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'Iâ\200\2301E election of elderly men to three

ANCâ\200\231s five top executive posi-
tions masb a process of rejuvenation
within the organisation. In a sense, the
election of trade union leader Cyril Ra-
maphosa to the key post of secretary
general is a more reliable pointer to the

m place in the ANC.

Mandela (72) was predictably

the unanimous choice for president. Less
predictable, until only a few days ago,
was the election of the even older Walter
Sĩ-\201& :third key post, that of treasur-
Â© the incumbent, Thomas Nkobi,
nar 118 mid-60s. Add to the trio at
tĩ-\201' hdrn 73â\200\231-yearâ\200\224old Oliver Tambo â\200\224 for
whom the 'special position of national
chairman was established â\200\224 and the im-
prudon of the ANC as an organisation
)y ageing men is complete.

: ! King ahead, observers could be for-
gi â\200\230aSsuming that South Africa may
be heading towards a gerontocracy. But
the impression is misleading. The choice
of Mr Sisulu was a temporary measure,
taken to avoid a potentially divisive

e between two younger men,

and Chris Hani, both under

. Sooner, rather than later, one of the

3 twq is likely to take over from Mr Slsulu,
ho was a reluctant candidate.

At 38, Mr Ramaphosa represents the

tion tl;xp to replace the

older* exile leaders. him, as part of

the new wave, are many young men and

women who will almost certainly join

him on the national executive. Most were

blooded in the struggle against apartheid

during the Botha presidency.

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Patrick Lekota, who

Ly Mdaemaï\201e United Democratic
mind. So do Moses Maye-

Mafumadi, wh(:l occupy

mnhi itions in the trade union
t :!.;i?l the SA Communist Party.

there are former guerillas now

, their attention to the political

A good few young women can

the list.

beï\201c:ed ot? these people will be elected to
the national executive today. They will
help leaven the experience of the older
leaders with youthful tvl:go;xr axg;;ie on-the-
experience of â\200\234the strug
gï\2021"â\200\230â\200\234tg:nds and foes alike of the ANC
should take note: it is poised to emerge
from the conference with a leadership
better equipped for the task ahead of
bringing minority rule to an end.

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'| DURBAN â\200\224 â\200\234The sA Communist

arty has aâ\200\230right to make its own
mistakes â\200\224 but not to repeat
ours.â\200\235 This pithy advice to the

\CP comes from no less an au- -

ority than the top Soviet official
who hds â\200\234mindedâ\200\235 the African Na-
tional Congress and SACP for 2!

: The ANC chief contact person in
the USSR since 1969, Dr Vladimir
Shubin, head of the Africa section

the Soviet Unionâ\200\231s Communist
party and member of the Central
Committee, is visiting South Africa
for the first time this week to

tend the ANCâ\200\231s national con-

ference.

« He was given one of the loudest

reactions by the 2000 delegates

when the many foreign visitors
were introduced to them.

| The USSR has sent a four-man
delegation, others being the head
| of its interest section in SA, Dr

Alexei Makarov and two members
of the Soviet Afro-Asian Solidarity

Committee â\200\224 the ANCâ\200\231s chief
point of Soviet contact.

« Dr Shubin, a big bear of a man,
looks like a caricature of a Rus-
sian, but scoffs at what he regards
as stereotype images and percep-
tions of the Soviet Unionâ\200\231s role in
South Africa.

PETER FABRICIUS
Political Correspondent

slaughterâ\200\235 perception that the USSR

â\200\230was the sinister puppet-master
' manipulating the ANC in order to

seize South Africa.

claims, the USSR had no designs

on SA's strategic minerals, as successive National Party govern-

ments used to proclaim from elec-

tion platforms.

But he concedes that Mr Gorbachev's perestroika policy, with its termination of the USSR's mili-

tary involvement in regional con-

flicts, contributed to the unbanning of the ANC and SACP. .

It helped South Africans over

- come the 'bogeyman' image of the USSR as leader of a total on-

slaught on SA. :

'After that it became easier for whites here to accept that the Soviet Union was a country of peace and political settlement.'

He says white SA has wrongly characterised the relationship between the USSR and the ANC as almost entirely military. '

In fact it extended much further, with scholarships to attend Soviet universities, medical treat-

ment for Umkhonto we Sizwe ca-

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sualties in the war with the SA 'Government, and material help in

building schools such as the Solomon Mahlangu school in Tanzania.

