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## B POLITICAL STAFF

South Africans of all races responded in their millions to yesterday's April 27 date with destiny, forming voting queues kilometres-long at polling stations nationwide in spite of critical failings in the electoral machinery and a pull-out threat from Ulundi.

The new political threat emerged last night to compound the mounting logistical danger to the election process.

IFP president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said he did not rule out the possibility of withdrawing from the poll if his party was unfairly prejudiced by ballot paper problems. \_

Logistical snarl-ups forced the Independent Electoral Commission to extend voting hours last night and tonight while today was declared a paid public holiday.

day.

~ From the darkness of the

early hours of morning, voters

gathered to cast their ballots in

South Africa's founding demo-

cratic election the focus of the

historic day, but snarl-ups raise tempers as thousands of voters spend long hours in queues

entire world's attention.

Although precise voting patterns are impossible to determine, statisticians said it was possible that up to half of the estimated 23 million electorate went to the polls yesterday. Voters appeared not to be deterred by yesterday morning's car-bomb explosion at Jan Smuts Airport.

The first day of ordinary voting was marred by complaints from many parts of the country, detailing failure by the IEC to have polling stations functioning on time and efficiently. Buthelezi made his pull-out threat because of problems with

the system of sticking the IFP's name on ballot papers.

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- Zigzag . . . voters queue through central Johannesburg to the City Hall polling station.

He objected, in particular,

the suggestion that IFP supporters

could simply write the voter's name on the bottom of the ballot if stickers were not available. &2

He said the IFP had stated last week, when it entered the election, that this would not be acceptable. Ballot secrecy would

be threatened by this, especially since about 60 percent of rural Natal voters were illiterate.

Saying his central committee might have to meet on the ballot issue, Buthelezi called for an extra day of voting to address, among other problems, that of elderly voters who had not been able to vote on Tuesday.

PICTURE: DEBBIE YAZBEK ;

[Buthelezi threatens to withdraw amid polling chaos in some areas

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Responding to the IFP leader's remarks, ANC media chief Pallo Jordan insisted the election would go ahead as planned.

He said Buthelezi's statement

stability and democracy.

It is of the same character as the IFP's foot-dragging when it

registered six days before the election.â\200\235

The ballot paper problems were partly caused by that late registration, Jordan said.

Among the electoral problems evident yesterday were ballot paper shortages and shortfalls in other voting materials, which led to temporary closures of some voting stations. )

Worst affected were stations in Tokoza, Katlehong, Daveyton, . Benoni, Boksburg, Vosloorus,

Soweto, Zonk'iZizwe, Walker-ville, Klerksdorp, Rustenburg,â\200\235 Bophuthatswanaâ\200\231s Odi region, Brits, Bafokeng, the Free State, Northern Transvaal, KwaZulu/Natal and the Western Cape. IEC officials on the Reef were

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frantically organising more IFP stickers by 4 pm yesterday.

The IEC considered the option of allomqg IFP voters to write the partyâ\200\231s name at the bottom

would not contribute to peace, - of the ballot paper.

By noon yesterday, the IEC had received reports of 277 incidents relating to lack of materials at polling stations. But IEC sppkesman Humphrey Khoza said only 10 percent of the more thag 9 000 polling stations were having difficulty.

Enthusiasm for the election â\200\224 and determination to vote in spite of delays and administrative foul-ups â\200\224 gave rise to Scenes never witnessed before in SAVotmg lines stretched for seâ\200\230{eral kilometres. Many people waited throughout the day.

B Star election statisticians Richard Humphries and Mark Shaw said it was possible that the .estimate of 22,7 million po- ;?:sn% vot:as could be too low. It erived from di â\200\234cen- sus figures. R



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prophets  
and the gut fears of ordinary  
South Africans that the  
elections would result in the  
spilling of much blood in  
Zululand have so far proved  
wrong.

But there have been reports:  
of serious intimidation by i  
monitors and political parties.  
Miraculously, however, there  
has not been a single death  
from political violence in the  
area.

Both the ANC and IFP have  
blamed each other for  
intimidating voters. '

IFP North Coast northern  
sub-region spokesman Blessed  
Gwala said members of both  
his party and the ANC had  
been guilty of intimidation.

However, he said the ANC  
was guilty of worse â\200\224 the  
ambushmgkofâ«a bus 3;â\200\230esterday

from a polling. s&â\200\231atlon â\200\231  
Mr Gwala said Mthozo

Dlamini had been injured i in

the shooting. He said the  
matter had been reported to  
the police at Kwambonambi.

SAP Natal spokesman  
Major Henry Budhram said he  
had not heard about the  
shooting.

Mr Gwala said JIEP  
supporters had gone to cast  
their votes in Kwambonambi :  
after being threatened by an  
ANC leader at the Qedumona  
polling station.

But ANC northern Natal  
secretary Senzo Mchunu has  
claimed, despite what he says  
was a peaceful election, there  
had been mfrmgements

He said in Nkandla, north-  
east of Ulundi, an IFP mob

â\200\234stormedâ\200\235 the polling station  
at the local Magistrateâ\200\231s Court  
on Tuesday.

He said an ANC party agent  
. at the station was forced to  
| lock himself in a room when  
the â\200\234300 youths went on the  
rampageâ\200\235.

â\200\230Mr Mchunu said in another Â»  
- incident an IFP-aligned  
traditional leader yesterday  
entered the Dokweni polling  
â\200\230station near Gingindlovu,  
where he was a  
canvass openly.

hall that there was a new

- violence-wracked area.

According to Mr Mchunu,  
the chief also swore at voters

- inside the station. He said  
- police had been informed.

He has questioned the IECâ\200\231s

i inability to â\200\234correct things

that are wrongâ\200\235 and the way it  
â\200\234accepted being  
overpoweredâ\200\235. ;

He has added his voice to  
complaints against the  
deployment of the KZP as the  
only security force in some  
areas. o e

~ Mr Mchunu, said because of  
thls ANC supporters in rural  
areas were too scared to vote -  
unless they could afford to get  
transport to country towns.

Visits by a Daily News team  
to townships around Richards  
Bay found people to be calm.

PAC regional candidate  
Foko Magubane said after  
voting at the Esikhawini town

â\200\234spirit of peaceâ\200\235 in the

â\200\234There are just crosses on)  
the ballot forms, no violence.â\200\235  
Report by T. Robblns 18 Osborne Street,  
Durban.



COOL QUEUE: Vendors did a roaring trade in ice-lollys at this voting station in Inanda.

The patient pollers -

THE queues stretched on and on and on as hundreds of thousands of people from areas north of Durban stood in the warm sun to vote in the country's first democratic elections.

Good humour prevailed at

all polling stations visited by a Daily News team, as people, feeling a sense of equality for the first time, showed their determination to wait all day if necessary.

Violence appeared to have been upstaged by the clear commitment of people to the democratic process - no party colours, T-shirts, flags or rosettes were evident in the snaking queues.

The queues were, however,

colourful as people unfurled

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bright umbrellas against the midday sun and vendors did a roaring trade in cold drinks and ice-creams. .

From the affluent suburbs of Durban North to the unpaved roads of Inanda - thousands of black and white voters queued, cocking a snoot at the right-wing's pre-election terror campaign.

In such areas as KwaMashu and Inanda, which have been rocked by pre-election violence, signs of normality appeared to have returned.

"Thank God this has happened and we hope that the peace continues," a KwaMashu voter said.

At Durban North a voter was overheard saying: "My

dear, I should have brought a

skottle braai and had boere-  
wors rolls.â\200\235

Security forces were not  
very visible â\200\224 even in Kwa-  
Mashu and Inanda. :

At Ohlange High School,  
where ANC leader Nelson  
Mandela had voted early yes-  
terday morning, members of

the Internal Stability Unit  
- found time to kick a soccer'

ball around.

â\200\234We havenâ\200\231t had any vio-  
lence â\200\224 only accidents in our  
vehicles,â\200\235 an ISD member  
said.

An IEC spokesman, Sandile  
Ngidi, said the IEC had not re-  
ceived any reports of violence  
or intimidation in Kwa-  
Zulu/Natal.

Report by V. Angamulhu and S. MlIIer 18 Os-  
borne Street, Durban.

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Daily News Reporter

AFTER many reports of IFP  
stickers being left off ballot

- papers, party officials have  
strongly objected, claiming  
that the party was being  
placed in an unfair position.

IFP candidate Peter Miller  
said tens of thousands of ballot  
- papers had been affected. â\200\234In-  
cidents of no stickers on the  
" ballot papers have been wide-  
spread throughout Natal gahe  
said.

He cited Vryheid, Oribi and  
Prestburg as examples. At the  
Hilton polling station, Mr Mill-  
er said, an IEC official had in-  
structed voters to write on the  
ballot papers.

He pointed out that when  
that instruction was given, one

was not allowed to write on,

the ballot paper. This ruling  
had since changed as the IEC  
ruled yesterday that on stick-  
erless ballot forms the IFP  
could be written in by the  
- voter.

PETER MILLER  
â\200\234|EC officials incompetentâ\200\235

Mr Miller said in reaction to  
the latest developments that

the change did not help the  
IFP at all. â\200\234We cannot get the  
information out to our voters

in time.

â\200\230â\200\234Another problem is that  
many of our supporters cannot  
write. They have been taught  
to look for the picture of Chief

Mlmster Mangosuthu Butheâ\200\224  
lezi.â\200\235

He added he did not want'

the IFP to use this as an ex-  
cuse for what had happened.  
Mr Miller also noted that  
IFP stickers had been left off  
ballot papers in Bulwer,

â\200\234Creighton, Donnybrook and  
- Byrne, just outside Richmond.

- He said that at Byrne the stickers had been placed on the ballot papers at an angle which meant that it interfered with the National Party, therefore making the ballot spoilt.

He said that at KwaMncane to the west of Pletermarltz-burg, polling staff had left vital equipment behind and that voting was delayed until after 11am.

Mr Miller criticised IEC officials for incompetence, ad-

ding that while the leaders were being incredibly helpful, people on the ground were incapable of running an election.

You can't get any action or

decision from the IEC officials at the polling stations. Even

the presiding officers simply shrug their shoulders and say they don't know.

He stressed that he wanted

the IEC to understand how serious the IFP viewed the problem.

On the issue of voter identity documents, Mr Miller said that many Home Affairs offices issuing them had run out of film. Other stations had run out of cards on which to place the picture. ) '

Mr Miller said that at the Tugela Ferry Home Affairs station, more than a thousand people had waited for voter cards, which could not be is-

- sued due to a lack of film.

The IEC promise to issue voter cards is hollow.

On the issue of violence, Mr Miller said the IFP had no re-

~ ports of any incidents. There

had been a case of intimidation on the part of the ANC.

. Report by M.P. Stiebel, 18 Osborne Street, Durban.

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Mercury Correspondent

JO\_HANNESBURGâ\200\224-â\200\224Police have arrested 31  
white right-wingers in connection with the  
spate of bombings in the PWV area that killed  
21 people and injured 176 in the past week.

The arrests included members of the AWB  
and its Ystergarde (Iron Guard) unit, a police-  
man and a reservist, police commissioner Gen  
Johan van der Merwe said yesterday.

The announcement came hours after. a car  
bomb at Jan Smuts airport injured 16 people  
and caused massive structural damage to the  
north face of the building. :

The bomb, placed inside a white Peugeot ve-  
hicle, exploded at 7.15am on the elevated road-  
way adjacent to the international departures  
terminal. An incoming flight was diverted to  
Bloemfontein and outgoing flights were de-  
layed until mid-afternoon. '

A white man was detained at the airport, but  
released after questioning.

The SAP was confident there would be no  
further bombings in the immediate future. â\200\234We  
have good reason to believe that we have hit  
the brain behind the blasts in Johannesburg,  
Randfontein, Germiston, Westonaria and Jan  
Smuts airport,â\200\235 said Gen Van der Merwe.

Large quantities of explosives, weapons and  
ammunition were seized during the arrests,

,yg?&iï-\201dst of which took place yesterday morning in

~ Rustenburg, Pretoria and Ventersdorp.

Gen Van der Merwe denied speculation of  
â\200\234third forceâ\200\235 criminal activity within the secu-  
rity services. ;

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-voter education material to remote parts of the !  
- area â\200\224 but not a single ballot paper. , -

to come back today.

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Frustration

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and chaos

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PROBLEMS continued to disrupt the election yesterday, with Natal, KwaZulu and Transkei again bearing the brunt of the growing chaos. | In far northern KwaZulu Tony Carnie reports that Mkuze, Ubombo and several stations were firmly shut with angry voting officers at Mkuze waiting the whole day for IEC officials and voter material to arrive. â\200\230 - It was later discovered that some IEC officials had spent the day drinking at a hotel, while others were seen carrying truckloads of

However, at Star of the Sea Mission near the Mozambican border post of Ponta do Ouro; voters were enthusiastic and the queue was moving fast. ; )

Michael Schmidt reports from Kokstad that the validity of the vote in the densely 3 ed Transkei region has been thrown into crisis | by the failure of the IEC to provide sufficient materials to voting stations. 5 SN

In the Maluti district alone there are an estimated 100 000 potential voters but by 4.30pm | only seven out of 61 voting stations were functioning. This contrasted sharply with â\200\230the smooth pattern of voting in the neighbouring Natal district of l\gount Eurryss: : |

Reporter Philani Mgwaba in Ulundi writes that although voters were able to cast their votes shortly after the official starting time of Tam, several voting stations had run out of IFP stickers and ink by noon.

At James Nxumalo polling station in Ulundi, people were unable to vote for the second day yesterday because the IEC had not delivered material. AL e

In some areas, b%alloting apparently

- proceeded despite the fact that the ultra-violet lights used to detect cheats were not available.

From Port Shepstone, Wendy Knowler reports logistical problems kept IEC staff on their toes as desperate pleas for more ballot papers and IFP stickers poured in from early morning. : 3 ; L

ANC lower South Coast secretary Ravi Pillay said intimidation and violence' in the area had been â\200\234virtually non-existentâ\200\235.

Olwandle Secondary School in the heart of troubled Gamalakhe was the busiest station in the area with about 1 000 people an hour casting their ballots after a 90-minute delay.

Kevin Oâ\200\231Grady in Newcastle says Natal IFP premiership candidate Frank Mdlalose told

the Mercury the IFP believed the extra day of voting was necessary. : 504  
It was not sufficient, as the IEC had suggest-

~ ed, to extend voting hours into the night be-

cause: â\200\234Many areas are rural.areas without electricity so they canâ\200\231t work at night.â\200\235

Voting ground to a halt in many northern KwaZulu areas yesterday afternoon when the IEC Newcastle warehouse ran out of ballot papers, IFP stickers and invisible ink.

The situation in many townships was tense as voters were turned @#way until today.

In Empangeni, reporter Chris Jenkins reports that voting i parts of Zululahd was thrown into chaos because of a shortage of ballot papers and other logistical problems.

Heidi Gibson, Sâ\200\231thÃ©mbiso Sangweni and Bob Freaan report from Impendle that district electoral officer AndrÃ© du Plessis had boxes of candles ready for three polling stations without electricify yesterday. ; :

At Tugelaâ\200\231Ferry, thousands of people, many in tribal dress, poured into the village and â\200\230queued .to vote. Eventually IEC authorities, unable to process all the voters, advised them

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Johannesburg north-western suburbs re:

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MILLIONS of exuberant South Africans went to the polls yesterday, the first day of the historic elections, despite long delays and logistical problems that rendered about 15% of voting stations inoperable for all or part of the day.

A crisis in the whole process was temporarily averted, although not resolved, following a threat by Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi to withdraw from the elections because of the non-availability of Inkatha strickers at many voting stations and 'unacceptable' ad hoc decisions by the Independent Electoral Commission in their attempts to remedy the problems. '

Acknowledging that there had been severe problems, IEC chairman Judge Johann Kriegler said the election so far had been between 80% and 90% acceptable.

He also announced that today would be

another public holiday to facilitate voting

and a further 9,3-million ballot papers would be printed locally.

The IEC and the main parties are keeping open the option of extending balloting into tomorrow. The main parties, including Inkatha, held meetings with Kriegler last night.

Kriegler allayed Buthelezi's fears by

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, fod up with their i-\201ueuos, joined Zevenfontein squatters to vote yesterday.

under fire as <  
voters swamp polls

: BILLY PADDOCK,  
TIM COHEN and DAVID GREYBE

promising that extra ballot papers were  
being printed with Inkathaâ\200\231s name. Buthe-  
lezi said this would do away with the need  
to place stickers on the ballots.

