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after the last war. to ~\*

MANY employers  
of black women in  
Kempton Park

~ would be horrified

if they knew of the  
conditions under  
which the babies  
and children of  
these women are  
left in Tembisa.  
Because of the crit-  
ical shortage of day  
care facilities in Tem-

â\200\234LACK of care for small children is an evil which rebounds  
back on the communityâ\200\235, said Mrs Joy Hansen (right) seen  
here with Mrs Gwen Murray and Mrs Anastasia Thula (centre)

o BABIES IN TEMBISA IN...

bisa and other loca-  
tions on the East  
Rand, babies and tod-  
dlers are often left  
locked up at home  
alone for the whole  
day.

The shortage of day  
care facilities on the  
East Rand is so acute  
that the problems of  
this area were  
amongst the main  
items discussed at a

recent meenng of the  
Johannesburg based  
Committee of Concern  
for Children %

The .meetmg, held  
at Nestleâ\200\231's in Rand-

burg, was attended by women from Johannesburg, Benoni, Kempton Park and Tembisa. Amongst those present at the meeting were social

at the recent Committee of Concern for Children meeting.

workers, representatives from the Department of Health, representatives from the Department of Co-operation and Development, concerned women from several voluntary organisations and various creche supervisors.

One of the main speakers was Mrs Anastasia Thula, the

former chairman of -

Tembisa's Central Creche Committee. At present Mrs Thula and several other concerned Tembisa women are training black housewives to act as child minders in their own homes.

She told the EX-PRESS, "However the facilities in the homes of these women and

the personalities of

some of the women themselves are not well suited to the efficient care of babies and small children. Mrs Thula, who is a qualified nursing sister, was placed third in the Star's Woman of the Year competition last year, as a result of her efforts to improve the quality of life of pre-

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school children in Tembisa.

+ One of the main problems identified at the meeting was the fact that creches, in order to be registered, have to meet minimum standards laid down by |.

the Department ofw

Health. This is necessary to protect the health of the whole community.

However, the need for day care facilities is so pressing, that many â\200\234illegalâ\200\231â\200\231 day care centres and creches are already in existence. Because of lack of funds, however, they are unable to reach the standards required for registration. Registration of creches is necessary not only for the maintenance of standards, but also to make them eligible for government subsidies. :

Mrs Gwen Murray, who chaired the meeting, suggested that a programme of emergency measures was needed to remedy the situation â\200\224 in the same way as a crash programme was instituted in South Africa

provide facilities for

white children. o  
Another delegate to

the meeting suggested

that a register of approved child minders should be started by the Department of Health.

DR, Barend Pretorius, head of the Hermon Clinic attended the Jennie

de la Hunt School  
of Modelling and  
Department to de-  
liver an interesting  
talk on how to ac-  
cept yourself. :

He explained to  
them how to try and  
become confident and  
how to relate to their  
audience when doing  
a show. They were ad-  
vised to promote their  
best features in order  
to draw attention away  
from what they feel are  
their bad points.

The importance of

show and preparation  
for a show was also  
discussed. The overall  
message of the lecture

relaxation prior to a -

-To accept  
yourself

was to accept yourself  
and your shortco-  
mings.

Thirty students ac-  
companied by their  
mothers attended the

" lecture and an inter-

esting discussion fol-  
lowed.

- Guest speakers are  
invited to discuss other  
subjects such as hotels  
etiquette and the art of.  
make-up during the  
courses which run for  
a few months.

Pupils from the  
school have been  
seen recently at the  
Fashion Show which  
was held last week at  
Birchleigh Primary  
School and will be  
seen at the Southem  
Cross Fashion Show  
which is to be held at  
the Jan Smuts Holiday  
Inn on March 30.