On current relations, he dis-

misses suggestions that the rapid:gre:ox;ï¬\201alng Soviet Communist

Rather than damaging relations with the SACP, perestroika has enhanced them, he says, and has made the dialogue between them 'more profound.'

. It is 'nonsense' to suggest that

_.the USSR has snubbed ANC leader

. Nelson Mandela by putting off two

" planned visits to Moscow. -

The tendency in SA to brand

SACP chief Joe Slovo as a Sta-

nist is a big joke, he says.

, â\200\230He was always a very sober politician, very critical of the mistakes of (pre-perestroika) communism.â\200\235 Lo

â\200\234Cave anti-communismâ\200\235 is Dr Shubinâ\200\231s colourful epithet for what he regards as the local vilification of the SACP and Mr Slovo.

He says that the USSR/ANC relationship has been wrongly characterised as a dependent one of patron to client.

He claims it is rather a rela:

tionship of equals â\200\224 and says that other countries such as Sweden

! He guffaws at the â\200\234total op-

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Even under Brezhnev, he

- dimir Shubin, visiti

â\200\234"MINDER" OF THE ANC: Dr Vica for the first time this we

and Norway have probably

more support to the ANC than

the USSR. R e A

Dr Shubin claims that his party â\200\234does not advise the fraternal partiesâ\200\235 â\200\224 such as the SACP â\200\224 on policy. (Except, of course, to suggest it should not repeat the mistakes of Soviet communism.)

The USSR is interested only in seeing a non-racial democracy being established here, he avers. =

It is for South Africans to decide on their own economic system. He observes that nowhere in its official documents, does the ANC proclaim its policy as socialism.

However, Dr Makarov is unable

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KWAZULU Police Commission; then:ral be]s of the Zulu nation were members of leaning towards the ANC.

Jac Buchner yesterday concede that â\200\234to a Inkatha. It's difficult to find people where I ;

certain extentâ\200\235, KwaZulu Police members am at the moment that are not Inkatha,â\200\235 i fefeorfaihemifgi\201e\201ag"i\201a;gi\201gd t?:cl:ex:tl;e were biased towards the tgnlt(att;la hFreedhrnr:il General Buchner said. : vyilthg only three complaints %f bias. Â¢ owardg Party, adding, however, that the home : : 4 J R . ! police forceâ\200\231s image had recently improved. Questioned on allegations of KZP bias to- Inkatha in political conflict, compared with

In an impromptu interview in Durban, ;i\201:â\200\230zi\201n&?& gigâ\200\230;{:;nl?i\201tgif.md: "That 200 complaints last year and 500 in 1989. General Buchner said many of his police- Political violence and violence in general

men had been recruited from Inkatha He added, however, that police bias to- jp KwaZulu had cooled off since October, â\200\234when it was still a traditional as opposed wards the IFP was â\200\234not a good thing, so I with a 20 percent drop in murders this to a political organisationâ\200\235. - try to get policemen to be fairâ\200\235. year compared with the same period in

â\200\234It is a fact that in the past, most mem- He said he also had policemen who were 1990. â\200\224Sapa M ~ = B~ e

KwaZulu police chief admits â\200\230certain biasâ\200\231â\200\224

NOTHING interferes
with the Rothmanâ\200\231s
July, including the con-
ference of the African
| National Congress currently
' being held at the University of

Durban-Westville in Durban.
. July fever has gripped even the

most dedicated delegates, with
people regularly sneaking off to
lay bets at the betting offices in
town and a couple of unofficial
conference July sweeps creating
enthusiasm and provoking avid
studying of the latest updates on
the odds offered.

It is rumoured that a couple of
high-profile delegates are planning
to nip out of the conference on Sat-
urday to watch the main race at
Greyville. They probably wonâ\200\231t be
missed â\200\224 most of the important
policy making decisions and voting

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' will have taken place.

~ One Durban journalist, delighted

L to see a delegate arriving with a

pile of local dailies each day this
week, eventually asked how he had
found the newspaper coverage of

. the conference.

Imagine his consternation at the
quick reply: â\200\234I wouldnâ\200\231t know, I've
been following the form!â\200\235

Not to be outdone, however,
some journalists and photogra-
phers have started their own ANC

_election sweep for the national ex-
ecutive committee.

Current betting makes Mandela
an odds-on favourite, with Sisulu
close behind as an even-money sec-
ond favourite.

