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THE SCENE of the latest diggers' rush is Mr Willie Rickett's farm, just beyond Barkly West. Some 800 white men are on the ground. It is anticipated that the farm will in the near future be proclaimed as an alluvial digging area. Many of the Harrisdale diggers have migrated to Rickett's Rush.

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NO FEWER than six veld fires, several believed to have been deliberately caused, swept over an area of nearly two square miles near Kenilworth, destroying valuable veld and threatening Kenilworth village. The police are investigating the cause of the fires. The first was believed to have been caused by a cigarette butt.

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BETWEEN 150 000 and 200 000 people have been forcibly removed from the Northern Cape and resettled in the "homelands" since 1960. At least another 25 000 blacks face resettlement in the future. Most of the relocation in the Northern Cape took place in the early '70s, making this the most thoroughly cleaned area in South Africa.

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SUBCONTRACTORS working on the Big Hole conference centre have threatened to take legal action against the Department of Roads and Public Works as well as the new contractors on site, should they be removed from the premises. The subcontractors for the electrical, engineering and catering equipment who have been prohibited from entering the building site, said they would be forced to retrench more workers today should their services be terminated.