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# Rio race traffic arrangements

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**VISITORS** to the Cape Town harbour area who plan to see the beginning of the Cape-to-Rio race "unofficially" without permits and invitations from the organizers on Saturday—forget it. The Harbour Police are prepared for you.

This warning may sound severe and even threatening, but so it is intended to be, according to Capt. D. F. Malan, head of the South African Harbour Police, Cape Town, who will be officially coping with the water-edge crowds on Saturday.

"We don't mean to keep people from seeing the start of the huge event—I'd like to see it myself—but the dock area is going to be a seething mass of cars and people the whole of Saturday and what we want is co-operation," Captain Malan said.

And to get co-operation, the public must be made fully aware of what they can and can't do.

"Firstly, if you haven't been invited and you don't have the necessary permit to get into the docks, don't try. The gates will be officially closed to the public at 6 a.m. on Saturday. Police will be at the three gates—Paarden Eiland, Pirow and Heerengracht—which will be left open for authorized visitors and the normal dock workers. Everyone will be checked.

"Secondly, if you are invited, go to the areas such as the breakwater which are set aside for viewing the yachts

## POLICE WARN ON PERMITS



**Capt. D. F. Malan, head of the Cape Town Harbour Police, who will be controlling the mass of Cape-to-Rio race spectators on Saturday.**

and don't look for something better."

Captain Malan said that anyone found climbing cranes, buildings or railway trucks for a better vantage point, would be arrested. "This is a criminal offence and on conviction a person will be fined R100 or sentenced to six months' imprisonment."

As far as parking is concerned, space will be provided for between 2 000 and 3 000 motor vehicles. "If we manage to accommodate this many and more keep arriving, they will possibly have to find parking outside the dock area.

"Barricades will be placed across the South Arm end of Duncan Road and parking or

driving beyond this will be prohibited. A convoy of six buses will ferry people arriving at the SAS Unittie to the breakwater from 12 noon until 6 p.m."

Captain Malan said that 70 policemen would be patrolling the entire area and even buses which normally frequented the docks would be checked for unauthorized visitors.

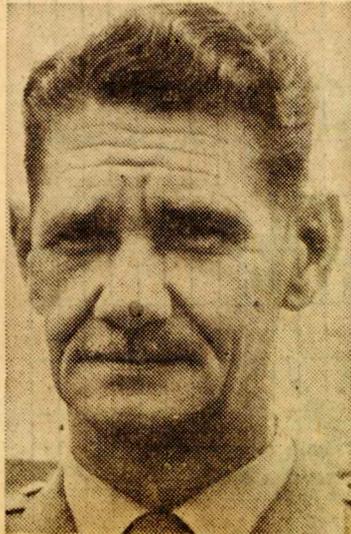
About 5 000 visitors are expected and most of these will find space on the harbour breakwater.

### TRAFFIC POLICE

Warrant Officer P. J. Kruger will be helping Captain Malan in maintaining a "workable situation. We appeal to the public to keep the area as free as possible while the yacht race begins, as the docks must still function," he said.

Outside the dock area, 20 traffic policemen on motorcycles will be on call around the city to keep traffic flowing.

"We don't anticipate any problems," Mr. J. P. O'Connor, Assistant Traffic Manager for Cape Town, said yesterday. "Our plans are flexible. We will be keeping the obvious areas, such as the vantage points on De Waal Drive, free from congestion. People will be everywhere but we don't envisage any complications."



**Warrant Officer P. J. Kruger**