Cyril Ramaphosa was offered at

2-1 for secretary-general, which he
won, and 3-1 were the odds for
Mendi Msimang being elected as
treasurer general.

However, odds on women being elected to positions of power within

. the ANC have fallen to an all-time

low following a failed bid by the ANC Women's League to secure at least 30 percent of ANC national executive positions for women in

| an attempt to address the imbal-

ance of power between men and women in the organisation.

Debate on the issue sparked a rowdy protest by women in the conference hall on Wednesday evening, which disrupted procedures to such an extent that chairman Joe Slovo had to call an early supper break.

â\200\234You see who is responsible for all the catering and cooking at this conference?â\200\235 one angry woman asked.

â\200\234Just women. That is what men in this organisation think we are fit for, not for positions of leadership or power. All this talk about affirmative action and the need to high-

NC MEETS

There have been matters of national importance discussed at the ANC's national conference in Durban this week â\200\224 but not

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all of the happenings have beenâ\200\231 porter NICOLA CUNNING- in keeping with the sombre tone HAM-BROWN who attended

of the occasion.

the conference noticed a few of

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light gender issues is just that â\200\224
all talk and no action.

â\200\234Until men realise that the op-
pression of women is equally as im-
portant as the oppression of black
people, the abolishment of apart-
heid will do women little good. We
arÃ© merely swopping one form of
oppression for another.â\200\235

It is understood that women del-
egates and officials at the confer-
ence, many of whom have toddlers
and babies to care for, had request-
ed a creche which failed to
materialise. :

Ironically, one of the issues on

the ANCâ\200\231s agenda for the confer-
ence is the need for affirmative ac-
tion programmes for blacks in the
wider South African community.

So much for affirmative action
within the ANC itself.

However, the organisation ap-
pears to be becoming increasingly
aware of its public image in other
fields.

ANC president-elect Nelson
Mandela was reportedly shocked to
find official drivers for the confer-
ence rocking up to work in jeans
and T-shirts on Sunday, and or-
dered that they wear shirts with

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collars, ties and jackets. Â°

A mad rush to procure the neces-
sary clothing followed, with some
people going so far as to hire suits
for the occasion at their own ex-
pense.

â\200\234When you think weâ\200\231re supposed
to be a working-class organisation,
this is a'bit much,â\200\235 one official

complained. â\200\234I should have worn
my overalls, just to make a point.â\200\235

The drivers have been hard at
work ferrying high-profile leaders
around both during the day and at
night, when â\200\234hush-hushâ\200\235 behind-
the-scenes caucuses took place this

â\200\230Mandela sampled the delights of

* incognito!

- prompting one noted NEC member

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week.

They also have taken a number
of guests and delegates sight-seeing
and shopping in and around Durban
from time to time.

Rumour has it that even Winnie

Durban department stores and
shopping centres. Monday saw her
looking for rather scarce cosmetics
which would best be obtained at
the Musgrave Centre.

Not wanting to be recognised,
Winnie donned a wig and dark
glasses and proceeded to mingle
with Durbanâ\200\231s elite shoppers

The conference itself has also
had its lighter moments. Hundreds
of journalists and photographers
from all over the world have been
a constant source of worry for the
many security officials keeping a
vigilant eye on proceedings, be-
cause â\200\234these bloody press people
wheel their way in everywhere.â\200\235

Security officials are also sport-
ing quite a few bruises from over-
enthusiastic photographers pushing
their way past bodyguards to get
pictures of president-elect Nelson
Mandela and other high-profile
leaders arriving.

â\200\234I'd rather deal with the police
or the SADF,â\200\235 one disgruntled
bodyguard remarked. â\200\234At least
then you can thump them back.â\200\235

Another amusing moment oc-
curred during Tuesdayâ\200\231s open ses-
sion, watching the delegatesâ\200\231 reac-
tion during the messages of support
from foreign dignitaries.

Some messages, such as from the Soviet Union and Palestinian Liberation Organisation, were read by representatives in their home languages and then translated into English.

However, the â\200\230â\200\234revolutionary soundâ\200\235 of the messages often had the crowd roaring approval before they heard the translation and knew what the messages said.

â\200\230The chairman for that session, internal leader Walter Sisulu, was clearly anxious about time as the conference was already running some hours late, and constantly reminded delegates to â\200\230â\200\230keep it shortâ\200\235. The representative from Libya, obviously a bit peeved at such constant reminders, doggedly read his entire 15 minute contribution.

