-European Affairs Department.

Mr. Venter claimed that Mr. Lewis had attended a recent United Party caucus meeting to put representations from the Urban Bantu Council that another candidate, Mr. J. C. de Villiers, was "unacceptable" for the post.

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# Burgemeester aangeval oor sy 'politiekery'

(Munisipale Verslaggewer)

**M**NR. PATRICK LEWIS, Johannesburg se burgemeester, is gisteraand in die maandvergadering van die stadsraad bitsig aangeval en daarvan beskuldig dat hy die Goudstad se beeld vertroebel het deur hom met die politiek in te meng.

Mnr. Carel Venter, hoofswep van die N.P.-groep in die raad, het in 'n dramatiese toespraak die „skokfeite” geopenbaar dat die stad se bestuurskomitee deur die Stedelike Bantoraad beïnvloed is in die aanstelling van 'n senior amptenaar in die afdeling nie-blanke sake.

## Toespraak

Mnr. Venter het dit ook aan die lig gebring dat mnr. Lewis 'n kookusvergadering van die V.P.-beheerde stadsraad in verband met die aanstelling toegesprek het.

Mnr. Lewis was nie in die raadsaal toe mnr. Venter gepraat het nie en na verneem word, het hy buite die raadsaal met 'n gehoor-toestelletjie gesit en luister. Toe hy na afloop van die vergadering

genader is om kommentaar te lewer, het hy beslis geweier.

Hoewel die Sappe doodstil na mnr. Venter gesit en luister het, was dit duidelik dat hulle baie krielrig was. Mnr. Pieter Roos, voorsitter van die bestuurskomitee, het die debat gesluit nadat mnr. Venter gepraat het en so doende het hulle enige verdere bespreking van die aangeleentheid die nek ingeslaan.

Mnr. Venter, hy is ook lid van die komitee vir nie-blanke sake, het gepraat oor die aanstelling van mnr. I. W. Robinson as adjunk-bestuurder van die afdeling nie-blanke sake. Volgens hom het die bestuurskomitee aanvanklik eenparig besluit om mnr. J. C. de Villiers, 'n assistent-bestuurder in die afdeling, aan te bevel.

## Ingegryp

Dit is toe dat mnr. Lewis ingegryp het. Lede van die Stedelike Bantoraad het glo same-sprekings met hom gevoer en gesê dat mnr. De Villiers nie vir hulle as adjunk-bestuurder aanvaarbaar is nie. Mnr. Venter sê hy is bekommerd oor die feit dat die Bantoraad van die bestuurskomitee se aanbeveling geweet het.

Mnr. Lewis het toe 'n kookusvergadering van die V.P.-groep in die raad bygewoon en 'n vernynige aanval op mnr. De Villiers gedoen en druk op die kookus uitgeoefen om die Bantoraad te paai, het mnr. Venter gesê.

Die bestuurskomitee het daarna aanbeveel dat mnr. Robinson aangestel word. Mnr. Venter sê hy beskou die ebeure as 'n mosie van wantroue in die bestuurskomitee en hy betreur ook hul swak oordeelsvermoë.

# 'Politics' charge flung at Mayor

**A** NATIONALIST city councillor yesterday accused the Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. Patrick Lewis, of involving himself in politics and allowing a "lesser body," namely, the Urban Bantu Council in Soweto, to interfere in the city council's affairs.

Mr. C. P. Venter, the Nationalist chief whip in the council, was speaking at yesterday's monthly council meeting on a Management Committee recommendation that Mr. I. W. Robinson be appointed deputy manager of the city's Non-European Affairs Department.

Mr. Lewis was not in the chamber during Mr. Venter's attack on him. Replying, Mr. Pieter Roos, chairman of the Management Committee, said that Mr. Venter had done a "lot of crystal-ball gazing."

Mr. Venter's allegation was that Mr. Lewis had talks with the U.B.C. and then told a United Party caucus that another candidate for the deputy manager's post, Mr. J. C. de Villiers, was unacceptable to the U.B.C.

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The Mayor was thus involving himself in politics, conduct not befitting a mayor, Mr. Venter said. He was attacking a departmental head so as to pander to the U.B.C. and was "opening the door to interference in the council's affairs by lesser bodies."

Mr. Roos said that the Management Committee had made only one decision, namely that in the agenda, to recommend Mr. Robinson for the post. "I was not at the caucus meeting," he said, "but I am told that the Management Committee's original decision was not altered by the caucus."

The council approved Mr. Robinson's appointment.

