

- few provide a fully comprehensive service and none are open after hours to cater for emergencies
- few other agencies (eg welfare organisations) have been integrated into the clinic system
- although primary health care services using para-medical staff have been introduced at some clinics, most still rely on qualified doctors
- many clinic buildings are inadequate, and many parts of Soweto do not have convenient access to clinics.

SOME OVERALL CONCLUSIONS

1. Integration into the Metropolitan System

The designation of Soweto as a separate unit from the Metropolitan Region of Johannesburg is artificial, both from the point of view of co-ordinated planning and from that of the allocation of finance.

2. The Allocation of Resources

It is unrealistic to assume that Soweto can be economically self-sufficient. To achieve an adequate resource base, a combined strategy of creating a more effective tax base in Soweto

and of a greater allocation of metropolitan and national resources is essential. Greater private sector participation is also important.

3. An Efficient Administration

The administration of Soweto needs to be more efficient. This requires a clarification of the powers and duties of the various representative and administrative bodies involved, and the immediate training of local persons of the required skills.

4. Education

Education is a key factor in the development of a community. The separate system of education and the unequal allocation of national resources cannot be justified.

5. Personal Security

The lack of security for Sowetans leads to dependency, passivity and frustration. The permanence of urban Blacks must be secured and their rights clearly defined.

6. Opportunity for Self Expression and Choice

Opportunities for self-expression and choice are restricted at all levels and in all activities. These restrictions must be removed and opportunities for self-expression, choice and decision-making vastly increased.

Tribute to Bunty Biggs

THE CHAIRMAN of Natal Midland Region from 1977 to the beginning of this year, Bunty Biggs, has recently left us to retire with her husband to England. Pietermaritzburg will miss her in so many ways. Ask anyone what Bunty was involved in and they'll name two or three organisations, yet in fact the total was much greater, for Bunty was not one to advertise how busy she was, and even her relations could not give me details of all her concerns.

There was the Edenvale Society for Family and Child Welfare, in which for over twenty years she headed the Child Welfare section, always practical and a right-hand person to the Chairman of the day, structuring the work, liaising with local officials and coping with day-to-day crises. She was a founder committee member of Kupugani in the '60s, and more recently one of the National Directors. She showed the same down-to-earth compassion when she was among those who started the 'Need' fund in response to a period of extra-high unemployment in Pietermaritzburg in the '70s. When Dependents' Conference first began looking after the families of detainees and political prisoners in Pietermaritzburg in 1976, Bunty was one of an ad hoc committee of three who ran it locally for two years until the local Council of Churches took over the work. Bunty was a stalwart member of the Liberal Party for the whole of its existence.

Black Sash Natal Midlands Region can be grateful for Bunty's clear thinking and energetic concern in matters as diverse as removals, tours of welfare organisations by schoolchildren, conditions of Swartkop Location and the curfew — the last-named a Natal Midlands campaign which was actually successful. Bunty served on the Committee for twelve years, often taking the chair temporarily before she was elected Chairman in 1977. Under her chairmanship meetings were never dull; indeed, they were often hilarious. She was a vigorous correspondent to the local Press, and her letters on behalf of Sash or in her private capacity were always relevant and telling.

When people talk about Bunty, the same phrases recur: **love and concern for people**. Bunty is a Quaker, a member of the Society of Friends, and in that unassuming Church where there is neither Bishop nor Minister she for eight years held the highest office in Southern Africa — Clerk of Southern Africa. She is a living example of the Friends' ideal of a humble and thoroughly practical, good-humoured and loving Christian.

Uhambe kahle, Bunty! Siyabonga.

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