The Angolan representative, on the other hand, was nowhere to be seen that day. Repeated calls for him by Mr Sisulu proved fruitless,

to mutter that he was probably to be found seeking liquid refreshment in a nearby pub, â\200\234where I would be too if I had any senseâ\200\235.

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NC FIREBRAND RETURNS T

aturday News Correspondent
SHAUN JOHNSON looks at
firebrand ANC member â\200\230â\200\234Macâ\200\235
Maharaj.

â\200\230 MACâ\200\235 Maharaj, one the
most powerful and mili-
tant personalities in the
ANC, confirmed his return
to active politics this week with
a strong call on the ANC to
force the â\200\234retreatingâ\200\235 South
African Government into â\200\234gen-
uine negotiationsâ\200\235. ;

His re-emergence â\200\224 and his
wholly unrepentant attitude to the
â\200\234Operation Vulaâ\200\235 saga â\200\224 will sig-
nificantly strengthen the position
of those ANC members who are
deeply suspicious of the Govern-
mentâ\200\231s motives in the negotiating
process, and favour a tougher
ANC stance.

Addressing a media briefing dur-
ing the ANCâ\200\231s national conference,
Mr Mahara; said he had accepted
nomination to the organisationâ\200\231s ex-
ecutive because of â\200\234pressure from

the grassrootsâ\200\235. He retired from the
executive amid a blaze of publicity
last year.

It was speculated that the under-
ground chief â\200\224 and head of Opera-

-tion Vula â\200\224 was angry about the

leadershipâ\200\231s â\200\234lack of interestâ\200\235 in his
plight as a Vula detainee, and that he
believed the ANCâ\200\231s negotiators were
giving too much away to the Govern-
ment. b

On Thursday he declined to ex-

â\200\230pand on his original reasons for pull-

ing out, but said he was satisfied
that â\200\234the ANC stood by us (in the un-
derground)â\200\235 and felt he could make a
contribution in future. Nelson Man-
dela had himself appealed to Mr Ma-
haraj not to bow out of politics.

â\200\234I think I am returning because

people believe here is a colleague who has contributed, and still has something to contribute.â\200\235 Support levels for Mr Maharaj are said to be such in the ANC conference that he is assured of being voted back on to the executive.

It was quite natural for there to be â\200\234differences of opinion within a movementâ\200\235. On negotiations, he called for a tough approach from

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the ANC, with mass! action. And international pressure playing a key part.

â\200\234This is not in order to destabilise the current situation, but precisely because we do not yet have the vote or the democratic right to change the government.â\200\235

He was critical of the ANCâ\200\231s performance in combining the â\200\234pillars of struggleâ\200\235, saying the December

conference had merely â\200\234provided the slogansâ\200\235 which now needed to be enacted at this weekâ\200\231s gathering.

Mr Maharaj said those in the ANC who proposed a â\200\234phasing outâ\200\235 of sanctions under ANC supervision â\200\224 rather than allowing them to erode

according to their own momentum

â\200\224 had the right to raise their argument, but it was based on â\200\234wrong premisesâ\200\235,

Asked why the ANC appeared to be â\200\234swimming against the tideâ\200\235 on the issue, he replied: â\200\234If we had not swum against the tide (before), we would not have a liberation struggle at all.â\200\235

He strongly rejected suggestions that the ANC/SACP relationship was a vote-loser for the ANC. â\200\234(A split) might win votes in the Boland,â\200\235 he said in a reference to Dr Alan Boesakâ\200\231s anti-party statements, â\200\234but I am not so sure how many you will lose in Soweto.

â\200\234My own view is that it is premature to talk about the alliance being disbanded.â\200\235

He would not be drawn on the current state of the ANC underground, save to say that its existence was ac-

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cepted by the Government in the Pretoria Minute, and by the ANC executive. The conference would decide on its future, he said, but he was convinced that the underground had played a crucial role in unifying the internal, exiled and imprisoned sectors of the ANC. It had also proved to Pretoria that the ANC had the capacity to run a sophisticated underground network undetected, and had succeeded in infiltrating the security forces. :

Mr Maharaj alleged that he had

been assaulted during his detention last year at Sandton Police Station by a Colonel Frik Verster, but said the "torture was insignificant compared to what I underwent in 1964". At the time he was described as the political prisoner who had undergone the harshest treatment, and he claimed to have suffered a serious neck injury. "This recurred during last year's spell in detention," he said, adding that he was pursuing a complaint with the authorities, "They were trying to intimidate and terrorise me," he said, "but they failed because I knew that I had a stronger hand in my pack of cards."

