

# 'Abolish NATAL WITNESS influx 13 SEPT. 1984 control' — McIntosh

## Witness Reporter

INFLUX control should be abolished and Blacks should be aided to live in the cities, Mr Graham McIntosh, PFP MP for Pietermaritzburg North, said at an urbanisation consultation with local Black leaders at the Lay Ecumenical Centre on Tuesday night.

"Influx control has not stopped the flow of people to the cities anyway, and the problem is worsening. The Group Areas Act obstructs urbanisation and encourages overcrowding of 'black spots' he said.

"Land must be available to any buyer in any area and Blacks must be aided as White farmers

are. Cities must be open and people wanting to settle there should be helped with housing schemes and jobs."

More housing should be provided for workers so that their wives and families can live with them in urban areas, leaving the rural areas for improved farming.

The PFP was concerned at the lack of foresight in planning for urbanisation and rural development.

"The laws peculiar to South Africa will have to be removed first and then only will we be able to face the problems the international community is facing — urbanisation."