# Praat Mnr. Lewis, Ons Kan Jou Nie Hoor Nie

DAAR is een Suid-Afrikaanse burgemeester wat met 'n ongemaklike politieke aanklag teen hom sit. Johannesburg se nommer een, mnr. Pat Lewis, is deur sy Nasionale opponente daarvan beskuldig dat hy:

1. Na Bantoes geluister het wat nie 'n sekere blanke amp-tenaar aangestel wou hê nie.
2. Hom met die politiek ingemeng het en die stad se Sappokous beïnvloed het om die Bantoes se keuse en nie dié van die blanke bestuurskomitee aan te beveel nie.

Ek wonder of só 'n situasie al ooit in ons land voorgekom het. Die hele mandjie patats het op Dinsdag se stadsraadvergadering te voorskyn gekom. Aangesien daar nog geen ontkenning van mnr. Lewis of sy partygenote gekom het nie, kan ek seker maar die storie op my manier oortel.



• MNR. LEWIS

Die bestuurskomitee van vyf het eenparig aanbeveel dat mnr. J. S. de Villiers, een van die stad se twee assistent-bestuurders van die Afdeling Nie-blanke Sake, tot adjunk-hoofbestuurder bevorder word.

Die nuus het aan die Stedelike Bantoraad uitgelek. Die Bantoelede hou egter meer van mnr. I. W. Robinson, die ander assistent-bestuurder, en hulle vertel vir burgemeester Lewis daarvan. Mnr. Lewis, seker nie minder liberaal as mnr. Robinson nie, stem saam en oordeel die V.P.-kous om die Bantoraad se voorstel te aanvaar. 'n Burgemeester is veronderstel om hom nie gedurende sy ampstermyn met die politiek in te laat nie.

Die arme mnr. De Villiers kan wel wonder wat hom getref het. Die bestuurskomitee beveel hom aan, maar die Bantoraad en die V.P.-stadsraad keur hom af. En na ek verneem, is mnr. De Villiers nie eens 'n Nasionalis nie!

## Eise

Maar die lede van die Stedelike Bantoraad meen seker dat hulle met hulle buitensporige en ongeregverdigde eise verder met mnr. Robinson sal kom.

● Al mense, as julle wil sien hoe politieke knoetwerk lyk, moet julle Johannesburg toe kom. Dit behoort, nes die Hertzogtoring, een van die stad se besienswaardighede te wees. Maar anders as met die toring, sal die besoeker nie opstyg nie, maar ondergronds moet gaan.

(TOE, MNR. LEWIS, VERTEL VIR ONS DAT ONS VERKEERD IS. ONS SAL U ANTWOORD MET GRAAGTE PLAAS — Voorslag).

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## Attack on Jo'burg Mayor 'nonsense,' says Pieter Roos

By JACK SACKSE

ALLEGATIONS that Johannesburg's Mayor, Mr. Patrick Lewis, had intervened in the appointment of a senior municipal official were "just so much nonsense," Mr. Pieter Roos, chairman of the city's Management Committee, said this week.

"The criticism was without foundation and, mischievous and should never have been made," he said.

At the City Council meeting this week Mr. Carel Venter, chief whip of the Nationalist Party group in the council, accused the Mayor of having attended a caucus meeting of the ruling United Party group, and there arguing against the appointment of an official allegedly already recommended for the post of deputy-manager of the Non-European Affairs Department.

Mr. Venter alleged that Mr. J. C. de Villiers had been recommended for the post by the Management Committee. When the matter subsequently came before the United Party caucus (said Mr. Venter) Mr. Lewis intervened, and as a result Mr. I. W. Robinson was then recommended in place of Mr. De Villiers.

This alleged action by the Mayor, said Mr. Venter, not only brought his office into disrepute but also besmirched the image of Johannesburg, as it reflected on the way its business was conducted.

Mr. Roos told me that the Management Committee had already recommended that Mr. Robinson should be appointed to the post long before the caucus meeting.

This recommendation was made known to the caucus meeting to which the Mayor was specially invited.

"Mr. Lewis has been for many years chairman of the Non-European Committee. We thought it a matter of courtesy

that he should be invited to the meeting when this matter came up.

"At that meeting he did not cause any change whatever in the nomination, and to the best of my knowledge nothing derogatory or critical either of Mr. Robinson or Mr. De Villiers was voiced by anybody.

"The two leading candidates were judged entirely on merit — on the basis of their qualifications, experience and administrative ability.

"There was very little to choose between them, but finally it was decided that Mr. Robinson should get the job."

"These facts should scotch all further irresponsible criticism of the Mayor."