Deputy IEC chairman Dikgang Mosen-  
eke and Home Affairs Minister Danie  
Schutte were sent from Durban to meet

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Buthelezi last night to reassure him fur-  
ther. But Buthelezi was not completely  
satisfied and said he was still objecting to  
the IECâ\200\231s ruling allowing voters to write in  
Inkathaâ\200\231s name on the ballot.

He said Kriegler was â\200\234in breach of an  
agreement we signed on April 19 with Nel-  
son Mandela, FW de Klerk and Kriegler

" that all ballot papers without the Inkatha

sticker correctly placed would be regard-  
ed as spoiltâ\200\235.

On Tuesday and yesterday, several pre-  
siding officers at polling stations decided,  
in the absence of Inkatha stickers, to allow

Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

voters to write in Inkatha's name. The IEC provisionally condoned this procedure.

Kriegler emphasised that these voting papers would be counted separately and their validity assessed after counting. The Electoral Act permits the IEC to adjust results in the event of irregularities.

Buthelezi said there were millions of illiterate voters and they needed the stickers to make a free vote. It also called into question the secrecy of the ballot, he said.

Voting was conducted in a mostly peaceful atmosphere with no reports of poll violence, although it was marred by the spate of bombings. Most parties lodged complaints about voting irregularities.

Kriegler said part of the original agreement was that stickers could not be transported in time to all voting stations abroad. At these stations, voters who wrote Inkatha's name at the bottom of the ballot would be considered validly to have voted for the party. :

Kriegler said the reasons for the shortage of ballot papers were threefold: either the IEC had underestimated the number of voters; or a major breakdown had taken place in the distribution of the ballots, with too many going to rural areas; or there had been massive disappearance of ballot papers.

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BISHO â\200\224 Border peace committee  
monitors were sent to Middledrift in  
the Ciskei last night where Indepen-  
dent Electoral Commission  
monitors were reportedly being held  
hostage by an angry mob.

Border peace committee co-chairman  
Eddie Leeu was quoted as saying voters  
â\200\234took matters into their own hands when  
the Middledrift polling station ran out of  
ballot papersâ\200\235. The IEC staff were being  
helduntildemandsforthedeliveryofsufâ\200\224  
ficient ballot material were met.

In Mdantsane, Ciskei, angry voters  
broke down a polling stationâ\200\231s doors when  
it shut after apparently running out of  
election supplies yesterday morning, the  
IEC said. Police and soldiers had been sent  
to the station to restore order. .

Material supplies to polling stations had become a major problem in the eastern Cape, with voting stations running out of supplies owing to the heavy turnout yesterday morning.

The IEC said decisions by district election officers in Transkei to increase the number of polling stations without informing the IEC of their requirements had resulted in some stations not being supplied.

An emergency operation was planned, and the SA National Defence Force had agreed to provide two helicop-

- Inkatha

IEC staff held by  
mob of angry voters

Freedom Party  
president Mangosuthu

ters to help get voting supplies to stations. IEC official in charge of the Eastern Cape Oscar Dhlomo said there was a cause for concern, but the IEC would ensure no one qualified to vote was denied the opportunity.

He said in the Port St Johns district alone, 20 of the voting stations had not opened because of a lack of ballot papers, ink, ultraviolet lamps and other materials. The IEC warehouse in Umtata was virtually empty and unable to supply their needs.

In Port Elizabeth excitement was reduced to endurance as voters streamed to the polls, only to outnumber the ballot papers, boxes and ink. Many of the voters in the city waited in the sun for more than five hours before casting their ballots, while thousands more were disappointed, when supplies ran out.

IEC sub-provincial administrator Edwin Ncula said voting at most of the stations in the regions on the east coast was routine and peaceful. Shortages were critical at 14 stations, of which three were in Albany and eight in Port Elizabeth. Most small towns and rural areas reported about 4pm that big queues in the morning had subsided and that things were under control as long as additional supplies were received by today, Ncula said.

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Ghtches threaten peace, Ii¬\202katha warns

DURBAN â\200\224 The Inkatha Freedom Party

warned yesterday that administrative glitches

and a lack of polling stations in Natal posed a serious threat to peace in the province and said the elections had reached a â\200\234critical stageâ\200\235.

By early last night it appeared that the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) would move to resolve the crisis by printing an addi-

~ tional 4-million ballot papers for Natal alone.  
- But there was no indication that this would be

enough to stop the, IFP withdrawing from the elections.

While the IEC promlsed to keep pollmg stations open until the last voter had voted last | night, by early evening many stations appeared

~ to have shortages of ballots equxpment and Inkathastickers.

Inkatha spokesman Zlba Jiyane â\200\230said the most serious threat in Natal came from the an-

ger of vast numbers of voters in Inkatha-dominated areas unable to vote because of a lack of

â\200\234polling stations. â\200\234Some have been waiting for â\200\230two days. . . .  
in ANC areas because they will be killed.â\200\235

Jiyane and officials from other parties contesting the election'in the province met IEC

Moseneke in Durban

yesterday. He said

in Natal The ANC, womed that ballots wlthout

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They are reluctant to go and vote

â\200\234officials had also ,  
- warned Moseneke of the serious threat to peace

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Inkatha stickers could be considered v.-spoilt\_ 3

votes, had also complained to Moseneke.

Jiyane said Moseneke had stated franklyâ\200\231

that the IEC was â\200\234in a crisisâ\200\235, but had said the

commission was trying to find a solution, which

could include printing 4-million new ballot pa-

\_pers for Natal alone. Moseneke had also ad-  
mitted that the IEC had underestimated the

number of special voters by 500% to 600%.

Jiyane said the crisis had been deepened by

the announcement by IEC head Judge Johann

" Kriegler thit a handwritten vote for the IFP on  
the ballot paper would be acceptable. Jiyane  
â\200\230said this would dxsenfranchlse 1111terate

participants.

The IEC continued to play down the extent ot ik

its logistical problems. A spokesman said the  
overall picture for Natal was fine, although

there had been a shortage of Inkatha stickersin

Umkomaas, Nongoma and Maphumulo.

In Mahlabatani, IEC officials were still try-

ing to resolve equipment problems. There had Â»

also been a shortage of ballots in the area.

â\200\234Compared to yesterday (Tuesday), the prob; B

lem has lessened,â\200\235 the spokesman said.

. Sapa reports that Natal residents yesterdayâ\200\231--  
flocked to the polls, bravmg heat and loug

queues to vote

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The IEC said the huge voter turnout attesï-\201ed  
to voter enthusiasm and, in spite of some diffi-  
culties, â\200\234the IEC is committed to its duty bf en-  
suring a free and fair election for-ailâ\200\235.

Among reports yesterday was one of aiï-\201 el-  
derly woman collapsing and dying in Empan-  
geniâ\200\231s Esikhawini township after waltmg1 for  
hours in the sun to cast her vote.

In central Durban, voters were evacuated  
from the city hall after a hoax bomb scare yw-

' terday afternoon.



Voting was brisk in Durban and surrounding

- townships after a slow start.

At Amanzimtoti, a queue of more than 2 000

~ stood patiently in the morning as thousands of

- KwaMakutha residents flocked to the civic

centre polling station where they said they felt  
safer than at township voting venues. )

At Umlazi, ANC and Inkatha supporters

queued together at several venues, including

~ the King Goodwill Zwelithini Stadium.

\* Polling was uneventful at KwaMashu and In-

anda. The highlight of the first day of normal

voting in Inanda was ANC president Nelson

Mandela's presence at the Ohlange polling sta-  
tion to cast his vote, and Inkatha leader Mangosuthu

Buthelezi was greeted by enthusiastic |  
supporters when he arrived to vote in Umlazi.

Report by L Coutts, TML, 11 Diagonal St Jhb, and  
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Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

Picture: GARTH LUMLEY

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ape voters angry

CAPE TOWN â\200\224 The late arrival of  
ballot papers in the Cape Peninsulaâ\200\231s  
black and coloured townships left  
voters angry and disappointed

yesterday. :  
In Khayelitsha, voters left at least  
eight disorganised polling stations in

Hundreds of Nyanga voters â\200\224  
many of whom had been queueing at  
the Apostolic Church polling station  
since early morning â\200\224 were at mid-  
day told to go home because there  
were no ballot papers.

Many voters slept at polling sta-  
tions overnight, especially in Khaye-  
litsha, Langa and Guguletu. But some  
voters, who had been waiting since  
lam, had still not voted by early  
afternoon.

An Independent Electoral Com-  
mission official blamed the delay on  
the late inclusion of the Inkatha Free-  
dom Party in the elections, but this  
did little to appease disgruntled vot-  
ers, who accused the IEC of deliber-  
ately sabotaging the voting process.

Voters in central Cape Town faced  
four-hour waits in the rain in queues  
about a kilometre long.

Presiding officers at polling sta-  
tions in Cape Townâ\200\231s Atlantic sea-  
bowl by early evening pronounced.  
themselves generally satisfied with  
the dayâ\200\231s voting, however. â\200\224 Sapa

Report by F Krige, P Msbeso and D ven 2yl Sepe.  
Nedbank Centre, Cape Town. i



Huge

the IEC.

airlift early tomorrow to the-  
problem areas of Ulundi, Nongo-  
ma, Ubombo and Dundee.

Special permission would be  
given to presiding officers in those  
areas to open their voting booths to-  
IMOrrow. :

Mangosuthu Buthelezi said on national TV today that these plans had averted a crisis.

At this stage voting will not be extended tomorrow throughout KwaZulu/Natal, apart from these four bottle-neck areas. Pl

Decisions on #fis â\200\224 -and e%tâ\200\230 ended voting in sofe volatile townships

â\200\230 east of Johannesburg â\200\224 will be taken by the JEC later today. Pre siding officers can, however, sta;

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Ulundi at dawn today to help province. stickers. stock.

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Chief Buthelezi, Mr Moseneke and ; : | Â°< for the moment and send  
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## Polls

Although there was no specific evidence of disappearance, the SAP had been called in to investigate.

President FW de Klerk said in Durban that Buthelezi was being irresponsible in threatening to withdraw. "When we discussed his joining the process only a week ago he was informed that it would be a matter of crisis management and that his late entry would cause chaos. Everything is being done to accommodate voters and ensure that all logistical problems were resolved."

Voters complained of IEC inefficiency, with many stations only opening late in the day and others closing after a few hours. TEC officials also ran out of materials such as invisible ink and ultraviolet lights.

Other voters expressed frustration at having to stand in queues for four to 10 hours in the hot sun, but most took it in good spirit. :

Many areas experienced no voting problems and voters spoke of smooth, if slow, movement through the voting stations. Many complimented the IEC officials and

welcomed the absence of party workers harassing them at the stations "a feature of previous elections."

Asked about IEC advertisements which

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claimed the organisation was ready, Kriegler said: "We never promised you a rose garden." :

The IEC had emphasised all along that given the time constraints and difficulties involved, a turbocharged election was not going to be possible.

The ANC said it would push for an extension of voting to tomorrow if it seemed that not everyone who wanted to vote would be able to by the time the polls closed tonight.

The ANC will have assessed the situation by lunchtime today, ANC candidate Jay Naidoo said.

However, any decision for voting to "spill over" to tomorrow would have to be



taken together with other participants, as well as the IEC. The IEC had assured the ANC it would get its act together by this morning for voting to be completed tonight, albeit with an extension until midnight if necessary . :

Inkatha intransigence in constitutional negotiations had led to a lot of the problems with ballots and stickers, he said.

Fellow ANC candidate Pallo Jordan.

' said Buthelezi's threat to withdraw from:

the elections are not at all helpful. ...  
Report by W Paddock, T Cohen and D Greybe, TML, 11 DIOQOSIN

Voters bra Ve all

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OWN CORRESPONDENTS  
ECNA and SAPA

A nation determined and eager  
-to vote put the Independent  
Electoral Commission to the  
most stringent of tests yesterday  
and, in many areas, voting ar-

rangements were exposed as

hopelessly inadequate.

April 27 proved to have been  
engraved in the consciousness of  
the voting public as the day on  
which to vote. Hundreds of thou-  
sands braved hours in long,  
snaking lines â\200\224 in the Cape  
Town rain and the lowveld heat  
â\200\224 determined not to leave with-  
out registering their votes.

The voting crowds were disci-  
plined in the extreme. Security  
was the least of the Iogâ\200\230nstnca  
problems.

The critical breakdowns oc-  
curred, virtually across the  
country, for two reasons: voting  
materials failed to reach polling  
stations at the outset of the pro-  
cess; or they proved to be inade-  
quate to meet the overwhelming  
demand.

While all regions appeared to  
have been affected to some ex-  
tent, breakdowns appeared par-  
ticularly pervasive in the East-  
ern Cape and Free State.

In Transkei's Tsolo area about  
260 000 voters â\200\224 about one-  
sixth of Transkeiâ\200\231s voting popu-  
lation â\200\224 were still waiting to  
vote at noon due to delays in the  
delivery of ultra-violet scanners.

Deputy district electoral offi-  
cer Enoch Mafuna confirmed

that about 65 of 89 polling stations had not opened.

Transkei ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa said four Transkei and National Defence Force helicopters were available to help distribute voting materials. He insisted there should be an

to avoid a bloody conflict.

At Mdantsane in Ciskei, angry voters broke down the doors of a polling station at Mfundo Primary School when it was shut, apparently after running out of election supplies yesterday morning, the IEC said, -

In Bisho, joint Ciskei administrators the Rev Bongani Finca and Pieter Goosen were among the large number who voted.

Finca said he felt humble to be granted this day by the Almighty. "As we look back we remember our compatriots who have not been able to see this day," he said.

Disaster

In Port Elizabeth, district electoral officer Rob Engela said the situation had reached "impossible" proportions by early afternoon. As numerous polling stations faced closure with supplies running critically low, Engela said the IEC had tackled the "huge logistical problem" of redistributing ballot papers among stations.

In Bloemfontein, influxes of up to 8000 voters at some polling

(\extension of voting to tomorrow

stations caused a massive

breakdown in voting procedure.

IEC spokesman Rob Hadley announced after an emergency meeting that a "major disaster" had developed and all efforts were being made to alleviate the situation. Voters were asked to relocate to other stations, and political parties were asked to help transport supporters.

In Kroonstad, ballot papers

- ran out by midday and all poll-

ing came to a halt. IEC commis-  
sioner Rosil Jager said Kroon-  
stad was completely dry, Wel-  
kom virtually dry and Bethle-  
hem starting to run out.

In Ulundi it was all systems

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Tt6\200\230Â» cast their ballots\200\230

Under his own steam .

Alpheus Ngema, who voted in

Ulundi yesterday, had been queueing since 3.30 am. He

arrived driving a tractor.

go by 7.30 am. Thousands of  
people turned out at the town's

three polling stations. IFP Youth -

Brigade leader Zenzele Phakathi  
was cautiously optimistic that  
voting would go better than on  
the first day.

PICTURE: JODI BIEBER

Elsewhere in Zululand a -  
shortage of ballot papers de-  
layed voting. An IEC official in  
Empangeni said several stations  
had phoned to report they were  
not yet equipped for voting.

We are trying our best to

t transported to rural areas ' she

" rounding areas voting was brisk,  
. according to IEC officials. But in

get ballot papers delivered by  
helicopter and then have them

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In Mbabulo and most sur-

Matsepe village, 30 minutes  
drive from Mbabulo, villagers

waited hours for ballot papers to

arrive. " - X

" Nearly 20 percent of polling stations in the North West province did not open on time.

" In Pietersburg, the central polling station at the Jack Botes Hall was a hive of unprecedented activity as thousands of rural residents gave up on non-operational voting centres and flocked to the city to vote.

Whites voted briskly in the, conservative strongholds of Potgietersrus, Louis â\200\231Iâ\200\230ncha.rdt and Phalaborwa. |

Delays experlenced in Witbank, Middelburg. and Bethal were caused mainly by i-\202hteracy among voters from farms.

Presiding electoral officers at polling stations presented clean reports, although most stations were under strain from serving thousands of people.

In Nelspruit, long queues of voters, some up to 3 km long, patiently waited in hot conditions. But there were hitches in some Eastern Transvaal areas, while officials waited for additional supplies to be flown in. -

In Cape Town, residents un-| able to vote in certain townships | swelled the queues in the city | centre, where the price of voting | was a four-hour wait in the rain.