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Which greeted Mr Ramaphosaâ\200\231s: i
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three times more votes than either
of his opponents, he is a man to be ;

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PATRICK LAURENCE

YRIL Ramaphosa,

the trade union leader who
won a spectacular victory
yesterday in elections to the
African National Congress

soned politician, able ad-
ministrator and cool nego-
tiator. g

Mr Ramaphosa's experience
in the political arena was
gained at a young age. Born in

sa is only 38 and has years
ahead of him as a politician:

His career so far can be divided
into: three phases: he started his -
political life as a student activist,
moved into the trade union field
and then assumed an increasingly
important role in the Mass Demo-
cratic Movement (MDM), the
Soweto People's Delegation and
the ANC. o

. His election to the key position
of secretary-general in the ANC
yesterday ended a dilemma which
has-faced perhaps even an-
guished Mr Ramaphosa in re-

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November 1952, Mr Ramapho-

watched in future years.
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phosa: He will be the second
black president of South Africa
after Nelson Mandela.

: One word captures his political
style: cool. Even when he is angry,

| he is controlled.

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. Asa in the Northern
Transvaal and later attended the
University of the North.

| Asa young man, Mr Ramaphosa
| Served his political apprenticeship
| at university as a member of
| Pro-black consciousness student
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mine workers. Mr Ramaphosa
emerged as the natural candidate
to help launch the National Union
of Mineworkers (NUM).

It was-as the NUMâ\200\231s general
secretary that he quickly attract-
ed attention as an efficient admin-
istrator and a methodical negotia-
tor. Within a short time the NUM
became a force to be reckoned
with.

A turning point came in the next
year or two, when he was instru-

M out of Cusa and into the
newly formed Congress of South
African Trade Unions (Cosatu).

Cusa was inclined to black con-
sciousness. Cosatu was part of the

non-racial tradition of' the Free- 5
dom Charter and the ANC, By then

the NUM was the biggest black

-trade union-and its decision to join

Cosatu was a major coup for the
Freedom Charter camp.
Mr Ramaphosa was held in such

He joined the Council of Unions

to non-racialism. The first was his
detention in'1974,
. During his 11 months in solitary

confinement he realised that the
â\200\234ideology of black consciousness |

had come full cycleâ\200\235 and that it
â\200\234could take us no furtherâ\200\235, he told
scores of journalists. ;
When Cosatu joined forces with
the United Democratic Front to
resist attempts by the Botha ad-
ministration to fetter extra-Par-
liamentary opposition movements

Mr Ramaphosa began to play an

increasingly political role. L
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oketsi. The boy was kid-
napped from the Methodist manse
in Soweto along with three others.
But Mr Ramaphosa came back
strongly as a leader of the Soweto
People's Delegation, which helped
end the Soweto rent boycott by ne-
gotiating an accord with the
Transvaal Provincial Association. .

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T the ANC jamboree in Durban this week â\200\224 on which all of South Africaâ\200\231s and half of the worldâ\200\231s political journalists appear to have converged â\200\224 a great deal has been made of the organisationâ\200\231s decision to shut all but its opening and ic. There are dark mutterings about anti-democratic practice, secretive konkeling and general political verneukery.

I believe this is unfair and an example of double standards â\200\224 or at least differential expectations â\200\224 being applied in the case of the ANC. It is hardly unheard of in

Western (or indeed white South.

African) politics that an organisation should choose to keep some of

closing sessions to the

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uine will to open sessions of future

- conferences, once the foundations

have been laid? Many of us who have spent the week in Durban believe there is cause for optimism

' on both counts.

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its most sensitive soul-searching

to itself. :

And, when you are dealing with a group that is coming together openly for the first time in more than three decades, that is effectively unifying its different components eminently understandable. Yo

Journalists have a right, if not a duty, to try to open doors that are closed to them by politicians. *

But the fact of their closure should not skew their overall judgment. Â©

The fact that the race for top positions remained so open right up until the end is in itself revealing of the first. A briefing by ANC

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â\200\234yictim Albie Sachs says a lot

for the first timej it is Â¥

_ about the second.

