

DAVID GOLDBLATT: CAPTIONS

Exhibition Title: Structures of Dominion and Democracy

Photograph_1



Ozzie Docrat with his daughter Nassima in his shop before its closure and destruction under the Group Areas proclamation which declared Pageview/Fietas, a White group area. Johannesburg. 1976.

Photograph_2



Mineworkers' bunks in the abandoned "Chinese" compound of the Simmer and Jack Gold Mine, Germiston, July 1965. To meet a shortage of labour, mine-owners brought some 63 000 indentured Chinese labourers to the gold mines between 1904 and 1910. To ensure control of their movements, closed compounds, similar to those used on the Kimberley diamond mines, were built to house them. Outer walls had no windows. Entry and exit were via a guarded gate. The men were repatriated to China in 1910. However, the advantages of closed quadrangular compounds in the housing and control of labour had been clearly demonstrated. Until the late 20th century, the design was generally applied to housing for black migrant workers on our mines. Rooms sleeping 20 to 40 men were common. Metal beds later replaced concrete. Late in the 20th century compounds came to be called "hostels" and the latest are "open" in design.

Photograph_3



One of three elephants by sculptor Andries Botha, commissioned by the Durban City Council as part of an urban renewal project, lies broken by vandals and metal thieves on the traffic island where the sculptures were sited. Two weeks from completion in 2010, the work was stopped when an African National Congress councillor objected that the elephants resembled those in the logo of the Inkatha Freedom Party. Warwick Triangle, Durban. 7 August 2014

Photograph_4



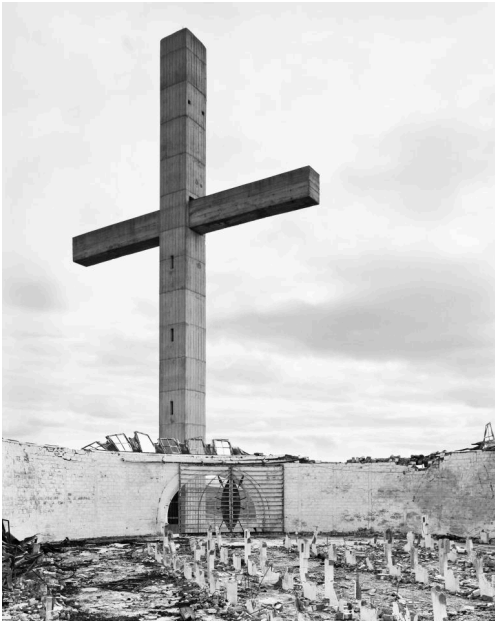
The City Hall, Durban, 29 August 1980. In considerable pomp and amid great public celebration and acclaim, Durban's City Hall was opened on 12 April 1910 by: "...General the Right Honourable Lord Methuen, Knight Grand Cross of the most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Natal, Vice-Admiral of the same, and Supreme Chief over the native population, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, South Africa." (From the salutation read by the town clerk at the opening ceremony)

Photograph_5



Warwick Junction and the city, with a portrait of Xolani Nwza, inyanga, by Faith 47, eThekweni, Durban. 3 July 2014

Photograph_6



Twenty-three metre cross and burnt-out mission of the Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk, Dinganestad, 21 July 1989. The cross overlooks Dingane's old capital, uMgungundlovu and the Makhosini Valley, the burial place of Zulu royal ancestors. The church was burnt down in 1985; some say the fire was caused by an electrical fault, others by the arson of a student.