Even in Kimberley, provisional | capital of the sparsely populated | Northern Cape, queues of up to | 1 km began to form before dawn | at several polling booths, especially in and a.roud Ga.leshewe 2 township. . Â¢ NP T

Most PWV stations open on time

A day of snarls

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lines everywhere

#### B STAFF REPORTERS

Thousands of PWV voters swarmed to the polls yesterday, gathering in long queues in the autumn chill. ;

Most polling stations on the Reef opened on time after Tuesday's delays and hitches, although voters reported that some stations particularly on the East Rand were without ballot papers. =A« .

In Soweto, first-time voters camped outside polling stations and many more arrived to join queues before dawn. By 7am the lines in some cases extended around the block. Most stations in the township reportedly opened on time.

Kilometre

By mid-morning, queues in the township were up to a kilometre long. Everything ran smoothly all over Soweto, with no delays or hitches reported.

Alexandra residents turned out in their thousands and by .

8 am there were queues up to 3 km long around booths. No incidents of violence or intimidation were reported and

NO incidents of violence or intimidation are reported as most voters patiently wait their turn

most residents stood patiently waiting their turn to vote. .

In Katlehong and Tokbza, voters streamed to polling sta-

ations from 2 am. Later in the

morning, they were still wait-

" ed at many stations that did not  
v\_ receive their ballot papers. ]

There was a big turnout in  
Vosloorus but voters had to wait

as IEC officials arrived late.  
At Spruitview shopping com-

plex, people had to wait until  
9 am because there were no bal-  
lot papers. IEC presiding officer  
D Mazibuko said they had to  
send a delegation to Alberton  
to fetch the ballot papers. Voting  
started at 9 am.

Apart from complaints over  
waiting, overall the mood was

" good and voters remained calm.

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In the northern and eastern  
suburbs of Johannesburg, voters  
also rose early and packed the  
polling stations.

Close to 5000 turned up at  
the~Johannesburg City Hall. The

. queue snaked around President

and Loveday streets between  
coils of razor wire. But the  
three-hour wait could not damp-  
en people's spirits. 1S :

Relaxed

At George Goch Hostel east of  
Johannesburg, the atmosphere

- was relaxed, with people chat-

ting and smoking as they sat in  
a 2 000-strong queue ~stretching  
three-quarters of the way

- around the football stadium.

. The only shouting occurred  
when hostel headmen jumped ~  
the queue to vote.

Hostel shopkeeper Athanasius  
Zikalala said: ~It is a great day.

- South Africa is new-born.~

-It was clear from posters on  
the hostel walls that the resi-  
dents supported only one party

â\200\224 the IFP.

Factory driver Isaac Mazibuko  
said ANC supporters were â\200\234not  
allowed to come here, they must:  
go to an ANC areaâ\200\235.



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urban areas, are inexcusable. There is no doubt many voters were badly let down.

In six turbulent weeks it has had to assemble a staff of some 300000, train them, deploy them at more than 9 000 voting stations, supply them with the equipment to conduct the election, and co-ordinate the on-day running of the ballot. It is a monumental organisational task.

has based its planning has proved to be disturbingly unreliable and in many areas where problems have arisen especially KwaZulu-Natal and the East Rand a virtual state of civil war existed only days before polling began. ;

| also vastly complicated matters.

quickly and with commendable flexibility to pre-empt any claim that the election fails to be free and fair. Hopefully its new initiative today will do just that. The alternative would be a grave tragedy.

In sometimes trying circumstances their conduct has been outstanding.

1 glitches, they have voted with determination and enthusiasm, in a spirit of tolerance and good humour. For those who have never been able to vote before, it was a moment of elation, of new-found dignity, epitomised best perhaps by Archbishop Desmond Tutu's ebullient jig of joy.

sense of pride and relief in being part of a wider, | more equitable, inclusive South African community.

encouraging portents for future nation-building.

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i olls, stand the despicable, destructive efio  
"a\200\230 thepfew who have sought to sabotage the election.

" REPORTS have come from many parts of the

of no ballot papers, of failure of some voting stations

to open on time, or at all. There have also been reports of a shortage of ballot papers and of some not having stickers to include the IFP on the ballot.

organisation .of the election by the Independent | Electoral Commission â\200\224 sufficient, indeed, to give rise to concern yesterday that the freedom and fairness of the election might be compromised.

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COMMENT

Saving the election

country of chaotic conditions at voting stations;

All these point to grave shortcomings in the

Some of the IEC blunders, particularly in settled

In fairness, the IEC has faced a daunting challenge.

Furthermore, the national census on which the IEC

The last-minute decision by the IFP to take part

Given all the problems, the IEC has responded

Heroes of the poll

NE of the most remarkable features of the election thus far has been the attitude of voters.

Generally, in spite of long queues and the irritating

. For former voters, there was an overwhelming

This camaraderie and common cause has

Outcasts of the right

N stark contrast to the democratic spirit at the

While voters from widely different backgrounds and political persuasions have been brought together in harmony, providing an exciting glimpse of the potential of a new and united South Africa, these few pitiful outcasts have scurried around like rats, killing and maiming their own countrymen in futile attempts to halt the course of history. \_ :

That they have failed so abysmally is a tribute to the resolve of the nation and the efficiency of the police. In making 31 arrests the SAP has again given the lie to criticism that it is solely a haven for the white right.

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America watches in fascination =

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SOUTH AFRICA is riding the most spectacular wave of international attention and approval as it goes )

through the agony and ecstasy of elections.

You can hardly turn on the TV or radio or glance at the front page of the mainstream newspapers here without hearing or reading something about South Africa.

It is almost like being there.

All the big names of the American media are there: the Peter Jennings, Dan Rather, Peter Arnetts, Bernie Shaws etc have set up camp in South Africa and are anchoring their news shows from there, an unusual occurrence.

And President Clinton is making about a statement a day,

| often repeating a phrase he first used in an interview with Ar-

gus company editors last week.

Then he used it of President De Klerk and Mr Mandela, de-

| scribing their achievements as a stern rebuke to the cynics of

the world.

The amount of media attention on South Africa is so great that it has intrigued some commentators here.

The Washington Post noted this week that by many of the traditional definitions of national interest, the United States might appear to have little stake in the South African.

There are no oil fields to protect, no American troops or

bases in the region, no Soviet surrogates to contain and no co-

lonial guilt to assuage.

Part of the explanation seems to be enlightened self-interest. The Clinton Administration has identified South Africa as one of the world's 10 best emerging markets and is trying hard to buy in while the prices are low, so to speak.

US Commerce Secretary Ron Brown, a big fan of South Africa, is perfectly candid about this. :

He never tires of pointing out that creating a stable democracy in South Africa is a necessary pre-condition for expanding American markets there and from there into Africa.

Yet that does not come close to explaining the fascination and interest in South Africa.

America has long seen South Africa as a sort of parable, a moral fable of good versus evil.

Cynics have mocked that view and certainly it ignored many nuances. Yet it contains much truth. And the transition now represents a clearcut victory of good over evil.

The happy ending to the apartheid tale also has special meaning for Americans because of their own race problem.

The end of apartheid is almost a metaphor for the expunging of racist evil, something we can't deal with in our own country, former assistant Secretary of State for Africa Chester Crocker said this week.

But it goes beyond that too. It is not simply a triumph of right over wrong, it is the fact that the wrong the old system has ideedemed itself, has asked for forgiveness and is work-

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. by Americans Frank Greer and Stan  
. media adviser and pollster.  
' The fact that Greer and Greenberg defied Mandela's advis-

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PETER FABRICIUS in Washington

ing together with the right, that gives the South African transition its special appeal.

As the Washington Post's Paul Taylor put it in a front-page

story on the elections: â\200\234There is nothing more exhilarating than a wrong being made right. And should wrongdoer and victim join hands in the exercise it goes beyond exhilarating, It becomes a triumph of the human spirit.â\200\235

The redemption of the whites and the joining of hands seem to be what makes South Africa especially fascinating to America.

The themes of redemption and forgiveness are very strong in American culture; you can see it in the homage that is being paid to Richard Nixon this week; the only president ever forced from office, now slowly being canonised as one of the countryâ\200\231s greatest foreign policy leaders.

And in the big pre-election debate between Mandela and De Klerk it was Mandela grasping De Klerkâ\200\231s hand and promising to work with him that seized the imagination here.

It was not unlike the famous Rabin/Arafat handshake on the White House lawn last year. :

And, interestingly, reports here say that it was the same crowd that was responsible; that the idea of the handshake was suggested to Mandela â\200\224 against the advice of his own advisers Greenberg â\200\224 Clintonâ\200\231s

ers is intriguing. These are presumably the same advisers who persuaded Mandela not to have his photograph taken with De

-~ Klerk and Clinton at the White House last year.

And, from a domestic point of view, perhaps they were right in both cases. For apparently Greenberg found that the more Mandela knocked De Klerk, the more votes he won,

One must presume then that Greenberg and Greer were

. looking beyond votes when they scripted the handshake.

Perhaps they were looking to reassure minorities inside South Africa â\200\224 and also the world outside, realising that South Africaâ\200\231s unique selling point internationally is the Mandela/De Klerk partnership.

Once the elections and the inauguration have passed, much of the international limelight will dim.

But if South Africa wants to retain some of the magic glow, the Mandela/De Klerk duo must remain a powerful act during the government of national unity.



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AVF register

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point of view late registrations  
of parties could be accepted by  
the IEC until 4pm today.

IEC chairman Justice Jo-  
hann Kriegler said that from a  
legal point of view, the mid-  
night cut-off remained in place.  
He said that the only way the  
deadline could be extended was  
if â\200\234the law was changedâ\200\235.

Mr Justice Kriegler said it  
was imperative that the IEC  
finalise its registration list by  
this afternoon, to enable it to  
have ballot papers printed and

Observers yesterday also

noted that the in-principle  
agreement for international  
mediation was only concluded  
between the IFP and ANC.  
This agreement was later en-  
dorsed by the FA.  
MW In a statement after the  
AVF had registered, Gen Vil-  
joen said: â\200\234I realised that the  
freedom to exercise the stra-  
tegic options of the Afrikaner  
people would be severely re-  
stricted if we did not register  
provisionally.

â\200\234Due to the limited time  
ready in time.

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next monthâ\200\231s election.  
The provisional registra

the midnight deadline â\200\224 ended months of speculation.

An IFP delegation headed by national chairman Frank Mdlalose arrived at the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park at

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the Afrikaner Volksfront officially registering for

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CLIVE SAWYER  
Municipal Reporter

CONFLICT over whether sev-  
en towns in the Boland  
district Helderberg will be under

the, jurisdiction of the new  
Cape Transitional Metropolitan  
Council seems set to drag on  
until a provincial demarcation  
board is appointed.

The disagreement about the  
future of the towns is a major  
obstacle to badly-needed re-

formation of Cape local govern-  
ment. ; :

The towns Stellenbosch,  
Paarl, Wellington, Fransch-  
hoek, Somerset West, Strand  
and Gordon's Bay, yesterday  
told a Cape Metropolitan Nego-  
tiating Forum public hearing  
they did not want to lose their  
sovereignty to a new metropol-  
itan government.

And, while they would co-op-  
erate with forum working  
groups where their interests  
were affected, they rejected  
full membership because they  
did not want to be bound by fo-  
rum decisions.

The forum's boundaries  
working group is to compile a

final report for the steering  
committee and plenary. It  
seems unlikely a compromise  
with the fringe towns will be  
found. :

Local government MEC Piet  
Schoeman said arrangements  
would have to be made with  
the agreement of the powerful  
new multi-party provincial  
committee on local govern-  
ment for an investigation by  
a demarcation board still to be  
appointed.

A proposal by a metropoli-  
tan forum working group to  
use Western Cape Regional



Services Council boundaries as interim borders for the metro-pole drew responses from more than 35 town councils, business and civic bodies.

Informed sources said opposition to inclusion in the metro-pole seemed relatively united among statutory and non-statutory groups, while opinion in the Helderberg differed, with some non-statutory groups wanting to be included.

Consultant Dennis Moss, speaking for the seven fringe towns, told the public hearing the impression created in the Press of a conflict between the towns and the forum was false.

â\200\234We want only to find a solution which is the best for all concerned.

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of negotiations or international mediation.â\200\235

He hoped this international mediation would point out the

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flaws in the current constitutional process and help in achieving a volkstaat.

â\200\234This decision leaves the Afrikaner nation with the option to prove substantial support if, and only if, there are sufficient concessions which indeed make our ultimate goal of an Afrikaner Volkstaat attainable.â\200\235 ;

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dramatically with the Inkatha Freedom Party and  
the Afrikaner Volksfront officially registering for

next monthâ\200\231s election.

The provisional registration â\200\224 only three hours before  
the midnight deadline â\200\224 ended months of speculation.

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lose arrived at the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park at

Boland

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CLIVE SAWYER  
Municipal Reporter

CONFLICT over whether sev-

n â\200\234fringeâ\200\235 towns in the Boland

and Helderberg will be under

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CapÃ© Transitional Metropolitan

Council seems set to drag on

' until a provincial demarcation  
| board is appointed.

The disagreement about the  
future of the towns is a major  
obstacle to badly-needed re-  
form of Cape local govern-

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| The towns â\200\224 Stellenbosch,  
| Paarl, Wellington, Fransch-  
lhoek Somerset West, Strand  
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told a Cape Metropolitan Nego-  
tiating Forum public hearing  
| they did not want to lose their  
sovereignty to a new metropol-  
itan government.

And, while they would co-op-  
erate with forum working

' groups where their interests  
were affected, they rejected  
full membershlp because they  
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rum decisions.

. The forumâ\200\231s â\200\234boundaries  
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final report for the steering  
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found.

Local government MEC Piet  
Schoeman said arrangements  
would have to be made â\200\224 with  
the agreement of the powerful  
new multi-party provincial  
committee on local govern-  
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appointed.

A proposal by â\200\230a metropol-  
itan forum working group to  
use Western Cape Regional  
Services Council boundaries as  
interim borders for the metro-  
pole drew responses from more  
than 35 town councils, business  
and civic bodies.

Informed sources said oppo-  
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He warned he would not be influenced by threats of force, or the cutting off of funds to KwaZulu, when he and King Goodwill Zwelithini meet President De Klerk and African National Congress president Nelson Mandela today.

Chief Buthelezi told the British newspaper Daily Star that members of the Communist Party, who were also members of the ANC, were behind the attempts to assassinate him.

He added that he had little hope that today's talks would produce any result.

At the meeting proposals will be put to King Goodwill which could break the political logjam behind the violence sweeping KwaZulu-Natal. There were also indications last night that special provisions could be made for the boycotting IFP to still take part in provincial elections. The government and ANC were adamant that this month's poll would not be de-

Eskom: Arms findings will be public

JOHANNESBURG. â Eskom gave an assurance today that the results of an investigation of a planned arms deal with the KwaZulu police would be made public.

Acting chief executive GF Lindeque said the deal had been cancelled because it was considered insensitive.

He was responding to a demand by the National Union of Mineworkers that Eskom ex-

plain how a decision had been reached to dispose of its surplus arms by selling them through an arms dealer to the KwaZulu police.

â\200\234Eskom needs to come clean by making the investigation transparent in order to clear the mistrust already created among our members,â\200\235 said NUM assistant general secretary Gwede Mantashe on Wednesday. .

Two Eskom employees were suspended last week after making the deal with a Johannesburg arms dealer. â\200\224 Sapa.

ANC canâ\200\231t

layed, as demanded by the IFP.

Sources in all camps warned yesterday against overdue optimism, predicting that a day of â\200\234very tough talkingâ\200\235 lay ahead.

Some thought a â\200\234best case scenarioâ\200\235 would amount only to a deal being struck with the king and a commitment by him to tell his subjects they could vote if they wished. This would still leave the IFP out of the election, providing a spark for more violence in Natal.

Yesterday Mr De Klerk and Mr Mandela met for brief discussions on the meeting. Government and ANC negotiators also held talks.

The four leaders gathered at a bush venue in the Kruger Park early today. for the critical talks, which could hold the key to a peaceful election and an easing of the crackling tensions in KwaZulu-Natal.

King Goodwill and Mr Mandela met from 9am for about an hourâ\200\231 before joining the other leaders for discussions.

The kingâ\200\231s position will be critical to the outcome of the talks. He is likely to be offered some form of constitutional entrenchment of the Zulu monarchy.

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[1Shadow over todayâ\200\231s vital four-way talks

similar overtures in the past,  
sources were last night confi-  
dent his demands could be ac-  
commodated in new proposals.