Mr Sachs, whose mutilation by a

â\200\234ar bomb in Maputo has not al-

~ tered his gentle,

soft-spoken character, is a man whose integrity is unquestioned even by the ANCâ\200\231s more energetic opponents. His

â\200\234 yiews at this crucial stage in our

Two tests should be applied to
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the ANC at this stage.

One: is what is going on inside the conference hall entirely democratic? And two: is there a gen-

history therefore deserve careful

-consideration.. Â¢

He says the closed sessions this time round should not be regarded as a precedent: â\200\234It was an arrangement for this particular con-

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stand that some of the feelings are still so raw.

ference, under very particular circumstances...

â\200\234You must understand that some of the feelings are still so raw ... We are now dealing with the very soul and character of the ANC.â\200\235

The intensity of open discussion on the floor was â\200\234enough to give one a headache.â\200\235 He adds: â\200\234In fact the debates have been so rich and

- wonderful that I personally wish

ALBIE SACHS: You must understand its soul

the public could have seen them â\200\224 hundreds of hands shooting up from the floor on every point

Mr Sachs points, moreover, 0 the wider, extraordinary significance of the process now unfolding in Durban. â\200\231 v

Black South Africa is having its first taste of real democracy at home, and is seeming to find the flavour very much to its liking.

â\200\234These are very special moments in South African history,â\200\235 says Mr Sachs. â\200\234In that hall over there we have what must amount to thousands of years of imprisonments, bannings, exiles and (what they are talking about is) democracy coming together. '

â\200\234We are establishing for all of our members, from all over the country, that it is through the vote,

tolerance and free speech that our problems will be solved. They will be reporting back to their constituencies on secret ballots and the like, on how democracy works.â\200\235

Away from the clangour of electioneering and sloganeering, away from the famous faces on the podium, ordinary delegates are undergoing â\200\224 are wrestling with â\200\224 a political lesson which could determine our future for years to come..

Perhaps the ANC could do with a bit of goodwill from its detractors right now, not for the sake. of the ANC, but for South Africa and all of its people.

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ITS TALKS TEAM

Atmosphere of jubilation at
conference as leaders elected

THE African National Con-
gress has emerged from elec-
tions for its top six positions
with a skilled negotiating
team in place, including un-
challenged presidential candi-
date Nelson Mandela, compro-
mise candidate Walter Sisulu
as deputy president and trade
unionist- Cyril Ramaphosa as
sÃcretary general.

The other three are national
chairman Oliver Tambo, treasurer
general Thomas Nkobi and deputy
secretary general Jacob Zuma.

The revitalised leadership would
now move forward to negotiations
with the Government with confi-
dence, Mr Sisulu said at a Press con-
ference afterwards.

Singing, clapping, and swaying
delegates came to their feet yester-
day afternoon when the results were
announced at the national confer-

ence.
Mr Mandelaâ\200\231s election was virtually

MARTIN CHALLENGER and
VASANTHA ANGAMUTHU

a rubber stamp, and delegates sang
â\200\234you have been chosenâ\200\235. Swept up in
the emotion, Mr Mandela seemed close
to tears. !

Former ANC president Oliver
Tambo was unequivocally elected na-
tional chairman.

Mr Sisulu, brought into the elections
to head off a possible tussle for the
number two position, beat Natal Mid-

lands ANC thil mean-MeHep by Gueal s

by 1567 votes to 412. Mr Sisulu was
greated with songs saying â\200\234no one can
match youâ\200\235.

Mr Ramaphosa polled 1156 votes to
beat Southern Natal chairman Jacob
Zuma with 450 votes, and former secre-
tary general Alfred Nzo who got 371
votes.

However, Mr Zuma was later elected

deputy secretary general with 1039 votes to beat Popo Molefe with 659 votes and Mr Nzo with 258.

Mr Ramaphosa (38) will now have to give up his job as general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers. The NUM is the largest affiliate in the Congress of South African Trade

Unions.

Jubilant supporters carried a thrilled Mr Ramaphosa from the back of the hall at the University of Durban-Westville to the platform where Mr Tambo and a smiling Mr Mandela hugged and welcomed him. Mr Nzo also hugged him.

Mr Thomas Nkobi retained his position as treasurer general by beating British ANC representative Mendi Msimang by 1277 votes to 680 votes.

