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able religious leader of
the second and third
decades of his century,
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les the colonialist myths
about the backwardness
of Africans.

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technicians of the great
Congo empire of the 19th
century were able to
work the copper or the
tea, and that the ex-
ploitation of the great
mineral area of Katanga
was not organized solely
under colonial know-
ledge.

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rageous side of Tshi-
koma's work was the
attention it calls to the
hangings of ministers by
Mobutu's government
and the employment of
white guerrillas and the
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committed,
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The history of vio-
lence is taken through
the actions of French
colonnaires in putting
down disturbances in
Congo in 1978.

One of the most wellk-
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giving one to vote Yes or
No, or begging one to at-
tend meetings to be told
by one should. .

I sincerely trust that
all the enthusiasts who
are responsible for
acting these posters
will (win or lose) be
usually motivated to re-
move them with all
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thusiastic about giving

such a cultural revolu-

tion its head.

neighbours that he is

still alive. Instead he

merely convinces them

that he has achieved a

new wonder-work that

he is only pretending to

be alive. .

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this, a Dr Gupta Singh

turns up from India to

observe a "great astral

phenomenon" taking

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ON Wednesday. when

the referendum is be-

hind us, the problems

that beset South Africa

will still be there. And

the Constitution Act, if

it can be fully imple-

mented later, far from

contributing to a solu-

tion. is likely to further

confound the situation.

Untenable

The one good thing,

though, that can be said

for the referendum ef-

fort is that for the hrst

time in our history all

South Africans, black

and white, right and

left, have simultaneous-

ly applied their minds

to the present, increas-

ingly untenable posi-

tion.

At last it is now gener-

ally recognized that the

momentum of our single

economy and of our population mix is in stark contrast to our antiquated and now inadequate political and administrative dispensation

The positive side of the public discussion of the last few weeks is the general wish to see changes in the political administration of South Africa to accord with the changes that are happening in almost all other fields.

This is borne out by the amazing variety of public statements by people of standing in their respective fields of influence.

They range, amongst the white electorate, from those who urge us to spoil our ballot papers, or abstain from voting, or vote "no" for reasons which are often diametrically opposed to each other, to those who advocate the casting

of the yes vote the proposed complicated amongst then promoted constitutional arrangements of the yes vote arrangements, it is clear significant number have now that purely technically confessed that they consider the proposed "183- will turn out to be near-surely inadequate, if not unworkable.

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The author

The statements that have come from amongst the millions of South Africans who are voteless, voice almost universal rejection.

All this leaves the majority of the 2 700 000 potential voters in

Wednesday's referendum in some confusion.

Those who are still undecided should consider three arguments.

Firstly. let us estimate the measure of the poll. If. let us say, 70 percent of the voters go to the polls and as many as 70 percent of those cast "yes" votes. the result would be that less than half the electorate, many only reluctantly,

will want that "new constitution".

It will be very clear that the vast majority of the 30 million South Africans who jointly have created and share what this country has to offer. want a new framework, more realistic than the proposed one, a framework in which they can all co-operate to common advantage.

Secondly. even if one accepted that there were the merest seeds of positive changes in ;

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