â\200\234But progress effectively de-  
pends on whether the king is  
prepared to soften his demand  
for independence for KwaZulu-  
Natal,â\200\235 said a source.

It was reported yesterday  
that Zulu royals believed the  
king would be prepared to drop  
his independence demands, but  
that these would again be  
linked to IFP demands for  
changes to the interim  
constitution.

Meanwhile British Prime  
Minister John Major says he  
hopes todayâ\200\231s summit will pro-  
duce a solution enabling all  
parties to take part in the elec-  
tion in three weeksâ\200\231 time.

In a letter yesterday to each  
of the four participants Mr Ma-  
jor said: â\200\234I strongly hope your  
meeting will send a clear mes-  
sage in support of peace and  
democracy and against vio-  
lence and unrest.â\200\235

Britain looked forward to  
close relations with the new  
South African government and  
remained ready to help with  
the countryâ\200\231s development, Mr

Major said.  
(News by E Waugh and H Grange, 47 Sauer  
Street, Johannesburg).

campaign for federal future

Political Staff

THE African Democratic  
Movement, led by former Cis-  
kei ruler Oupa Gqozo, has  
launched a Western Cape cam-  
paign pledging a strong stand  
on federalism.

In its election manifeste the  
ADM says it will work for the  
entrenchment of strong autono-  
mous provincial powers, func-  
tions and duties.

It is in favour of â\200\234upward de-

volutionâ200\235 of powers from the electorate in order to maximise democracy without rendering the national government impotent.

The party also has detailed policies on education, health, land, and the environment, rural development, the economy, the informal sector, housing and the judicial system.

According to Western Cape secretary-general Patrick Damonse, the party is fielding 42 regional candidates and it has handed in 3000 signatures re-

[illegible]

The party has opened offices at 31 Adderley Street (telephone 46-10782).

Its candidate for the premiership in the region is Mr

Leonard Schroeder of Blue  
Downs.

Mr Damonse said there was particular interest in the region in the ADM because it stood for the coloured people being represented by coloured people.

(News by T Wentzel, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town).

I will always be a .  
communist â\200\224 Yenqeni

FORMER Western Cape MK commander and ANC regional secretary Tony Yengeni said he was communist and always would be one.

Addressing more than 1000 ANC Western Cape Youth League members in Cape Town last night, he said the ANC had planned a weekend full of events to mark the first anniversary of the death of SA Communist Party secretary-general Chris Hani.

SACP chairman Joe Slovo is to address rallies in Guguletu and Khayelitsha this weekend.

There will be an ANC/SACP



march from Guguletu to the |

Manenberg police station.

Mr Yengeni called on the youth league to explain the ANC's position to coloured people and spread the ANC's word on trains, to reduce the tensions between African and coloured people. Sapa.

(News by T Mbengo, 141 Commissioner Street, Johannesburg).

PREACHING TO THE CONVERTED: Ishmail Effendi addresses a meeting of the Islam Other speakers at last nig

Kahn, secretary-general of the party.

Ggozo launches Cape election\*

guarantee  
safety,  
says Kriel

STRAND. The National Party was fighting the African National Congress because it did not believe the ANC could guarantee safety, development and freedom of religion, Law and Order Minister Her-nus Kriel said.

Mr Kriel, the NP premiership candidate for the Western Cape, was speaking last night at a public meeting attended by about 250 people in the town hall and was wrapping up a hectic day-long election road-show in the Somerset West/Helderberg area. Saying he was tired of being the gentleman, he swiped at the Democratic Party although it had changed its name three times, it was still the same party and still represented the wealthy liberals.

â\200\234The DP says the NP  
has taken over its poli-  
cies â\200\224 why then is the  
DP fighting us instead of  
the ANC?â\200\235

Turning to the right  
wing, he said the appar-  
ent split between Ferdi  
Hartzenbergâ\200\231's Conserva-  
tive Party and Constand  
Viljoenâ\200\231s Freedom Front  
was nothing but a neat  
strategy because there  
was apparently no bad  
feeling between them.  
Hartzenbergâ\200\231s  
credibility had been fa-  
tally compromised.

He said the NP could  
never support an Afrika-  
ner volkstaat because it  
would resurrect apart-  
heid and â\200\234the NP is fin-  
ished with apartheid for  
goodâ\200\235. â\200\224 Sapa |

(News by Lorraine Braid, Nedbank  
gentre, Strand Street, Cape Town)

Picture: HANNES THIART, The Argus.

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OHANNESBURG. â\200\224 The |  
Freedom Front has come out Â\$

in support of the three police  
generals suspended for alleged  
involvement in third force ac-

tivities. â\200\224 Sapa.

Sunlight on the new flag.

HE SUN seemed to  
rise with a peculiar  
brilliance above  
Natal's war-weary

townships yesterday as two\*

men performed a brief and  
simple task for which they  
had waited all their lives.

Winter came suddenly and  
earlier than usual to the re-  
gion this year and ordinary  
people waiting outside two  
polling stations where Nelson  
Mandela and Mangosuthu  
Buthelezi voted agreed there  
was something different in the  
chilly air.

It was significant that the  
75-year-old ANC leader came  
to cast his ballot in Natal  
where thousands of his sup-  
porters and those of the IFP  
have died in the past decade  
and where there is a longing  
for reconciliation between  
Zulu and Zulu.

He could have voted in Piet-  
ermartizburg, soon to be the  
seat of the new regional

| assembly.

. age to Inanda's Ohlange high

Instead he made a pilgrim-

school, established by one of  
the founders of the ANC, John

| Dube.

Before casting his ballot, he  
visited the Dr Dube's grave at  
the back of the school hall  
where polling was held. Sur-  
rounded by a small group of  
local ANC luminaries, he laid  
a wreath at the obelisk, stood

back and bowed slightly,  
without speaking.

(Although asked by an ANC  
candidate what he planned to  
do after the election he re-  
plied: "I am going to resist all  
pressure and disappear to a  
small village for a while".)

Mr Mandela completed  
most of the voting process out  
of the glare of the cameras in  
the hall but emerged for a

contingent of more than 120 -

foreign and local journalists  
bussed in from Durban

. to put his regional ballot into

a box on the verandah follow-  
ing a lengthy dawn dispute  
between the shooters on  
where exactly to position the

. box.

As you might expect this  
is, for all South Africans, an  
unforgettable occasion, he  
declared to the sound of doz-

#### INSIGHT

PATRICK LEEMAN and STEVE MATTHEWSON record two historic occasions

Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi, president of the IFP, casts his  
vote at Umlazi's King Goodwill Zwelithini stadium . With  
him is Dikgang Moseneke, vice-chairman of the IEC.

ens of camera shutters.

"It is the realisation of the  
hopes and dreams that we  
have cherished for decades;  
dreams of a South Africa  
which represents all South Af-  
ricans. It is the beginning of a  
new era."

Picture by ROB GREAVES

Making a point of assuring  
minority groups, an enfran-  
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Mr Mandela recalled his state-  
ment at the Rivonia trial

which led to his 27 years of  
imprisonment: â\200\234I have fought  
very firmly against white

Freedom of choice

Surrounded by hoards of journalists, Nelson Mandela  
casts his vote at Inandaâ\200\231s Ohlange high school, established  
by one of the founding members of the ANC, Dr John

Dube.

domination, I have fought  
very firmly against black  
domination.â\200\235

The mood at Umlaziâ\200\231s King  
Goodwill Zwelithini stadium  
where Dr Buthelezi cast his  
vote was initially less upbeat  
than this.

Picture by TERRY HAYWOOD

When he cast his vote about  
7.30am, he was visibly tired  
and was irritable with several  
of the 40 journalists and  
photographers.

Ironically, the stadium was  
the scene of a confrontation  
between IFP supporters and

: minister and was thrilled that

The sun sets on the old flag.

the ANC on March 13 after  
the ANC was prevented from  
holding a rally there.

But Dr Buthelezi's mood perked up visibly after a display of celebration at the station by a jubilant unidentified Zulu woman was the life and soul of activities at the stadium.

The woman said she was very pleased to meet the chief

she had been able to vote on Tuesday.

There was a long queue outside the stadium gates and the atmosphere was subdued.

Several voters proudly held up their identity documents when asked to do so by press photographers.

The vice-chairman of the IEC, Dikgang Moseneke, was on hand to welcome Dr Buthelezi and organise last-minute arrangements.

The IFP president, wearing a stylish blue suit and an IFP button, told the press after he had voted that he would accept the result of the election if all the voters had had the opportunity to cast their vote.

He was concerned, however, about the allegations of widespread rigging of the election, about children under the age of 18 being able to vote, and claims that some of the IFP election agents had been thrown out of certain polling stations on Tuesday.

Dr Buthelezi said he had spoken twice to the chairman of the IEC, Mr Justice Johan Kriegler, on Tuesday about the fact that IFP stickers were not available at some polling stations. He had received complaints from as far afield as KwaNdebele.

He was emphatic that there should be an extension of time for the election. u

Questioned why he had decided to vote in Umlazi, Dr Buthelezi said this was the largest township in KwaZulu and the IFP had members

there.

â\200\234I have a free choice,â\200\235 he  
said.

Indeed, that is what this  
historic election is all about.



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Utter dismay :

E Rand delays |

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'HBY GUY JEPSON  
JOHN PERLMAN and  
CHRISTINA STUCKY

For thousands of voters in the  
East Rand townships of Katle-  
hong and Tokoza the first day of  
the election was one of utter dis-

Xmid chaotic scenes at many  
polling stations, angry residents  
â\200\224 many of whom had waited in  
vain from 4 am for ballot papers  
to arrive â\200\224 warned that they  
would not accept the election re-  
sult unless they were given a  
chance to vote.

â\200\234They are not going to count

those papers until all of us have  
gone to vote,â\200\235 said one young  
man. â\200\230â\200\230Otherwise, Mandela  
stayed in jail for nothing.

â\200\234If they don't, they are going  
to start a war and nothing is  
going to stop it. That will happen  
if the people donâ\200\231t vote.â\200\235

By mid-afternoon, anger was  
boiling over at the community  
hall in Palm Ridge outside Toko-  
za, where several thousands of  
people had waited for most of  
the day in the baking sun.

Angry young men and women  
berated the soldier at the gate,  
calling on him to bring the ballot  
boxes out of the building, and

- many people spoke furiously of a  
deliberate attempt to keep them

~ from voting.

In the field outside, more than  
a thousand people sat and stood  
in a long, meandering line, sus-  
tained only by water from a  
nearby tap and their determina-  
tion to cast a first-ever vote.

Many had walked from Toko-

za, Katlehong and Phola Park  
after polling stations in their  
areas broke down or simply  
never opened. o

Without exception, people de-  
nounced the Independent Elec-  
toral Commission for its failure

to deliver on the day they had  
been waiting for all their lives.

And many resented, more  
than anything, the fact that no-  
body had bothered to tell themy  
what was happening.

â\200\234Tell the IEC they are bas-  
tards. A long time ago they made |  
this appointment with the peo  
ple. You canâ\200\231t invite the peos  
ple to a party and when theyh  
come tell them thereâ\200\231s no foodn  
left,â\200\235 shouted a furious man. al

Why, some asked, were white;s  
voters not being put through the \  
same ordeal? â\200\234If it was white  
people, they would have brought

" the ballot papers in with helicop-  
ters,â\200\235 said one. i  
But outside the Bracken Park

community hall in nearby Alber-

ton, the logjam was just as bad,  
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| Utter dismay  
~over East

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the absence of ballot papers â\200\224  
and proper explanations â\200\224 just  
as pressing.

There, disgruntled (mainly  
white) residents said other poll-  
ing stations in Alberton were ex-  
periencing the same problems.

â\200\234Theyâ\200\231ve had all this time to  
prepare and they couldnâ\200\231t get it  
right. It's organised chaos,â\200\235 said  
one suburban voter as a military  
helicopter â\200\224 apparently bring-  
ing ballot papers â\200\224 landed in  
the veld shortly after 3 pm.

As queues outside community  
halls and schools in the town-  
ships lengthened and anger

mounted, dismayed IEC officials simply stayed inside â\200\224 unable to explain the shortage and, in many cases, the complete absence of ballot papers and voting equipment.

Peace monitors, policemen, National Peacekeeping Force personnel, even journalists, were left to try to answer peopleâ\200\231s B questions. Â»

People were voting at Katlehongâ\200\231s DW Williams Community Hall at midday, but the pace was achingly slow.

Asked to explain the chaos, one officer at the station said: â\200\234Since this morning I have been phoning the IEC left, right and centre. They came with some

materials but it was not enough.

â\200\234Right now we need another. UV light, more ballot papers and IFP stickers, and we need to control these people. '

â\200\234If we cannot control this crowd and no more materials arrive, then there will be chaos and rioting.â\200\235 s |

Sitting on a kitchen chair in the searing heat, Sheila Mashigo (36), who arrived at the hall at 4 am, said she was â\200\234very, very sick and tiredâ\200\235 of waiting. |

â\200\234When can we get hold of | these people from the IEC so that we can tell them? They must come to Katlehong and feel the pain as we feel it.â\200\235

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Bold IEC officer:  
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had been declared a public holiday

to allow more time to vote.  
Massive snaking queues formed at voting stations throughout the country yesterday amid continual reports of widespread ballot paper and IFP sticker shortages and subsequent voting station closures. :  
Mr Justice Kriegler said the problems experienced yesterday

day, with some polling stations

again opening late, were not as

tion,

serious as some parties had suggested. ' :

Most problems had already been rectified by the afternoon. Most voting stations in the country were operational yesterday.

No polling stations reported problems in the Northern Cape, 70 percent did not in the PWV (only in the morning and much higher in the afternoon); 75 percent in the Northern Transvaal

and KwaZulu/Natal; 80 percent

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in the Eastern Cape and Eastern Transvaal; and 87 percent in the Free State.

Local logistical and transport problems were largely responsible for the snags, he said.

Voting stations would be kept open until everybody had been able to vote last night.

The IEC had also air-dropped leaflets on East f:gg;i ttlcl)wnshipts assuring people ere was enough material for all to vote.

Possible reasons for ballot paper shortages included the meagre statistical data upon which voting station patterns were based, rapid urbanisation since the 1991 census, or that  
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IEC launches  
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â\200\234because of the apartheid-re-  
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taken part in that census, ;  
The judge said there was also  
the possibility of interference  
with the IECâ\200\231s ballot paper dis-  
tribution system. SAP Commis-  
sioner. General Johan van der  
Merwe had been asked to launch  
an urgent investigation.  
Complaints by political par-  
ties, some of which had  
been addressed, would be taken  
into consideration when the ver-

- dict was made on whether the

election had been free and fair.  
Mr Justice Kriegler confirmed  
that, at some polling stations,  
voting had begun without IFP  
stickers attached to the ballot  
g:pers yesterday and on Tues-

y.

In these instances, those who  
wanted to vote for the IFP had

- â\200\224 like others who had voted  
abroad â\200\224 written the IFPâ\200\231s  
name on their ballot paper and  
voted next to it. In some cases )  
IFP officials had asked IFP  
voters to do so.

â\200\230These papers would be added  
to those which did not have the  
IFPâ\200\231s name and would be consid-  
ered when votes were counted.

â\200\234If Chief Minister (Mangos-  
uthu) Buthelezi were to phone  
me, I would be able to satisfy  
him that the procedure we have  
decided on won't prejudice the  
IFP,â\200\235 the judge said. â\200\230

Earlier, he had told the press  
briefing he still did not think it  
would be necessary to make to-  
mOITOW a voting day.

The overwhelming majority of  
the electorate â\200\224 much higher  
than the 60 percent the IEC had  
predicted â\200\224 had voted yester-  
day, and all the others would be  
able to vote today. =~

The only danger was that IEC  
officials might begin to tire.

â\200\234But thatâ\200\231s just part of the  
price we have to pay for being  
part of this glorious experiment  
in democracy.â\200\235



alvaging the  
snarl-up

HE only 'way to salvage the legitimacy of the election is to extend polling in at least parts of KwaZulu/Natal and anywhere else that problems have been experienced. It is unconscionable that, in a supposedly free and fair poll, people should be denied the opportunity to vote. :

The logistical problems being encountered by the Independent Electoral Commission are understandable, but the attitude of IEC chairman Mr Justice Johann Kriegler borders on casualness when he speaks of its being acceptable that a high percentage of people be left out, so long as the percentage is spread across the whole country.

