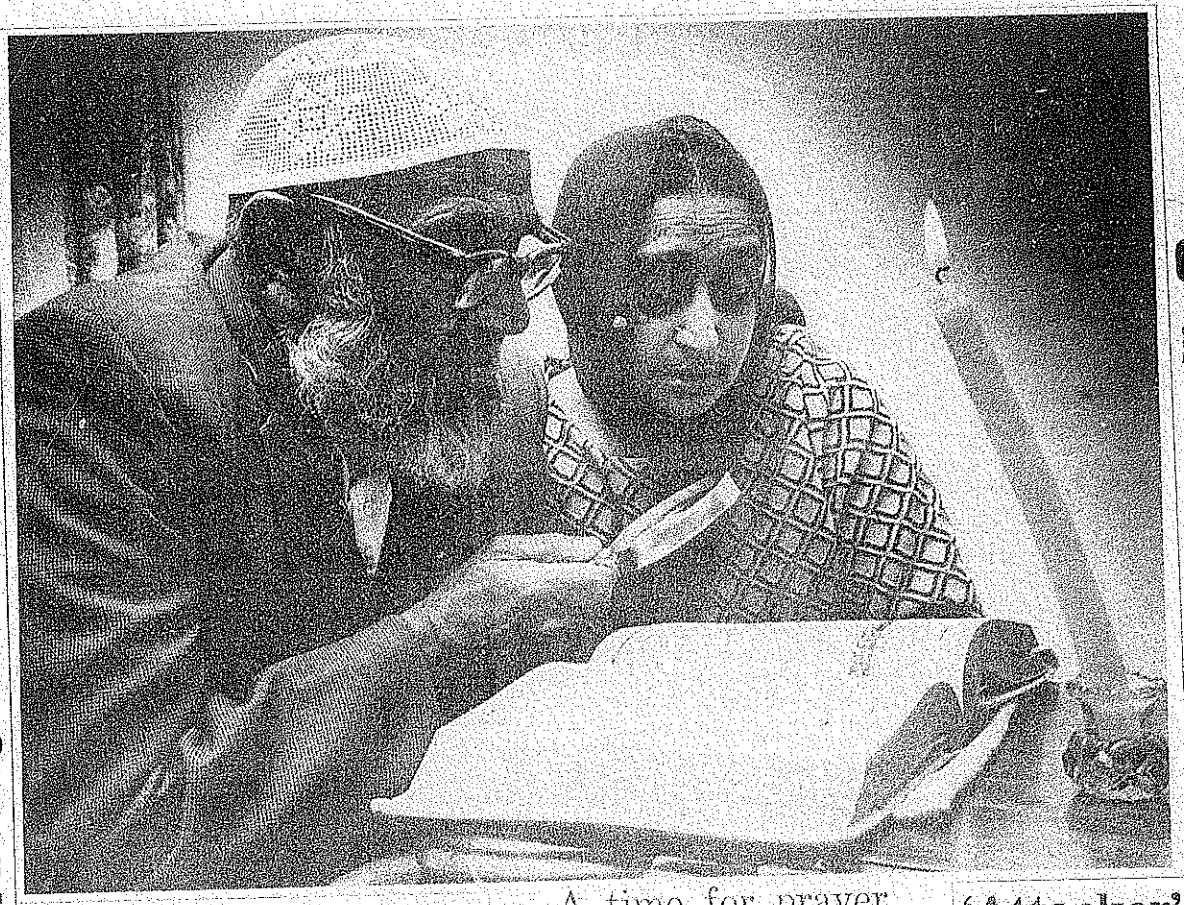

Council attacked over Coloureds

Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN. — The leader of the National Party in the Cape Provincial Council, Mr. Frans Conradie, MPC, made a scathing attack yesterday on the Cape Town City Council for failing to recognise the services of its Coloured employees by way of promotion to senior positions.

He also referred to the "quality crisis" in the city council, and said the average type of representative in the council left a "lot to be desired."

Mr. Conradie's onslaught came in his speech introducing the second reading on the contentious Local Authorities Voters Amendment Ordinance — the draft legislation which is calculated to remove the Coloured people from the municipal voters' roll.

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"There are many Coloured employees in the city council. How come there are not many in senior positions?" Mr. Conradie asked.

"As far as I can see, there is no recognition of their wonderful service."

Mr. Conradie said he could assure the council that "not many" members of the city council were upset at the loss of the Coloured voting rights and they were certainly not as unanimously opposed to the proposed ordinance as United Party members would have the council believe.

Mr. Conradie said the city council was not worried about Coloureds, but about how they would be hit economically.

He added that it was an open secret that an influential group of councillors was not concerned with the Coloured vote, but the so-called economic results of this legislation.

