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Interim government by June - Mbeki

THE present Parliament

should be dissolved and re-

placed by an elected interim

government that would rule

the country until the adop-

tion of a constitution.

This was said last night

by Mr Thabo Mbeki,

ANC's director of interna-

tional affairs. on the Radio

Motom Talkback Show

which was summed up by

Tribune magazine as a part of

its 25th anniversary cel-

ebrations.

Mbeki said the ANC.

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which was one of the major

players at the Convention

for a Democratic South Af-

rica. would mess up the es-

tablishment of an interim

government or national

unity by June this year.

He said the interim gov-

ernment would then work

towards the establishment

of an elected constituent

assembly or transitional

parliament that would

draw up the constitution.

"This will be constitu-

tion-making that has legal

authority. It should, how-

ever, be accepted that the

apartheid Parliament is

still the legal body that has

to pass those legislation:

drafted by the elected con-

stituent assembly.

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cisions should be given le-

gal force in order to draft

legislation." he said

Mbeki, however, con-

ceded that problems such as

the killings of innocent

black: by rightwingers

could delay a new govern-

ment.

Azapo's official Mr

Mhulclo Rakwenat asked

Mbeki why the ANC was

negotiating with the GM-

movement which he said was

the enemy and aggressor.

Mbeki said when "peo-

ple negotiate, they nor-

mally do so with their en-

emies.'

Mr Mike Tsiame, a member of

Azapo, said he was sur-

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had regarded the (invent-
mcnt as ilsencmy. was now
talking to it.
He said the ANC was
"gning to negotiate un a
positinn of weakness as it
had given 1: lot of its aces
away. such as the suspen-
sion of the armed strug-
gle."