# Pat Lewis Sê Hy Het Nie 'Geknoei'



Mnr. P. Lewis

**MNR. PATRICK LEWIS, BURGEMEESTER VAN JOHANNESBURG:** Na aanleiding van 'n uitnodiging van verlede week om op aantygings teen my te antwoord, doen ek dit hiermee:

Met die laaste vergadering van die Johannesburgse Stadsraad op 27 Mei gehou, was een van die items op die agenda die aanstelling van die adjunkbestuurder van die nie-blanke sake-afdeling.

Die aanbeveling voor die Raad was dat mnr. I. W. Robinson aangestel moet word. Ek was nie in die Raadskamer op die tydstip dat hierdie item oorweeg is nie.

Raadslid Venter, die Sweep van die Nasionale Party, het opmerkings gemaak oor my posisie as Burgemeester en gesê dat dit 'n tradisie was dat die Burgemeester, gedurende sy amptstermyn, nie met politiek moet inmeng nie en hy het aangedui dat ek in verband met die aanbeveling voor die Raad op 'n politieke manier gehandel het, op 'n manier wat nie die Burgemeester toekom nie.

Volgens die koerantberigte het hy beweer:

1. Dat die bestuurskomitee eenparig ooreengekom het om 'n mnr. J. C. de Villiers as die adjunkbestuurder aan te stel (die ander applikant wat vir die pos oorweeg is);
2. dat ek 'n kouskusvergadering van die Verenigde Party bygewoon het;
3. dat die Stedelike Bantoraad in kennis gestel is van die Bestuurskomitee se besluit, om mnr. J. C. de Villiers aan te stel;
4. dat die Stedelike Bantoraad met my in verbinding getree het en hulle gesê het dat hulle die aanstelling van mnr. Robinson verkies en dat mnr. De Villiers onaanvaarbaar was;
5. dat ek moes geweier het om die saak met lede van die Stedelike Bantoraad te bespreek;
6. dat, na my samesprekings met die Stedelike Bantoraad en ten einde hulle te paai, ek die Kouskus beïnvloed het om mnr. I. W. Robinson aan te stel, waardeur die Bestuurskomitee oorheers is;
7. dat die uitwerking hiervan was dat 'n juniorliggaam (die Stedelike Bantoraad) druk uit oefen om die Raad se besluite te beïnvloed.

Laat ek die vrae een vir een beantwoord:

1. Die Bestuurskomitee het die aanstelling van die adjunkbestuurder op verskeie vergaderings oorweeg. Mnr. Robinson sowel as mnr. De Villiers is besonder geskik vir aanstelling in die betrekking, ofskoon hulle nie oor dieselfde ervaring beskik nie en ook nie ewe lank in die Raad se diens is nie.

Daar is oorweging geskenk aan die moontlikheid daarvan om twee adjunkbestuurders aan te stel aangesien albei aansoekers verdien om aangestel te word.

Daar is op grond van reperkussies wat dit in ander afdelings mag hê, teen die aanstelling van twee adjunkbestuurders besluit. Daar word tans ondersoek ingestel na die raadsaamheid daarvan om mede-adjunkte in die Raad se afdelings aan te stel, maar die ondersoek sal 'n tydlank duur.

Die Bestuurskomitee het by geen geleentheid besluit om mnr. De Villiers aan te stel nie.

2. Ek het die betrokke kou-

kusvergadering slegs tydens die bespreking van die item bygewoon. Die waarnemende voorsitter van die Komitee vir Nie-Blanke Sake, raadslid Sam Moss, die onderburgemeester, het my gevra om teenwoordig te wees aangesien ek so vertrouwd wat met die afdeling en die aansoekers so goed geken het. Ek is sedert 1958 voorsitter van die komitee. Syns in siens kon my menings vir die kouskus van nut wees. Wat my betref, was hierdie aangeleentheid nie van 'n politieke aard nie en dus het ek aan sy versoek voldoen.

3. Die Bestuurskomitee het nie besluit om mnr. De Villiers aan te stel nie.

4/5. Ek het by geen geleentheid enige lid van die Stedelike Bantoraad in die verband benader nie, nog minder het ek die saak met enige lid van die Stedelike Bantoraad bespreek.

6. Aangesien die Bestuurskomitee geen besluit geneem het om mnr. De Villiers aan te stel nie, was daar geen sprake daarvan dat 'n besluit van die Bestuurskomitee in die verband omvergewerp word nie.

7. Die antwoorde op vrae 4 en 5 beantwoord die vraag.

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