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THE historic prepar-
atory conference for
substantive negotia-
tions ended on an ac-
rimonious note last
night, with the Pan
Africanist Congress
accusing the African
National Congress
and the Government
of collusion to en-
sure that their will
prevailed.

in a statement read
out at the end of talks,
Barney Desai of the
PAC referred to a
"coarse pattern" in
which the ANC and
"the regime" support-
ed one another against
the PAC.

Noting that ANC-Gov-
ernment proposals were
almost invariably backed
by delegates from the:

"homelands" and the col-
oured and Indian cham-
ber of Parliament, Mr
Dean said: "Without ex-
ception, prepossession made
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ANC secretary-general

Cyril Ramaphosa refused
to be drawn into a debate
with the PAC. mistak-
ing that the ANC was
faithful to its
"historic responsibility to
ensure the establishment
of a just and democracy"
in South Africa.

Mr Ramaphosa emphat-
ically denied that the
ANC had colluded with
the De Klerk adminis-
tration in any way. It had
consulted with the Gov-
ernment, as it had confer-
red with the PAC and I
WbOIG range of political
parties and a "multiracial".
he added.

He had no more to add

and to invite representatives of organisations to observe invite observer: from the
the PAC were reject-
ed.

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to take questions from
Journalists. bitterly recit-
ed a number of PAC pro-
posals which had been re-
jected by the ANC-Gov-

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They included propos-
al: that:

O Yesterdny'a meeting
should be chaired in min-
tion by the PAC and the
ANC in terms of the Pa-
triotic Front declaration.
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udges, Mr Justice Ismail
immcnd and Mr Jusuco
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to attend all session; The
conicrenco voted to ex-
cludo the press. except O
for brief "photo acaaiunst'.

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tive negotiations should
be called a Caniornccc
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O The pending negotia-
tious simuid not be held
in South Airica but at a
neutral venue outside
South Africa whom no
aingic party would be at
an advantage. The meet-
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the World Trade Centre
near Jan Smut: Airport.
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discontent, Mr Dcsal said

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read out by judgca Mu-

homcd and'Schabb'rt: "It

does not rennet the

PAC'S position."

But at the end of his

address to journalists. Mr

Desai acknowledged that

the PAC would be pres-

ent when the meeting rc-

comcnchs today, thus indi-

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that 1 would not with.

draw.

There Was one minor

consolation ipr the PAC

while its demand that the
negotiation should be
chaired by an eminent
person from outside
South Africa was reject-
ed. the meeting did agree
South African Communist National

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to monwealth. the European
Community and the Non-
Aligned Movement.
Another hurdle re-
mained to be cleared inst-
antly: insistence by the
Inkatha Freedom Party
that the KwaZulu govern-
ment should be repre-
sented at the negotiations
as well.

The presence at yester-
day's meeting of delega-
tions from the Govern-
ment and the National
Party welcomed. in the
view of the 1W, 3 repre-
sentative (or dual representa-
tion) of the WP and the
KwaZulu government.
Dr Omit Viliocn, who
headed the delegation,
adopted a positive note.
The despatch yesterday's
conference as historic,

uning it prepared the
my for "bridging the sup
between peoples and
point: oi view".
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The choice oi the name
Codes: for tho substan-
tive negotiations was
reminiscent of the Na-
tionni Convention at 1903-
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way (or the unification oi
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sh colonies into tho
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