Mr Ramaphosa is highly thought of in top Government circles. Government members have been encouraged by the fact that the labour movement in South Africa worked closely with organised business and state officials to hammer out the Labour Relations Amendment Act that went through Parliament in February.

Through tough negotiations over two years, hard attitudes were moulded into the first nationally agreed upon legislation in South Africa.

Asked how the office-bearer elections would influence negotiations with the Government, Mr Sisulu said: "The conference has shown confidence in the leadership. It has been a tremendous success.

"I think we are in a way revitalised. We will be able to move forward with the confidence that has been shown to us at

this conference.â\200\235

Delegates will vote for the 50 members of the national executive committee today.

There will be a mass rally at Kings Park rugby stadium tomorrow.

DELIGHTED supporters of the new secretary general of the African National Congress carry Mr Cyril Ramaphosa on their shoulders from the back of the hall at the University of Durban Westville to the platform

elon Mandela now the unchallenged leader of the ANC.

Oliver Tambo no ANC national chairman.

Mr Walter Sisulu now deputy president.

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Secretary-general Cyril
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'Deputy president Walter

after alleged coup leader

ALLEGED coup leader Rocky
Malebane Metsing has had the
extradition proceedings against
him withdrawn by the Bophu-
thatswana Government.

He claimed yesterday that the
South African Government had
granted him indemnity for his al-
leged involvement in the mili-
tary coup in 1988 and the
Bophuthatswana Government
could not â\200\230lay a fingerâ\200\231 on him.

Last night, Witwatersrand At-
torney-General Klaus von Lieres
und Wilkau said extradition pro-
ceedings against Mr Metsing had
been terminated and would be
formally withdrawn in Mr Met-
singâ\200\231s absence on Monday.

Mr Metsing was speaking at
the ANC national conference in
Durban yesterday, where he hit
out the Bophuthatswana Gov-
ernmentâ\200\231s refusal to come into
line with reforms and political
changes in the republic.

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He sald all members of the
Peopleâ\200\231s Progresmve Party who
were involved in the coup had

become ANC members, so it was unlikely the PPP would be re-

_constituted.

He said a number of coup members and other political prisoners were still in jail and the Bophuthatswana Government was refusing to grant them political prisoner status â\200\224 only criminal status.

He called on the South African Government to â\200\230facilitate the

~safe returnâ\200\231 of a large number of

ople from the homeland still in exile. â\200\230They are affected by the Pretoria Minute,â\200\235 Mr Metsing said.

He added that he had been â\200\231x;l\lr%nclinated as a candidate for the

President Nelson Mandela

NATIONAL CONFERENCE
1991

Wall-hangingsâ\200\231
future debated

Political Reporter

THERE is much speculation among ANC delegates as to what should become of the wall-hangings, designed by artist Andrew Verster and completed by the three ANC regions in Natal. __However, there is a strong likelihood the wall-hangings will be divided and kept by the three regions which painted them.

But delegates from other provinces say they have become attached to the hangings and would like to see commemorative T-shirts made based on the designs.

Other delegates say they would like the wall-hangings to be distributed among all ANC regions to record the historic conference.

The hangings, which have not yet been shown publicly, will be used to decorate the stage at to-

morrowâ\200\231s rally at Kings Park.

Mr Verster is currently in Paris
and will return in October.

Alfred Nzo, outgoing secre-
tary-general

National chairman Olliver
Tambo

Organiser of ANC
elections is praised

THE quietly-spoken and polite
Mr Charles Nupen, one of the
four commissioners of the ANCâ\200\231s
electoral machinery at the
national conference, has been
praised all round for his impar-
tial and professional role in ar-
ranging the balloting for the
NEC.

An ANC spokesman said the
electoral commission responsi-
ble for overseeing balloting was
â\200\230independent to the point that
ANC workers were not allowed
even to ask them questionsâ\200\231.

â\200\230It could have been seen as an
attempt to interfere.â\200\231

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus
said Mr Nupen was chosen as a
well-known lawyer and a consti-
tutional expert. â\200\230He has also
been involved with arbitration
and mediation for a long time,
he said.

Mr Nupen studied law at the
University of Natal in Durban
and was president of the Stu-
dentsâ\200\231 Representative Council.

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In 1973, he became president of
the National Union of South Afri-
can Students.

He qualified as an attorney in
Cape Town before moving to Jo-
hannesburg and joining the Le-

gal Resources Centre.