That is the argument of the Curate's Egg. The whole point of the current election, by proportional representation, is that a truly representative National Assembly be elected. Percentages are crucial.

Another weak argument is that the shambles in rural Zululand can be attributed to the Inkatha Freedom Party's late participation. The IEC's responsibility always was toward the people, not any political party. Whether or not the IFP stayed out and whether or not the KwaZulu Government co-operated was immaterial. The people of the region had to be given the opportunity to vote. The IEC and the Transitional Executive Council were emphatic on this score, yet adequate voting facilities were not provided.

Polling stations open withowi ballot papers. There is an over-supply of ballot papers to the Kalahari Gemsbok Park. It reads like something from an Evelyn Waugh novel and is downright embarrassing.

It is a sorry state of affairs but it can be salvaged. An extra day's voting in the affected areas of KwaZulu/Natal ought to make it possible for the genuine will of the people to be tested. And if this province can be given an extra day, why not the rest of the country as well, where appropriate? If a thing is worth doing, it is worth doing well.

Sunlight on the new flag.

HE SUN seemed to  
rise with a peculiar  
brilliance above

Natal's war-weary  
townships yesterday as two"  
men performed a brief and  
simple task for which they  
had waited all their lives.

Winter came suddenly and  
earlier than usual to the re-  
gion this year and ordinary  
people waiting outside two  
polling stations where Nelson  
Mandela and Mangosuthu  
Buthelezi voted agreed there  
was something different in the  
chilly air.

It was significant that the  
75-year-old ANC leader came  
to cast his ballot in Natal  
where thousands of his sup-  
porters and those of the IFP  
have died in the past decade  
and where there is a longing  
for reconciliation between  
Zulu and Zulu.

He could have voted in Piet-  
| ermartizburg, soon to be the  
. seat of the new regional  
' assembly.

Instead he made a pilgrim-  
age to Inandaâ\200\231s Ohlange high  
school, established by one of  
the founders of the ANC, John  
Dube.

Before casting his ballot, he  
visited the Dr Dubeâ\200\231s grave at  
the back of the school hall  
where polling was held. Sur-  
rounded by a small group of  
local ANC luminaries, he laid  
a wreath at the obelisk, stood  
back and bowed slightly,  
without speaking.

(Although asked by an ANC  
candidate what he planned to  
do after the election he re-  
plied: â\200\234I am going to resist all  
pressure and disappear to a  
small village for a whileâ\200\235).

Mr Mandela completed  
most of the voting process out  
of the glare of the cameras in

the hall but emerged for a

foreign and local journalists  
â\200\224 bussed in from Durban â\200\224  
to put his regional ballot into  
a box on the verandah follow-  
ing a lengthy dawn dispute  
between the â\200\230â\200\234shootersâ\200\235 on  
where exactly to position the  
box.

â\200\234As you might expect this

is, for all South Africans, an  
unforgettable occasion,â\200\235 he  
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INSIGHT

PATRICK LEEMAN and STEVE MATTHEWSON record two historic occasions,

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Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi, president of the IFP, casts his  
vote at Umlaziâ\200\231s King Goodwill Zwelithini stadium . With  
him is Dikgang Moseneke, vice-chairman of the IEC.

ens of camera shutters.

â\200\234It is the realisation of the  
hopes and dreams that we  
have cherished for decades;  
dreams of a South Africa  
which represents all South Af-  
ricans. It is the beginning of a  
new era.â\200\235

Picture by ROB GREAVES

Making a point of assuring  
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Mr Mandela recalled his state-  
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which led to his 27 years of  
imprisonment: â\200\234I have fought  
very firmly against white

Freedom of choice

Surrounded by hoards of journalists, Nelson Mandela  
casts his vote at Inandaâ\200\231s Ohlange high school, established  
by one of the founding members of the ANC, Dr John

Dube.

domination, I have fought  
very firmly against black  
domination.â\200\235

The mood at Umlaziâ\200\231s King  
Goodwill Zwelithini stadium  
where Dr Buthelezi cast his  
vote was initially less upbeat  
than this.

Picture by TERRY HAYWOOD

When he cast his vote about  
7.30am, he was visibly tired  
and was irritable with several  
of the 40 journalists and  
photographers.

Ironically, the stadium was  
the scene of a confrontation  
between IFP supporters and

the ANC on March 13 after |  
the ANC was prevented from |  
holding a rally there. ' :

But Dr Buthelezi's mood !  
perked up visibly after a dis- |  
play of celebration at the sta-y/  
tion by a jubilant unidentified  
Zulu woman was the life and  
soul of activities at the  
stadium.

The woman said she was  
very. pleased to meet the chief

+ minister and was thrilled that

she had been able to vote on  
Tuesday.

There was a long queue out-  
side the stadium gates and  
the atmosphere was subdued.

Several voters proudly held  
up their identity documents  
when asked to do so by press  
photographers.

The vice-chairman of the  
IEC, Dikgang Moseneke, was  
on hand to welcome Dr  
Buthelezi and organise last-  
minute arrangements.

The IFP president, wearing

a stylish blue suit and an IFP button, told the press after he had voted that he would accept the result of the election if all the voters had had the opportunity to cast their vote.

He was concerned, however, about the allegations of widespread rigging of the election, about children under the age of 18 being able to vote, and claims that some of the IFP election agents had been thrown out of certain polling stations on Tuesday.

Dr Buthelezi said he had spoken twice to the chairman of the IEC, Mr Justice Johan Kriegler, on Tuesday about the fact that IFP stickers were not available at some polling stations. He had received complaints from as far afield as KwaNdebele. .

He was emphatic that there should be an extension of time for the election. :

Questioned why he had decided to vote in Umlazi, Dr Buthelezi said this was the largest township in KwaZulu and the IFP had members there. )

I have a free choice, he said.

Indeed, that is what this historic election is all about.

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Glitches threaten peace, Inkatha warns

DURBAN â\200\224 The Inkatha Freedom Party warned yesterday that administrative glitches and a lack of polling stations in Natal posed a serious threat to peace in the province and said the elections had reached a â\200\234critical stageâ\200\235.

By early last night it appeared that the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) would move to resolve the crisis by printing an additional 4-million ballot papers for Natal alone. But there was no indication that this would be

enough to stop the IFP withdrawing from the

elections.

While the IEC promised to keep polling stations open until the last voter had voted last

night, by early evening many stations appeared

to have shortages of ballots equipment and Inkatha stickers.

Inkatha spokesman Ziba Jiyane said the most serious threat in Natal came from the anger of vast numbers of voters in Inkatha-dominated areas unable to vote because of a lack of â\200\230polling stations. â\200\234Some have been waiting for two days. ... They are reluctant to go and vote in ANC areas because they will be killed.â\200\235

Jiyane and officials from other parties contesting the election' in the province met IEC . deputy chairman Dikgang Moseneke in Durban

yesterday. He said NP officials had also ,

warned Moseneke of the serious threat to peace in Natal. The ANC, worried that ballots without

| LLOYD COUTTS , |

Inkatha stickers could be considered spoilt votes, had also complained to Moseneke.

Jiyane -said Moseneke had stated frankly that the IEC was â\200\234in a crisisâ\200\235, but had said the commission was trying to find a solution, which could include printing 4-million new ballot pa-

pers for Natal alone. Mosencke had also ad-

mitted that the IEC had underestimated the number of special voters by 500% to 600%.

Jiyane said theÃ© crisis had been deepened by \*

the announcement by IEC head Judge Johann Kriegler that a handwritten vote for the IFP on

the ballot paper would be acceptable. Jiyane - -  
said this would dxsenfranchlse 1111terate :

participants.

The IEC continued to play down the extent of  
its logistical problems. A spokesman said the

overall picture for Natal was fine, although. -  
there had been a shortage of Inkatha stickers in \* .-

Umkomaas, Nongoma and Maphumulo. .

In Mahlabatani, IEC officials were still try-  
ing to resolve equipment problems. There had  
also been a shortage of hallots in the area.

â\200\234Compared to yesterday (Tuesday), the prob- -  
lem has lessened,â\200\235 the spokesman said.

Sapa reports that Natal residents yesterday -  
flocked to the polls, braving heat and long  
queues to vote. :

+ C Govender, Sapa, 330 West St, Dbn. e

- The IEC said the huge voter turnout attested

~ to voter enthusiasm and, in spite of some, diffi-

culties, â\200\234the IEC is commxtted to its duty of en-  
suring a free and fair election for allâ\200\235. '

Among reports yesterday was one of an el-  
derly woman collapsing and dying in Empan-  
geniâ\200\231s Esikhawini township after waitmg for

~ hours in the sun to cast her vote.

In central Durban, voters were evacuated  
from the city hall after a hoax bomb scare yes-  
terday afternoon.: i b sl kg

Voting was brisk in Durban and surroundmg

~ townships after a slow start. -

At Amahzimtoti, a queue of more than 2 000  
stood patiently in the morning as thousands of  
KwaMakutha residents flocked to the civic

\_ centre polling station where they said they felt  
â\200\230, safer than at township voting venues. \* d

" At Umlazi, ANC and :Inkatha supportjrs

â\200\230queued together â\200\230at several venues,: mcludmgâ\200\234  
:the King Goodwill Zwelithini Stadlum g

Polling was uneventful at KwaMashu and In-

~ anda. The highlight of the first day of normal

voting in Inanda was ANC president Nelson

\* Mandelaâ\200\231s presence at the Ohlange polling sta- -.

tion to cast his vote, and Inkatha leader Mango-

" suthu Buthelezi was greeted by enthusiastic  
" supporters when he arrived to vote in Umlazi,

Report by L Coutts, TML, 11 Diagonal St Jhb, and C Doonan, G Arde and .

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MILLIONS of exuberant South Africans went to the polls yesterday, the first day of the historic elections, despite long delays and logistical problems that rendered about 15% of voting stations inoperable for all or part of the day.

A crisis in the whole process was temporarily averted, although not resolved, following a threat by Inkatha Freedom Party

from the elections because of the non-availability of Inkatha strickers at many voting stations and "unacceptable" ad hoc decisions by the Independent Electoral Commission in their attempts to remedy the problems. |  
. Acknowledging that there had been severe problems, IEC chairman Judge Johann Kriegler said the election so far had "been between 80% and 90% acceptable". He also announced that "today would be - another public holiday to facilitate Voting"

would be printed locally.

. ing open the option of extending balloting - into tomorrow. The main parties, including "Inkatha, held meetings with Kriegler last night.

Kriegler allayed Buthe's fears by

leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi to withdraw

and a further 9,3-million ballot papers

-The IEC and the main parties are keep-

BILLY PADDOCK,  
TIM COHEN and DAVID GREYBE

promising that extra ballot papers were being printed with Inkatha's name. Buthelezi said this would do away with the need

to place stickers on the ballots.  
:Deputy IEC chairman Dikgang Mosen-

eke and Home Affairs Minister Danie Schutte were sent from Durban to meet

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Buthelez1 last mght to reassure hxm further. But Buthelezi was not completely satisfied and Âsaid he was still objecting to the IECâ\200\231s r,ulmg â\200\230allowing voters to write in

â\200\234 He said Kriegler was â\200\234in breach of an  
- agreement we signed on April 19 with Nel-  
â\200\230 son Mandela, FW de Klerk and Kriegler

.~ that all ballot papers without the Inkatha -  
- sticker correctly placed would be regard-

ed as spoiltâ\200\235.  
On Tuesday and yesterday, several pre-  
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[EC under fire as  
voters swamp polls

voters to write in Inkathaâ\200\231s name. The IEC provisionally condoned this procedure. Kriegler emphasised that these voting papers would be counted separately and their validity assessed after counting. The Electoral Act permits the IEC to â\200\234adjustâ\200\235 results in the event of irregularities. Buthelezi said there were millions of illiterate voters and they needed the stickers to make a free vote. It also called into

-question the secrecy of the ballot, he said.

Voting was conducted in a mostly peaceful atmosphere with no reports of poll violence, although it was marred by the spate of bombings. Most parties lodged complaints about voting irregularities.â\200\235

Kriegler said part of the original agreement was that stickers could not be transported in time to all voting stations abroad. At these stations, voters who wrote Inkatha's name at the bottom of the ballot would be considered validly to have voted.

Kriegler said the reasons for the short-

age of ballot papers were threefold: either

the IEC had underestimated the number of

in the absence of Inkatha stickers, to all citizens

voters; or a major breakdown had taken

place in the distribution of the ballots, with

too many going to rural areas; or there had been massive disappearance of ballot papers. - Tel

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Although there was no specific evidence of disappearance, the SAP had been called in to investigate.

President FW de Klerk said in Durban that Buthelezi was being irresponsible in threatening to withdraw. "When we discussed his joining the process only a week ago he was informed that it would be a matter of crisis management and that his late entry would cause chaos. Everything is being done to accommodate voters and ensure that all logistical problems were resolved."

Voters complained of IEC inefficiency, with many stations only opening late in the day and others closing after a few hours. IEC officials also ran out of materials such as invisible ink and ultraviolet lights.

Other voters expressed frustration at having to stand in queues for four to 10 hours in the hot sun, but most took it in good spirit. :

Many areas experienced no voting problems and voters spoke of smooth, if slow, movement through the voting stations. Many complimented the IEC officials and welcomed the absence of party workers harassing them at the stations "a feature of previous elections."

Asked about IEC advertisements which

claimed the organisation was ready, Kriegler said: "We never promised you a rose garden."

The IEC had emphasised all along that given the time constraints and difficulties involved, a turbocharged election was not going to be possible.

The ANC said it would push for an extension of voting to tomorrow if it seemed that not everyone who wanted to vote would be able to by the time the polls closed tonight.

The ANC will have assessed the situation by lunchtime today, ANC candidate Jay Naidoo said. i :

However, any decision for voting to "spill over" to tomorrow would have to be taken together with other participants, as well as the IEC. The IEC had assured the ANC it would "get its act together" by this morning for voting to be completed tonight, albeit with an extension until midnight if necessary. » o

Inkatha intransigence in constitutional negotiations had led to a lot of the problems with ballots and stickers, he said.

Fellow ANC candidate Pallo Jordan, said Buthelezi's threat to withdraw from:

the elections are not at all helpful. ...:  
Report by W Paddock, T Cohen and D Greybe, TML, 11 Diagonal -

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cause there was no IEC staff at the midnight meeting that voting have a population of about  
250 000.

Ulundi.airport to meet them today i i the true figure  
2 . equipment had not arrived at som We suspect the

A President F.W. de Klerk said in polling stations so people

extended tamorrow throughout Durban last night that virtually the waited tw !  
KwaZulu/Natal, apart from\_these | whole Air Force was now at the dis- yoted.

ma, Ubombo a;nd Dundee.

Special permission would be  
given to presiding officers in those  
areas to open their voling booths to-  
IMOITOW. :

Mangosuthu Buthelezi said on national TV today that these plans had averted a crisis. '

At this stage- voting will not be;

four by-election areas. Proposal of the IEC. Decisions regarding the 2002 is. 2002- and extended | voting in so-called volatile townships be opened in Ulundi today.

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east of Johannesburg 2002 will be

siding officers can, however,

urgent crash plan to solve election  
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today with Chief Buthelezi and IEC-

to fly and drive voting .

An IEC operations centre would have no electricity to work the ma-

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issue temporary voters' 2002 cards. This - x Also, the IFP said, some IEC staff is a particular problem in some re- were young and arrogant and did note parts of KwaZulu/Natal. not seem to know what they were

The IEC yesterday had two million more ballot papers for the National Assembly printed for the 2002-2004 elections. The TRB of KwaZulu/Natal, and two million for the : : Provincial Parliament being done. A consignment of 225 000 ballot papers at a Pinetown printing firm. These papers were flown into Newlands. 5 had the IFP's details printed on today to be 2002-2004 welcome relet 2 them, doing away with the need for voting stations that had run out of stickers. i stocks .

Members of the IEC, police and the IEC's sub-regional directors the SADF were on hand to make Vaughan Southey, hoped the results would be certain there was no sabotage. 2002-2004 the 1-million paper order would

Mr Schutte offered Chief Buthe: flown in later. o lezi and Mr Moseneke all the facilities. 'We have decided to deprive the E ties at the Government's disposal the Newcastle town centre of the to ensure the election worked in Kwa: papers for the moment and let 1 Zulu/Natal, because the Government those we have to the more volatile

~ - ie

able to vote. | Mr Southey said one of the reasons terms of the reasons for the under-supply of ballot was the lack of proper population area. :

the townships are supposed to

Mr Schutte said in

ing hours could only be allowed after election figures for the ling stations. 2002-2004 For instance, IFP people told Mr Moseneke at | around Newcastle

to be

there had| over 600 000.â\200\235 \_

q days but had still notf Mr Southey said the available  
stock would be taken by road and  
At some polling stations tiere|pelicopter to the various stations.