Centre will harm area, inquiry told

By DENIS BECKETT

SANDTON TOWN COUNCIL'S proposed civic centre development would destroy the physical and social safety of the area, a local resident said in argument at the Townships Board hearing into the council's application yesterday.

Mrs. Ann Wrighton, of Kelvin Grove Street, Sandown, told the board that many of the town's residents had moved there to bring up their families in beneficial surroundings.

The scheme would bring harmful influences to the area, she said. "The Outer Breezaye and closer shops won't compensate us for the loss of our homes and gardens and the unpolluted atmosphere."

The Townships Board hearing continued yesterday, nearly a year after it began. The board does not give a public judgment on the issue, but will make a recommendation to the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr. Van Vuuren, who decides whether to grant the council's application for business and higher-use flat rights.

Yesterday's sitting, Mr. C. Eliott, SC, for the council, said the Administrator had absolute discretion in rezoning the area. This should be done according to the board and long-term benefit of the region, and not necessarily in obedience to the presentations of groups of residents.

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Mr. Eliott denied allegations by objecting residents that the construction of the centre had not been fully investigated. Neighbouring residents were objecting for emotional reasons, he said.

"No matter how fully motivated the scheme was, or how many years' research had been put into it, there would still be people who would flatly oppose it. Once people have a certain emotional approach to a thing, you can't talk to them on grounds of reason."

A time for prayer

A time for meditation and prayer last night for Mr. and Mrs. Yusuf Timol, of Roodepoort, as they mourn the death of their eldest son, Ahmed, and pray for the safety of their youngest son, Mohammed, detained in Durban. The broken-hearted parents are pictured in their flat in Mare Street as they read the Koran during the Ramadan fast. Mrs. Timol reads aloud to her husband who is partially blind.

Picture by JAN VAN...

'Attacker' was bitten —evidence

Staff Reporter

THE CHIEF District Surgeon of Johannesburg, Dr. V. D. Kotze, told the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday that when he examined Mr. Frank Dabuzane after he had allegedly assaulted Mr. Harry Sam, Mr. Dabuzane had severe bruises and bite wounds.

Mr. Dabuzane, a 39-year-old chemical company employee, appeared again before Mr. P. H. S. van Zyl charged with assaulting Mr. Harry Sam, a Braamfontein cafe owner, with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

The hearing arose out of events at Mr. Sam's cafe on June 10, this year. The State alleged that between 6 and 7 am on that day, Mr. Dabuzane bit off the first joint of Mr. Sam's left-hand little finger and the thumb of his right hand.

Mr. Dabuzane told the court that he had gone to Mr. Sam's cafe to buy bread. He had an argument with Mr. Sam.

Judgment will be given today.

Attacker sought

Staff Reporter.

A WHITE man with deep scratches on his face and neck is being sought by Johannesburg detectives after an attack on a woman.

The man, who drives a light or white Volkswagen beetle, is wanted in connection with the attack, on a Johannesburg woman on Saturday night.

Lieutenant J. Lotering, of John Vorster Square said yesterday: "The woman clawed him badly with her nails and drew blood.

The man, aged 23, has black curly hair and is 1.8 m tall. He weighs 78 kg and is English-speaking.

WIFE FORGIVES MORALS ACT MAN

A YOUNG Randfontein husband and a Coloured girl were yesterday each sentenced to 10 months imprisonment, suspended for three years, by a Randfontein Regional Court magistrate for contravening the Immorality Act.

In his plea for mitigation, Barend Petrus Burger, 23, told the court he would rather appear on a charge of murder than one under the Immorality Act. His wife had forgiven him but the stigma would always cling to his name.

Mrs. Burger said in court she had forgiven her husband and was prepared to continue with their marriage as before.

Burger said that after a man had absorbed a certain amount of alcohol "his deep-rooted animal instincts come to the fore . . . he has no control over himself."

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9-POINT PLAN ON NURSES SENT OFF

Staff Reporter

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH, Dr. De Wet, and the Minister of the Interior, Mr. Fouché, are being urged to take immediate steps to act on the Van der Merwe report to give nurses a better deal.

Mr. David Epstein, MPC, United Party spokesman on hospital affairs, said yesterday he had sent off letters to the two Ministers asking them to reply by November 15.

The letters were written at the request of a public meeting in the Houghton Primary School on Wednesday night. The decision to send them was unanimous.

Mr. Epstein said he was overwhelmed at the meeting's reaction to the hospital crisis and the wish to get something done to change the situation.

There had been enthusiastic reception of a nine-point plan outlined by Mr. Harry Schwarz, MPC for Hillbrow, for relieving the nurse shortage. The meeting had requested that his plan be accepted by the Government and provincial councils.

"But what touched me most was the way people reacted to my plea for support against the closing of the Non-White hospital at Edenvale. They are convinced this hospital must not be closed," he said.

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