He was the first director of the Institute of Mediating Services of South Africa, an organisation which soon developed a reputation for independent resolution of trade union and management industrial disputes.

The organisation was recently involved in the successful resolution of a community dispute involving Inkatha and ANC supporters in the PWV region.

It was one the first instances where an mdependent organisation has been called in to solve a violent community dispute.

Mr Nupen is married with two children. His wife Drene comes from Durban.

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Citizen Reporter
THE African National
Congress had breached its
January peace accord
with Inkatha and had
made a call to war,
according ~to an IFP

_spokesman, Ms Suzanne

Vos.

She said yesterday it
had been brought to the
IFP's attention that a
publication, the Congress
Militant, was being dis-
tributed at the ANC's
Durban conference, and
contained articles head-
lined "How to defeat Ink-
atha", "Stand up and
fight back", and "What is
Inkatha? The source of
the violence".

It also included a highly
defamatory cartoon of

IFP President, Chief
Mangosuthu Buthelezi,
Ms Vos said.

"We are amazed the
ANC permits such things
in the midst of peace
talks, and this is clearly
encouraging and prolife-
rating war-talk."

Ms Vos claimed the
document was in con-
travention of the January
peace accord between the

ANC and Inkatha, which

read in part: "Both par-

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members to stop the vilifi-

cation of peace and was in
fact, a call to war.

The article said the

ANC should build a trained and disciplined army prepared to force any action at any time.

The authors of the article, Ephram Ndlovu and

Nkululeko Nomji, added

that as soon as there was a threat of attack from a hostel, defence committees should come in and immediately mobilise and destroy the hostel.

Ms Vos said the article also appeared to admit the ANC was responsible for destroying hostels in KwaThema and Dobsonville and included numerous vicious and derogatory statements about Inkatha leaders and its membership.

“The Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) is called upon to ban Inkatha members and workers and the document says they must choose between Inkatha and Cosatu. Ms Vos said.

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and its leadership and to

promote the quest for

peace.”

She said the article entitled “How to defeat Ink-

atha” did nothing to pro-

ANC has made call
a “katha ;

The ANC leadership was obliged to make its position clear. Did they support the statements contained in the articles or were they prepared to

“ repudiate them? Ms Vos asked.

She also asked the ANC if the programmes of action outlined in the

articles were official ANC

policy or not and whether they believed that rhetoric â\200\234encouraged political tolerance and freedom of political association. â\200\234The publication and distribution of Congress Militant does considerable harm to the quest for an end to the violence and the IFP seeks assurance that this kind of war-mongering, which has a direct impact on the violence and intimidation, will cease,â\200\235 Ms Vos said. Speaking from Durban, senior ANC spokesman, Mr Saki Macozoma, said Congress Militant was not an ANC publication and had been circulated without the ANC's approval.

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By Chris Whitfield
Political Correspondent

of Durban-Westville.
As anticipated
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He got 1 156 votes to the 371 for the in-
) Mr other candidate,

cumbent, Nzo. The
Mr Zuma, got, 450 votes.

Both Mr Nzo and Mr Zuma, the organis-
ationâ\200\231s head of intelligence, then joined
the contest for deputy secretary-general

with Mr Molefe.

Significantly, Mr Ramaphosa is also regarded as a skilled organiser and his election will enable the ANC to address the need, highlighted by Mr Mandela, for the organisation to start moving towards becoming a smoothly-functioning political party. â\200\230

The organisation â\200\230does need a well-oiled administrative machineâ\200\231, said Mr Ramaphosa.

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Some delegates
as a surprise.,

In a formality, Mr Charles Nupen, the head of the independent electoral commission which supervised the balloting, announced to the delegates that Mr Mandela had been elected as president unopposed and outgoing leader Oliver Tambo had been unanimously chosen for the newly created position of national chairman. y

Gwala.

ANC sources said the bulk

of support
for Mr Gwala Â\$ r

came from his Natal Mid-
only limited. Support
from the other Natal regions. â\200\231

It is understood that Mr Gwala savaged
â\200\230his own chances of winning by his contributions to the conference commission on violence. E :

Voting for the other 50 Positions on the
national Â@xecutive committee takes place

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In an interview in Dur-
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20 percent drop in mur-
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Only half of the inci-
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Zulu could be attributed
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added.

He emphasised that he
urged his police force to
be neutral, saying that the
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