A Puma helicopter was on stand-

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taken by the IEC later today. Pre cials were flown in helicopters from  
sta Pietermaritzburg to Ulundi today  
with all the equipment needed to

shipment of voting supplies to be  
taken to the Greytown, Msinga and  
Kranskop after reports of frustr\_ated  
voters being turned away last night.

\_doing. Some IEC officials had.

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An IEC liaison officer, Denhem  
Grey, said as far as could be ascer-  
tained a road shipment of extra sup-  
plies had arrived but'the helicopter  
package was still being put togeth-

Most PWV stations open on time

of snaking

#### B STAFF REPORTERS

Thousands of PWV voters swarmed to the polls yesterday, gathering in long queues in the autumn chill. :

Most polling stations on the Reef opened on time after Tuesday's delays and hitches, although voters reported that some stations particularly on the East Rand were without ballot papers. \* .

In Soweto, first-time voters camped outside polling stations and many more arrived to join queues before dawn. By 7am the lines in some cases extended around the block. Most stations in the township reportedly opened on time. ;o7

Kilometre

By mid-morning, queues in the township were up to a kilometre long. Everything ran smoothly all over Soweto, with no delays or hitches reported.

Alexandra residents turned out in their thousands and by .

8 am there were queues up to 3 km long around booths.

No incidents of violence or intimidation were reported and

NO incidents of violence or intimidation are reported as most voters patiently wait their turn

most residents stood patiently waiting their turn to vote. -

In Katlehong and Tokbza, voters streamed to polling sta-

tions from 2 am. Later in the morning, they were still waiting at many stations that did not

\_receive their ballot papers. 2

There was a big turnout in  
Vosloorus but voters had to wait

~ as IEC officials arrived late.

At Spruitview shopping com-  
plex, people had to wait until  
9 am because there were no bal-  
lot papers. IEC presiding officer  
D Mazibuko said they had to  
send a delegation to Alberton  
to fetch the ballot papers. Voting  
started at 9 am.

Apart from complaints over  
waiting, overall the mood was

" good and voters remained calm.

In the northern and eastern  
suburbs of Johannesburg. voters  
also rose early and packed the

â\200\224{ polling stations.

Close to 5000 turned up at  
theJohannesburg City Hall. The  
queue snaked around President  
and Loveday streets between  
coils of razor wire. But the  
three-hour wait could not damp-  
en peopleâ\200\231s spirits. R

Relaxed

At George Goch Hostel east of  
Johannesburg, the atmosphere

\* was relaxed, with people chat-  
ting and smoking as they sat in  
a 2 000-strong queue Stretching .  
three-quarters of the way

. around the football stadium.

\_ The only shouting occurred  
when hostel headmen jumped Â°  
the queue to vote. :  
Hostel shopkeeper Athanasius  
Zikalala said: â\200\234It is a great day.  
. South Africa is new-born.â\200\235

-It was clear from posters on  
the hostel walls that the resi-  
dents supported only one party -  
â\200\224 the IFP. 5

Factory driver Isaac Mazibuko  
said ANC supporters were â\200\234not  
allowed to come here, they must:  
go to an ANC areaâ\200\235. :

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Utter dismay at  
E Rand delays-

M BY GUY JEPSON  
JOHN PERLMAN and  
CHRISTINA STUCKY

For thousands of voters in the  
East Rand townships of Katle-  
hong and Tokoza the first day of  
the election was one of utter dis-  
may.

Amid chaotic scenes at many  
polling stations, angry residents  
â\200\224 many of whom had waited in  
vain from 4 am for ballot papers  
to arrive â\200\224 warned that they  
would not accept the election re-  
sult unless they were given a  
chance to vote.  
. â\200\234They are not going to count

those papers until all of us have  
gone to vote,â\200\235 said one young  
man. â\200\230â\200\230Otherwise, Mandela  
stayed in jail for nothing.

â\200\234If they don't, they are going  
to start a war and nothing is  
going to stop it. That will happen  
if the people don't vote.â\200\235

By mid-afternoon, anger was  
boiling over at the community  
hall in Palm Ridge outside Toko-  
za, where several thousands of  
people had waited for most of  
the day in the baking sun.

Angry young men and women  
berated the soldier at the gate,  
calling on him to bring the ballot  
boxes out of the building, and

" many people spoke furiously of a  
deliberate attempt to keep them

from voting. i  
In the field outside, more than

a thousand people sat and stood  
in a long, meandering line, sus-  
tained only by water from a  
nearby tap and their determina-  
tion to cast a first-ever vote.

Many had walked from Toko-  
za, Katlehong and Phola Park  
after polling stations in their  
areas broke down or simply

never opened.

Without exception, people denounced the Independent Electoral Commission for its failure

to deliver on the day they had

been waiting for all their lives.

And many resented, more

than anything, the fact that nobody had bothered to tell them what was happening.

"Tell the IEC they are bastards. A long time ago they made this appointment with the people. You can't invite the people to a party and when they come tell them there's no foodni left," shouted a furious man. at

Why, some asked, were white voters not being put through the same ordeal? "If it was white

people, they would have brought the ballot papers in with helicopters," said one.

But outside the Bracken Park community hall in nearby Alberton, the logjam was just as bad ;

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Utter dismay

over East .

Rand delays

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the absence of ballot papers and proper explanations just as pressing. !

There, disgruntled (mainly white) residents said other polling stations in Alberton were experiencing the same problems.

"They've had all this time to prepare and they couldn't get it right. It's organised chaos," said one suburban voter as a military helicopter apparently bringing ballot papers landed in the veld shortly after 3 pm.

As queues outside community

halls and schools in the town-  
ships lengthened and anger  
mounted, dismayed IEC officials  
simply stayed inside â\200\224 unable  
to explain the shortage and, in  
many cases, the complete ab-  
sence of ballot papers and voting  
equipment.

\_ Peace monitors, policemen,

National Peacekeeping Force

personnel, even journalists, were |  
left to try to answer peopleâ\200\231s

questions.

People were voting at Katle-  
hongâ\200\231s D W Williams Community  
Hall at midday, but the pace was  
achingly slow. -

Asked to explain the chaos,  
one officer at the station said:

~ â\200\234Since this morning I have been

phoning the IEC left, right and  
centre. They came with some  
materials but it was not enough.

â\200\234Right now we need another.  
UV light, more ballot papers and  
IFP stickers, and we need to  
control these people.

â\200\234If we cannot control thxs  
crowd and no more materials ar-  
rive, then there will be chaos  
and rioting.â\200\235 4

Slttmg on a kltchen chmr m  
the searing heat, Sheila Maslngo  
(36), who arrived at the hall at  
4 am, said she was â\200\230very, very&

sick and tiredâ\200\235 of waiting.

"~ â\200\234When can we get hold of'  
these people from the IEC so  
that we can tell them? They  
must come to Katlehong and feel |  
the pain as we feel it.â\200\235 = = . ;



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Bold IEC operation,

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had been declared a public holiday to allow more time to vote.

Massive snaking queues formed at voting stations throughout the country yesterday amid continual reports of widespread ballot paper and IFP sticker shortages and subsequent voting station closures.

Mr Justice Kriegler said the problems experienced yesterday, with some polling stations again opening late, were not as

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serious as some parties had suggested.

Most problems had already been rectified by the afternoon. Most voting stations in the country were operational yesterday.

No polling stations reported problems in the Northern Cape; 70 percent did not in the PWV (only in the morning and much higher in the afternoon); 75 percent in the Northern Transvaal

and KwaZuluNatal; 80 percent

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Transvaal; and 87 percent in the  
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Voting stations would be kept  
open until everybody had been  
able to vote last night.

The IEC had also air-dropped  
leaflets on East Rand townships  
assuring people that there was  
enough material for all to vote.

Possible reasons for ballot  
paper shortages included the  
meagre statistical data upon  
which voting station patterns  
were based, rapid urbanisation  
since the 1991 census, or that  
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IEC launches  
bold effort  
to rescue poll

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â\200\234because of the apartheid~re-  
gameâ\200\235 many people had not  
taken part in that census,

The judge said there was also  
the possibility of interference  
with the IECâ\200\231s ballot paper dis-  
tribution system. SAP Commis-  
sioner General Johan van der  
Merwe had been asked to launch  
an urgent investigation.

Complaints by political par-  
ties, some of which had already  
been addressed, would be taken  
into consideration when the ver-  
dict was made on whether the  
election had been free and fair.

Mr Justice Kriegler confirmed  
that, at some polling stations,  
voting had begun without IFP  
stickers attached to the ballot

papers yesterday and on Tuesday.

In these instances, those who wanted to vote for the IFP had â\200\224 like others who had voted abroad â\200\224 written the IFPâ\200\231s name on their ballot paper and voted next to it. In some cases ) IFP officials had asked IFP voters to do so.

These papers would be added to those which did not have the IFPâ\200\231s name and would be considered when votes were counted.

â\200\234If Chief Minister (Mangosuthu) Buthelezi were to phone me, I would be able to satisfy him that the procedure we have decided on won't prejudice the IFP,â\200\235 the judge said. .

Earlier, he had told the press briefing he still did not think it would be necessary to make to-MOITOW & voting day.

The overwhelming majority of the electorate â\200\224 much higher than the 60 percent the IEC had predicted â\200\224 had voted yesterday, and all the others would be able to vote today. .~ . - :

The only danger was that [EC officials might begin to tire.

â\200\234But thatâ\200\231s just part of the price we have to pay for being part of this glorious experiment in democracy.â\200\235.

Daily News Reporter

AFTER many reports of IFP -

stickers being left off ballot papers, party officials have strongly objected, claiming that the party was being placed in an unfair position.

IFP candidate Peter Miller said tens of thousands of ballot papers had been affected. "In-cidents of no stickers on the \* ballot papers have been wide-spread throughout Natal, e said.

He cited Vryheid, Oribi and Prestburg as examples. At the Hilton polling station, Mr Miller said, an IEC official had instructed voters to write on the ballot papers.

" He pointed out that when that instruction was given, one was not allowed to write on.

the ballot paper. This ruling had since changed as the ILC ruled yesterday that on stickerless ballot forms the IFP could be written in by the - voter. :

PETER MILLER  
"EC officials incompetent"

Mr Miller said in reaction to

the latest developments that

the change did not help the IFP at all. "We cannot get the information out to our voters in time.

"Another problem is that many of our supporters cannot write. They have been taught to look for the picture of Chief

Minister Mangosuthu Buthe-lezi."

He added he did not want

the IFP to use this as an ex-

cuse for what had happened. Mr Miller also noted that IFP stickers had been left off ballot papers: in Bulwer, Creighton, Donnybrook and

- Byrne, just outside Richmond.

- He said that at Byrne the stickers had been placed on the ballot papers at an angle which meant that it interfered with the National Party, therefore making the ballot spoiled.

He said that at KwaMncane to the west of Pietermaritzburg, polling staff had left vital equipment behind and that voting was delayed until after 11am.

Mr Miller criticised IEC officials for incompetence, adding that while the leaders were being incredibly helpful, people on the ground were incapable of running an election.

You can't get any action or

decision from the IEC officials at the polling stations. 'Even' the presiding officers simply shrug their shoulders and say they don't know.

He stressed that he wanted the IEC to understand how se-

rious the IFP viewed the problem.

On the issue of voter identity documents, Mr Miller said that many Home Affairs of-

fices issuing them had run out

of film. Other stations had run out of cards on which to place the picture.

Mr Miller said: that at the Tugela Ferry Home Affairs station, more than a thousand people had waited for voter cards, which could not be is-

sued due to a lack of film. |  
" The IEC promise to issue

voter cards is hollow.

On the issue of violence, Mr Miller said the IFP had no reports of any incidents. There had been a case of intimidation on the part of the ANC.

\_ Report by M.P. Sliebel, 18 Osborne Sireel Dur-  
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Political Staï¬\201

LWIDESPREAD criticism of the In-

: â\200\230dependent Electoral Commissionâ\200\231s

administration of. this weekâ\200\231s elec-  
- tions mounted as ch,'nrman Mr Jus-  
\_tice Johann Kriegler accepted blame  
.for what had gone wrong.

S te reported voting had gone ex-  
cellently in parts yesterday, well in  
some, fair in other others, â\200\234and  
downrlght poor in othersâ\200\235.

But his acknowledgement of IEC  
faults â\200\230and 24-hour efforts by his or-  
ganisation to repair widespread  
problems, failed to stifle a chorus  
of censure from voters, observers,

monitors and politicians. The belief

is growmg that the IEC ls unequal to  
the task. -

The Judge appealed to South Afri-

'cans to be patient, expressing confi-  
dence last night that â\200\234voting will be  
better tomorrowâ\200\235. He thanked the  
' :\_thousands â\200\230who had stood peacefully  
in very long queues, sometimes  
fruitlessly. -

The main problem, he sald wasl

: 'shortages ballot papers, marking  
ink, and in some instances ballot  
: boxes About 5,6 million extra ballot  
papers had been printed overnight

~and would be dlstrlbuted to problem

areas. Bt  
Respondmg to Inkatha Freedom

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Party charges of wxdespread ballot  
irregularities, such as the lack of

"IFP stickers at the bottom of ballot

papers, the judge said he had no rea-  
son to think the IFP would withdraw

- from the elections race.

IEC officials would determine by

â\200\234noon today whether extra hours or -  
an added day were necessary for

voting.

His announcement of a decision  
time was overtaken hours later,  
however, by news that voting in the  
Ulundi, Ubombo and Dundee areas

~ of KwaZulu/Natal would continue

tomorrow

Problems are also plaguing the  
Transkei, where former military  
ruler Bantu Holomisa and IEC direc-  
tor in the area John Hlope have  
pleaded for a voting extension.

" By the time we receive the essen-  
tials and distribute them, voting in

those areas would only be able to  
take place this evening, which would -

-make it impossible for the voters to

cast their votes in time.

\*I have asked the IEC headquar-  
. ters to consider declaring Friday a  
full voting day, which would enable  
us to ensure all those who need )

.. vote will be able to do so. -  
- Repon by A Dunn 18 Osborne Street. Du'ban



## NORTH COAST

Prophets  
of doom  
proved to  
be wrong

Empangeni: Doomy/prophets  
and the gut fears of ordinary  
South Africans that the  
elections would result in the  
spilling of much blood in  
Zululand have so far proved  
wrong.

But there have been reports  
of serious intimidation by  
monitors and political parties.  
Miraculously, however, there  
has not been a single death  
from political violence in the  
area. :

Both the ANC and IFP have  
blamed each other for  
intimidating voters.

IFP North Coast northern  
sub-region spokesman Blessed  
Gwala said members of both  
his party and the ANC had  
been guilty of intimidation.

However, he said the ANC  
was guilty of worse â\200\224 the  
ambushing of a bus yesterday  
afternoon carrying IFP  
supporters between  
Kwambonambi and  
Qedumona, on their return  
from a polling station. -

Mr Gwala said Mthozo  
Dlamini had been injured in  
the shooting. He said the  
matter had been reported to  
the police at Kwambonambi.

SAP Natal spokesman

Major Henry Budhram said he  
  
had not heard about the  
shooting.

Mr Gwala said IFP  
supporters had gone to cast  
their votes in Kwambonambi  
after being threatened by an  
ANC leader at the Qedumona  
polling station. .

But ANC northern Natal  
secretary Senzo Mchunu has  
claimed, despite what he says  
was a peaceful election, there  
had been mfrmgements

He said in Nkandla, north-east of Ulundi, an IFP mob

stormed the polling station at the local Magistrate's Court on Tuesday.

He said an ANC party agent at the station was forced to lock himself in a room when the 300 youths went on the rampage %

~ Mr Mchunu said in another :

He identified an IFP-aligned traditional leader yesterday entered the Dokweni polling station near Gingindlovu, where he was allowed to canvass openly. -

According to Mr Mchunu, the chief also swore at voters inside the station. He said police had been informed.

He has questioned the IEC's inability to correct things that are wrong and the way it

accepted being overpowered.

He has added his voice to complaints against the deployment of the KZP as the only security force in some areas.

Mr Mchunu said because of this ANC supporters in rural areas were too scared to vote unless they could afford to get transport to country towns.

Visits by a Daily News team to townships around Richards

~ Bay found people to be calm.

PAC regional candidate Foko Magubane said after voting at the Esikhawini town hall that there was a new spirit of peace in the

~ violence-wracked area.

There are just crosses on

the ballot forms, no violence. Report by T. Robbins, 18 Osborne Street, Durban.



COOL QUEUE: Vendors did a roaring trade in ice-lollys at this voting station in Inanda.

The patient pollers 7~

THE queues stretched on and on and on as hundreds of thousands of people from areas north of Durban stood in the warm sun to vote in the country's first democratic elections.

Good humour prevailed at

all polling stations visited by a Daily News team, as people, feeling a sense of equality for the first time, showed their determination to wait all day if necessary.

Violence appeared to have been upstaged by the clear

commitment of people to the

democratic process - no party colours, T-shirts, flags or rosettes were evident in the snaking queues.

The queues were, however, colourful as people unfurled

bright umbrellas against the midday sun and vendors did a roaring trade in cooldrinks and ice-creams.

From the affluent suburbs of Durban North to the unpaved roads of Inanda - thousands of black and white voters queued, cocking a snoot at the right-wing's pre-election terror campaign. -

In such areas as KwaMashu and Inanda, which have been

rocked by pre-election vio-

lence, signs of normality appeared to have returned.

- Thank God this has hap-

pened and we hope that the  
peace continues,â\200\235 a KwaMashu  
voter said. ;

At Durban North a voter

~ was overheard saying: â\200\234My -

dear, I should have brought a

skottle braai and had boere-  
wors rolls.â\200\235

Security forces were not  
very visible â\200\224 even in Kwa-  
Mashu and Inanda.

At Ohlange High School,  
where ANC leader Nelson  
Mandela had voted early yes-  
terday morning, members of  
the Internal Stability Unit  
- found time to klick a soccer  
ball around. ~ = : =

â\200\234We havenâ\200\231t had any vio-

-lence â\200\224 only accidents in our

vehicles,â\200\235 an ISD member  
said.

An IEC spokesman â\200\230Sandile  
Ngidi, said the IEC had not re-  
ceived any reports of violence  
or intimidation in Kwa-  
Zulu/Natal. -

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#### W POLITICAL STAFF

South Africans of all races responded in their millions to yesterday's April 27 date with destiny, forming voting queues kilometres-long at polling stations nationwide in spite of critical failings in the electoral machinery and a pull-out threat from Ulundi.

The new political threat emerged last night to compound the mounting logistical danger to the election process.

IFP president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said he did not rule out the possibility of withdrawing from the poll if his party was unfairly prejudiced by ballot paper problems. oo f

Logistical snarl-ups forced the Independent Electoral Commis-

sion to extend voting hours last night and tonight in while today was declared a paid public holiday.

From the darkness of the early hours of morning, voters gathered to cast their ballots in South Africa's founding democratic election the focus of the

|Buthelezi threatens to

MILLIONS vote on  
historic day, but  
snarl-ups raise  
tempers as thousands  
of voters spend long  
hours in queues

entire world's attention.

Although precise voting pat-  
terns are impossible to deter-  
mine, statisticians said it was  
possible that up to half of the  
estimated 23 million electorate  
went to the polls yesterday.

â\200\234Voters appeared not to be de-  
terred by yesterday morningâ\200\231s  
car-bomb explosion at Jan  
Smuts Airport.

The first day of ordinary vol-  
ing was marred by complaints  
from many parts of the country,  
detailing failure by the IEC to  
have polling stations functioning  
on time and efficiently.

Buthelezi made his pull-out  
threat because of problems with  
the system of sticking the IFPâ\200\231s  
name on ballot papers.

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He objected, in particular, to  
the suggestion that [P sup-  
porters could simply write the  
party's name on the botlom of  
the ballot if stickers were not  
available.

He said the IFP had stated  
last week, when it entered the  
election, that this would not be  
acceptable. Ballot secrecy would

withdraw amid polling chaos in s  
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- Zigzag . . . voters queuÃ© through central Johannesburg .  
to the City Hall polling station. â\200\230

PICTURE: DEBBIE YAZBEK (

be threatened by this, especiailly  
since about 60 percent of rural  
Natal voters were illiterate.

Saying his central committee might have to meet on the ballot issue, Buthelezi called for an extra day of voting to address, among other problems, that of elderly voters who had not been able to vote on Tuesday.

Responding to the IFP. leader's remarks, ANC media chief Pallo Jordan insisted the election would go ahead as planned.

He said Buthelezi's statement - "would not contribute to peace, \* stability and democracy.

"It is of the same character as the IFP's foot-dragging when it registered six days before the election."

The ballot paper. problems were partly caused by that late registration, Jordan said.

Among the electoral problems evident yesterday were ballot paper shortages and shortfalls in other voting materials, which led to temporary closures of some voting stations. ' b

Worst affected were stations in Tokoza, Katlehong, Daveyton, Benoni, Boksburg, Vosloorus, Soweto, Zonk'izizwe, Walker-

ville, Klerksdorp, Rustenburg,"

Bophuthatswana's Odi region, Brits, Bafokeng, the Free State, Northern Transvaal, KwaZu-

ome areas

frantically organising more stickers by 4 pm yesterday -

\* The IEC considered the option of allowing IFP voters to write

the party's name at the bottom : of the ballot paper.

By noon yesterday, the IEC had received reports of 277 inci-



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" Enthusiasm for the election â\200\224

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spite of delays and administra-

i tive: foul-ups â\200\224 gave rise to

Scenes never witnessed before  
Jin SA.'Vqtmg lines stretched for  
several kilometres. Many people

" waited throughout the day.

M Star election statisticians Ri-  
chard Humphries and. Mark  
â\200\230Shaw said it was possible that  
ithe .estimate of 22,7 million po-  
tential voters could be too low. It  
was derived from disputed cen-

Ju/Natal and the Western Cape. ; Sus figures.

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â\200\230Voters bra\%â\200\230/e all odds to cast their ballotsf\*

M STAFF REPORTERS  
OWN CORRESPONDENTS  
.. .- ECNA and SAPA .

A nation determined and eager to vote put the Independent Electoral Commission to the most siringent of tests yesterday and, In many arcas, voling arrangements were exposed as hopelessly Inadequate.

April 27 proved to have been engraved In the consciousness of the voting public as the day on which to vote. ITundreds of thousands braved hours in long, snaking lines â\200\224 In the Cape Town rain and the lowveld heat â\200\224 determined not to leave without registering their votes.

The voting crowds were disciplined In the extreme. Security was the least of the logistical problems.

The critical breakdowns occurred, virtually across the country, for two reasons: voting materials failed to reach polling stations at the outset of the process; or they proved to be inadequate to meet the overwhelming demand.

While all regions appeared to have been affected to some extent, breakdowns appeared particularly pervasive in the Eastern Cape and Free State.

In Transkei's Tsolo area about 260 000 voters â\200\224 about one-sixth of Transkei's voling population â\200\224 were still waiting to vote at noon due to delays in the dellvery of ultra-violel seanners.

Deputy district electoral officer Enoch Mafuna confirmed that about 65 of 89 polling stations had not opened.

Transkei ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa said four Transkel and National Defence Force

helicopters were available to help distribute voting materials. He insisted there should be an

Lo â\200\234avoid a bloody conflict",  
At Mdanlsane in Ciskel, ungry

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voters broke down the doors of a -

polling station at Mfundo Primary School when it was shut, apparently after running out of election supplies yesterday morning, the 1150 said,

In Bisho, Joint Ciskel administrators the Rev Bongani Finca and Pieter Goosen were among the large number who voted.

Finca said he felt humble to be granted this day by the Almighty. â\200\234As we look back we remember our compatriots who have not been able to see this day,â\200\235 he said.

Disaster

In Port Elizabeth, district electoral officer Rob Engela said the situation had reached â\200\234impossibleâ\200\235 proportions by early afternoon. As numerous polling stations faced closure with supplies running critically low, Engela said the IEC had tackled the â\200\234huge logistical problemâ\200\235 of redistributing ballot papers among stations.

In Bloemfontein, influxes of up to 8000 voters at some polling stations caused a massive breakdown in voting procedure.

IEC spokesman Rob Hadley

announced after an emergency

meeting that a â\200\234major disasterâ\200\235 had developed and all efforts were being made to alleviate the situation. Voters were asked to relocate to other stations, and political parties were asked to help transport supporters.

In Kroonstad, ballot papers

- ran out by midday and all poll-

ing came to a halt. IEC commissioner Rosil Jager said Kroonstad was â\200\234completely dry, Welkom virtually dry and Bethlehem starting to run outâ\200\235.

In Ulundi it was all systems

Under his own steam . .

arrived driving a tractor.

go by 7.30 am. Thousands of

. people turned out at the town's  
three polling stations. IFP Youth -

Brigade leader Zenzele Phakathi  
was 'cautiously optimistic' that

-voting would go better than on

the first day.

- Alpheus Ngema, who voted in  
Ulundi yesterday, had been queueing since 3.30 am. He.

PICTURE: JODI BIEBER

Elsewhere in Zululand a -  
shortage of ballot papers de-  
layed voting. An IEC official in  
Empangeni said several stations  
had phoned to report they, were  
not yet equipped for voting. !

'We are trying our best to

- township. .

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' gel ballot papers deliv-  
| ered by helicopter and then have them  
: transported to rural areas she

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"In Mmabatho and most sur-

! "rounding areas voting was brisk,  
. according to IEC officials. But in

Matsepo village, 30 minutes  
drive from Mmabatho, villagers  
waited hours for ballot - papers to  
arrive. 't -

Nearly 20 percent of polling

stations in the North West prov-

lence did not open on time,

-In Plettersburg, the central  
polling station at the Jack Botes  
Hall was a hive of unprecedent-  
ed activity as thousands of rural  
residents gave up on non-opera-

tional voting centres and flocked to the city to vote.

Whites voted briskly in the conservative strongholds of Potgietersrus, Louisa 's and Phalaborwa.

Delays experienced in Wxtebank, Middelburg and Bethal were caused mainly by the rain among voters from farms.

Presiding electoral officers at polling stations presented clean reports, although most stations were under strain from serving thousands of people.

In Nelspruit, long queues of voters, some up to 3 km long, patiently waited in hot conditions. But there were hitches in some Eastern Transvaal areas, while officials waited for additional supplies to be flown in.

In Cape Town, residents unable to vote in certain townships swelled the queues in the city centre, where the price of voting was a four-hour wait in the rain.

Even in Kimberley, provisional capital of the sparsely populated

Northern Cape, queues of up to 1 km began to form before dawn at several polling booths, especially in and around Galeshewe

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BISHOP 200\224 Border peace committee

monitors were sent to Middledrift in

the Ciskei last night where indeed;  
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dent Electoral Commission (.  
monitors were reportedlog being  
hostage by an angry mob.

Border peace committee co-chairman  
Eddie Leeu was quoted as saying voters  
200\234took matters into their own hands when  
the Middledrift polling station ran out of  
ballot papers200\235. The IEC staff were being  
held until demands for the delivery of suf-  
ficient ballot material were met.

In Mdantsane, Ciskei, angry voters  
broke down a polling station200\231s doors when  
it shut after apparently running out of  
election supplies yesterday morning, the  
IEC said. Police and soldiers had been sent  
to the station to restore order.

Material supplies to polling stations had  
become a major problem in the eastern  
Cape, with voting stations running out of  
supplies owing to the heavy turnout yester-  
day morning.

The IEC said decisions by district elec-  
tion officers in Transkei to increase the  
number of polling stations without inform-  
ing the IEC of their requirements had re-  
sulted in some stations not being supplied.

An emergency operation was being  
planned, and the SA National Defence  
Force had agreed to provide two helicop-

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IEC staff held by  
mob of angry voters

Inkatha Freedom Party |

ters to help get voting supplies to stations.

IEC official in charge of the Eastern  
Cape Oscar Dhlomo said there was â\200\234cause  
for concernâ\204¢, but the IEC would ensure no  
one qualified to vote was denied the |  
opportunity. Â¢

He said in the Port St Johns district  
alone, 27 of the 48 voting stations had not  
opened because of a lack of ballot papers,  
ink, ultraviolet lamps and other materials.  
The IEC warehouse in Umtata was â\200\234virtu-  
ally emptyâ\200\235 and unable to supply their  
needs.

In Port Elizabeth excitement was re-  
duced to endurance as voters streamed to  
the polls, only to outnumber the ballot  
papers, boxes and ink. Many of the voters  
in the city waited in the sun for more than  
five hours before casting their ballots,  
while thousands more were disappointed  
when supplies ran out.

IEC sub-provincial administrator Edwin  
Necula said voting at most of the 307 voting  
stations in the region south of the Kei was  
routine and peaceful. Shortages were criti-  
cal at 14 stations, of which three were in  
Albany and eight in Port Elizabeth.

Most small towns and rural areas re-  
ported about 4pm that big queues in the

morning had subsided and that things were under control as long as additional supplies were received by today, Ncula said. Raport by J Seunders, B Mactennan and R Norton, Sepe, 141 Comminmoner St Jhb,

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Mercury Correspondent

J OHANNESBURG 200\224Police have arrested 31  
white right- -wingers in connection with the  
spate of bombings in the PWV area that killed  
21 people and injured 176 in the past week.

The arrests included members of the AWB

and its Ystergarde (Iron Guard) unit, a police-  
man and a reservist, police commissioner Gen  
Johan van der Merwe said yesterday.

The announcement came hours after a car  
bomb at Jan Smuts airport injured 16 people  
and caused massive structural damage to the  
north face of the building.

The bomb, placed inside a white Peugeot 200\230eot ve-  
hicle, exploded at 7.15am on the elevated road--  
way adjacent to the international departures.  
terminal. An incoming flight was diverted to  
Bloemfontein and outgoing flights were de-  
layed until mid-afternoon.

A white man was detained at the airport but  
released after questioning. i

The SAP was confident there would be no  
further bombings in the immediate future. 200\234We  
have good reason to believe that we have hit  
the brain behind the blasts in Johannesburg,  
-Randfontein, Germiston, Westonaria and Jan  
- Smuts airport. » said Gen Van der Merwe. -

.. Large quantities of explosives, weapons and

? unition were seized during the arrests,  
#\*most of which took place yesterday morning in  
-"Rustenburg, Pretoria and Ventersdorp. ;

Gen Van der Merwe" denied speculation of  
200\234third force 200\235 criminal activity within the secu- 1  
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Frustration 200\231  
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PROBLEMS continued to drsrupt the electlon â\200\230  
yesterday, with Natal, KwaZulu and Transkei .

again bearing the brunt of the growing chaos.

In far northern KwaZulu Tony Carnie re- -  
ports that Mkuze, Ubombo and several sta- |

tions were firmly shut with angry voting off-  
icers at Mkuze waiting the whole day for IEC :  
officials and voter material to arrive.

It was later discovered that some IEC offi-  
cials had spent the day drinking at .a hotel,  
while others were seen carrying truckloads of  
voter education material to remote parts of the H  
area â\200\224 but not a single ballot paper.

However, at Star of the Sea Mission near the:  
Mozambican border post of Ponta do Ouro,  
voters were enthusiastic and the queue was  
moving fast.

Michael Schmidt reports from Kokstad that  
the validity of the vote in the densely

ed Transkei region has been thrown Mmto crisis â\200\231  
by the failure of the IEC to provide sufi¬\201crent  
materials to voting stations.

In the Maluti district alone there are an esti-  
mated 100 000 potential voters but by 4.30pm

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only seven out of 61 voting stations were func- |  
tioning. This contrasted sharply with the  
smooth pattern of voting in the nelghbounng :

Natal district of Mount Curry.

Reporter Philani Mgwaba in Ulundi writes  
votes shortly after the official starting time of  
Tam, several voting stations had run out of IFP \_  
stickers and ink by noon.

At James Nxumalo polling station in Ulundi,  
people were unable to vote for the second day  
yesterday because the IEC had not delivered  
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\* In some areas, b'allotlng apparently

- that although voters were able to cast their
- proceeded despite the fact that the ultra-violet -

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lights used to detect cheats were not available.

. From Port Shepstone, Wendy Knowler reports logistical problems kept IEC staff on

their toes as desperate pleas for more ballot : papers and IFP smckers poured in from early

morning.

~ ANC lower Soum Coast secretary Ravr Prllay : said intimidation and violence' in the area had :

been â\200\234virtually non-existentâ\200\235.

Olwandle Secondary School in the heart; of

- troubled Gamalakhe was the busiest station in .

the area with about 1 000 people an hour cast- |

ing their ballots after a 90-minute delay. = =

. Kevin 0â\200\231Grady in Newcastle says Natal IFP prexmershlp candidate Frank Mdlalose told

â\200\230the Mercury the IFP beheved the extra day of : ~voting was necessary. - b

It was not sufficient, as the IEC had ggest- â\200\234â\200\234ed, to extend voting hours into the, night be- |

â\200\230cause: â\200\234Many areas are rural.areas with ut el- | ectncu:y so they canâ\200\231t â\200\230Wwork at night. 7 aE

â\200\230Voting ground to a halt in many northern KwaZulu areas yesterday afternoon when the -

pers IFP stickers and invisible ink.

--The situation in many townships ! as voters were turned away until today."

/In Empangeni, reporter Chris Jenkins Te- | A ports that voting â\200\230ir .parts of Zululand â\200\230was | -thrown into chaos because of a shortage o

lot papers and other logistical problems. Heidi Gibson, Sâ\200\231thÃ@mbiso Sangwen

â\200\234IEC Newcastle warehouse ran out of ballot pa- {

â\200\230Bob Freaan report from Impendle that district

electoral officer AndrÃ© du Plessis had boxes of candles ready for three polhn sï¬\201atlons Wlth- .out elecycify yesterday. - % :

AL Tugelaâ\200\230Ferry, thousands of people many in tribal dress, poured into the village and :queued .to vote Eventually IEC authorities,

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of some light relief at no small expense.

Cape Times

Getting it  
together

RAâ\200\231IHER belatedly, Mr Justice Johann Kriegler and the Independent Electoral Commission have acknowledged grave problems with the voting arrangements in parts of the country.

Though it was to be expected that this unprecedented poll would present unanticipated difficulties it is not acceptable to just wave away the chaos in areas of the country which, at worse, may threaten the validity of the whole process.

That is one consequence to be avoided at all costs. The first stage of voting had a great deal to commend itself. Even if conditions and facilities for voters were far from ideal, with long queues and frustrating delays, people were generally in a joyous mood, giving a hopeful and encouraging start to South Africaâ\200\231s first non-racial and democratic election.

Unfortunately all the goodwill in the world will not offset disastrous voting figures, if thousands, if not millions, are deprived through bad organisation of not recording a proper vote. So far only 70% of the polling stations in the PWV area, South Africaâ\200\231s most densely populated, have been operative. Other parts of the country fared rather better, though figures from KwaZulu and even parts of the Free State left serious room for concern.

It is not clear why there is even at this late stage hesitation about extending the voting for one more day â\200\224 or perhaps even more. If such is the price to be paid for pulling off this astonishing, heroic moment in history and bringing about a brave new society in South Africa, it is one that we should hasten to pay.

The IEC should have been less defensive and authoritarian when it became clear that real problems in obtaining ballot papers and voting material were escalating in various parts of the country. We should start doing things right the first time.

Silly move, SABC

HE SABC'S last-minute scrapping of a Pieter-Dirk Uys TV show last Sunday evening appears to have been a greater farce than the programme itself. Of all the real or imagined threats to the election process, â\200\234One

Man One Voltâ\200\235 could only live in the minds of the bureaucrats who have now deprived viewers

Ultimately it is viewers and/or taxpayers who foot the bill for SABC gaffes and a more convincing explanation is necessary than the legal grounds advanced for pulling the production 90 minutes before broadcast time. Politics is, after all, very often a laughing matter and viewers are generally well acquainted with the Pieter-Dirk Uys brand of humour which affords a good laugh at ourselves as much as at the politicians. Certainly, it seems unlikely that such satire could be seriously construed as criticism deserving of the right of rebuttal as required by the Electoral Act. Our political leaders could doubtless endure the show, or appreciate the pitfalls in ruling against it, and viewers have the option, of course, of switching channels if they wish. Either the SABC heavies donâ\200\231t understand such basics, or they donâ\200\231t respect viewersâ\200\231 judgments.

It would be surprising if Pieter-Dirk Uys does not end up gaining the last laugh.

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POLLING DAY 2

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DONATE BLOOD urged a notice in the foyer of the Fish Hoek Civic Centre, which I reached after only a 15-minute queue.

But none seemed likely to be needed on a day when the voters spoke even to one another with lowered voices, as though in a church. Trying to liven things up I said to three domestic servants in front of me: â\200\234Looking forward to voting for the first time?â\200\235

They turned their backs on me nervously, clearly having been told not to speak to strange men.

It was the same hall where I once spent an entire night having my own votes counted (268 too few, alas) and also where, many years ago, I played Bloggs, a drunken hotel janitor in a play, and swept the entire stage while trying to remember my lines.

This time I refrained from creating clouds of dust and merely exchanged pleasantries with Carol Duraan, wife of the local magistrate.

Back outside a colleague who had also voted commented: â\200\234Itâ\200\231s all so subdued. Whereâ\200\231s the toyi-toying? Whereâ\200\231s the action?â\200\235

It certainly wasnâ\200\231t on Kalk Bay station, where even the toilets were bolted and barred. Metro must have decided that bladders also required the strictest self-restraint on Election Day.

The central city wasnâ\200\231t much better. St Georgeâ\200\231s Mall was like a morgue. A public telephone rang while I was walking up the deserted thoroughfare.

â\200\234St Georgeâ\200\231s Mall,â\200\235 I said, answer- Â° ing it.

â\200\234May I speak to Charmaine, please?â\200\235

â\200\234She doesnâ\200\231t seem to be here. In fact no oneâ\200\231s here except me.â\200\235

â\200\234I think I've got the wrong number.â\200\235

â\200\234This is St Georgeâ\200\231s Mall,â\200\235 I said.

Down at the Cape Town Civic Centre there were queues that made Fish Hoekâ\200\231s look like a dummy run. Exco chairman Clive Keegan was in the middle of one of them, refusing to pull civic rank to get to the front.

â\200\234I thought I'd vote here to get away from the crowds at home,â\200\235 he explained.

Another of the Civic Centre  
queues extended far out along the  
station deck. Why didnâ\200\231t I join the  
queue and vote? asked a man who  
had come in from Khayelitsha to  
vote because of breakdowns in the

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& By JOHN  
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system there. ))

â\200\234I canâ\200\231t vote, â\200\231'm white,â\200\235 I joked.:

â\200\234No, everybody must vote,â\200\235 he ex-  
horted me.

At Sea Point the queue extended  
nearly a kilometre along the Main  
Road. Queuers protected them-  
selves from the rain with election  
posters. Then a car stopped and a  
young man distributed bundles of  
unused National Party posters from  
}he boot to people without umbrel-

as.

F W de Klerkâ\200\231s face covered many  
a black head.

â\200\234Does this mean they have to vote  
for you?â\200\235 I asked the donor.

â\200\234No, itâ\200\231s just to show we are a party  
that cares,â\200\235 he grinned.

At the Gordonâ\200\231s Institute polling  
station in Mowbray, black plastic  
bags were the favoured method of  
warding off the rain. Sitting under  
an umbrella manning an ANC infor-  
mation table nearby was Biddy Â°  
Green.

â\200\234Have you heard the real meaning  
of Einsteinâ\200\231s Theory of Relativity?â\200\235  
she called out gustily. â\200\234If you've  
waited 300 years for the vote, what's  
another five hours in the rain!â\200\235 =

Still standing in the queue after



three hours and 20 minutes was  
someone whoâ\200\231s always had the vote  
Gavin Pike, former Cape Institute of  
Architects president.

â\200\234Itâ\200\231s got to be worth it,â\200\235 he said,  
looking drenched.

For once everybody had their  
chance to be part of history, even if  
they did catch their death of cold.

LONDON. â\200\224 British

U K hails end â\200\230 â\200\230  
of white rule

newspapers yesterday  
gave front-page promi-  
nence to the election,  
hailing the end of white  
rule as the most signifi-  
cant event since the col-  
lapse of communism in  
the Soviet bloc.

The Independent de-  
voted the top third of its  
front page to a colour  
picture of smiling black  
children banging drums  
in celebration in  
Soweto.

Underneath, the ban-  
ner headline was a sim-  
ple quote from Arch-  
bishop Desmond Tutu:  
â\200\234Itâ\200\231s like falling in love.â\200\235

\_The Guardianâ\200\231s head-  
line was â\200\234South Africaâ\200\231s  
hour of freedomâ\200\235 while  
the Financial Times  
front page story was  
headed: â\200\234New dawn for  
South Africaâ\200\235, quoting  
Mr Nelson Mandela.

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ANC poll officers  
in KwaZulu criticised

Own Correspondent

LONDON. â\200\224 The ANCâ\200\231s â\200\234sharpâ\200\235 practices in obscure parts of KwaZulu/Natal could have greater consequences for SAâ\200\231s long-term stability than the right-wing bombing campaign, author Mr R W Johnson, presently in Durban, wrote yesterday in the Times here.

He claimed that the ANC had managed to push its own supporters as presiding officers in polling stations throughout the province. These people had the power to appoint other electoral officers and agents.

â\200\234Inevitably, this patronage is parcelled out among the presiding officerâ\200\231s family and political cronies ... thus one polling station after another

the IFPâ\200\231s greatest stronghold is

staffed with monolithic sets of well-known ANC activists.â\200\235

Large numbers of IFP supporters were reported to have said they were too afraid to vote as their enemies controlled the election arrangements and

uld mark them for retribution.

â\200\234Our people are too frightened to vote, they think the voting arrangements are blatantly unfair â\200\224 which they are â\200\224 and if they do badly, they are not going to accept the result,â\200\235 Inkatha

ndidate Mr David Durham told Mr

Johnson.  
Everything depended on how Inkatha fared in KwaZulu/Natal, Mr Johnson

id.

In an editorial head-  
llneq â\200\234A cause for rejoicingâ\200\235, emphasised the historic nature of South Africaâ\200\231s election and the end of centuries of white dominance.

â\200\234In the post-Cold War world, the enfranchising of blacks... ranks with the collapse of communism in eastern Europe as a memorable emancipation of the human spirit,â\200\235 the editorial said.

But the Telegraph also sounded a note of caution, warning that the voting would not end South Africaâ\200\231s problems.

â\200\234Years of enlightened govern-

ment will be needed to overcome  
the evil of apartheid... a great

danger exists that the country  
will be subjected to a new author-  
itarianism,â\200\235 it said.

The Times carried a commen-  
tary commending South Africaâ\200\231s  
â\200\234two-saint miracleâ\200\235 â\200\224 the part-  
nership of Mr Mandela and Presi-  
dent F-W de Klerk. It was these  
two men, it said, who were re-  
sponsible for the â\200\234deliverance of  
South Africa to the polling booths  
this weekâ\200\235.

â\200\234I do not believe that this elec-  
tion was inevitable,â\200\235 commenta-  
tor Mr Simon Jenkins wrote. â\200\234It is  
miraculous.â\200\235

\_ Britainâ\200\231s tabloid newspapers  
ignored the election on their

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â\200\234Pick your polling station ... That queueâ\200\231s for the Good Hope Seminary, tha  
t oneâ\200\231s for the Civic Centre, that  
oneâ\200\231s for Salt River Market Hall and that oneâ\200\231s for the Good Hope Centre.â  
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front pages in favour of domestic  
issues such as the Daily Mirrorâ\200\231s  
â\200\234Knickers to the Bankâ\200\235 story  
about a former Bank of England  
employee who smuggled out used  
banknotes in her underwear.

But the Daily Mail ran a two-  
page spread on its inside pages  
focusing on 79-year-old Ms Alice  
Mafola who was among the first  
elderly and disabled people vo-  
ting in Soweto.

â\200\234I've waited 50 years for this.  
One hour more wonâ\200\231t be bad,â\200\235 Ms  
Mafola was quoted as saying as a  
delay was caused by the absence  
of Inkatha Freedom Party stick-  
ers on the ballot paper. â\200\224 Sapa-  
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â\200\230excitingâ\200\231

From NEIL LURSEN  
WASHINGTON.  
Standing in line to vote  
here yesterday was a  
moving experience for  
South African ambassa-  
dor Mr Harry Schwarz â\200\224  
an experience he de-  
scribed as exciting but  
tinged with sadness.

The excitement came  
from seeing South Afri-  
cans of all races gath-  
ered together and chat-  
tering in a multitude of  
languages waiting pa-  
tiently to vote.

The sadness was that  
many South Africans  
had suffered unneces-  
sarily.

â\200\234It was an exciting mo-  
ment in my life, an excit-  
ing day for all of us.

â\200\234We could have done  
this without any lives be-

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ing lost, without the |

hardship and without  
people being trauma-  
tised by what has hap-  
pened in South Africa.

â\200\234I am pleased we are  
here now â\200\224 and we just  
have to successful. Ev-  
erybody must do. some-  
thing to make it succeed.  
It can be done. There  
has to be give and take.â\200\235

About his future, Mr  
Schwarz said his loyalty  
was to the country and to  
the president, whoever  
he might be.

Though he may have to  
vacate his post, he in-  
tends remaining in pub-  
lic life.

Farmers,  
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AWB HQ  
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to protect its headquarters. i

patience and good humour for hours to vote.

ship and was still waiting in line at noon.

dorp and its township.

last month that injured three people.

beamed. He believed 4 000 locals would vote.

piled five feet high outside the building.

cautions were taken as the  
trouble. It's going to be bad, she warned.

blamed and we are not involved. Sapa-AP

blacks vote

VENTERSDORP. As if preparing for Armaged-  
don, the AWB has installed a huge metal screen to

Down the road, thousands of blacks waited with

Nobody can keep us away, said Mrs Joyce  
Ntammu, 62. She arrived at the polls when they  
opened at 7am in Tshing, Ventersdorp's black town-

I'll stay until it gets dark if I have to, she said.

Mrs Ntammu said she believed black voters would  
be protected by security forces patrolling Venters-

Tshing was hit by a suspected right-wing bomb

But local poll supervisor Mr Thys Booyens was  
optimistic. This in an incredible turnout, he

AWB leader Mr Eugene TerreBlanche was out of  
town, AWB officials said. But several young AWB  
men erected the chain-link metal screen in front of  
the AWB's one-story brick office. Sand bags were

AWB Commandant Ester Prinsloo said the pre-  
elections would bring

Referring to the spate of suspected right-wing  
bombs, she said: I'm getting so cross. The AWB is

MMABATHO. Khaki-  
clad farmers stood pa-  
tiently behind their  
labourers under the  
Western Transvaal sun  
at Rooigrond, waiting for  
their turn to cast an  
equal vote in South Afri-  
ca's first multiracial  
election yesterday.

The Rooigrond com-

munity was seeing yet  
another change when  
their small primary  
school about 20km east  
of Mmabatho became  
the focal point of many .

their all-important  
Crosses.

Only a few months ago,  
in the same school hall,  
at a whites-only meeting,  
the community was seen  
as typically right-wing  
and the staunchly con-  
servative farmers from  
the area were quick to  
voice their concerns  
about the â\200\230â\200\234â\200\230swart ge-  
vaarâ\200\235.

But on the first day of  
voting, gone, it seemed,  
were the days when the  
area could be classified  
as â\200\230â\200\234Conservative Party  
countryâ\200\235.

Rooigrond was where  
AWB leader Mr Eugene  
Terreâ\200\231Blanche made his  
headquarters during the  
AWBâ\200\231s recent abortive  
operation into Bophuth-  
atswana. â\200\224 Sapa

From the  
black Press

A RECENT survey had shown South  
Africans were experiencing abnormal-  
| ly high levels of stress, Sowetan said.

â\200\234To illustrate this unhealthy tenden-  
| cy a man killed himself and five of his  
| children at Vanderbijlpark recently.

| He had a domestic problem which trig-  
- | gered off the terrible act. S

| â\200\234The stories of men shooting them-  
| selves and their families are becoming  
| increasingly common.â\200\235

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| SOWETAN continued: â\200\234The study on  
| stress is reported to have shown that  
more South Africans experience stress  
than people in Europe and America.  
| More than 35% of all races here have

| high levels of stress compared with  
| people in other countries.

â\200\234The high levels of stress are luckily  
â\200\230| accompanied by effective ways in  
| which many deal with.the present un-  
| certainties. Despite high expectations  
1 and some euphoria about the new  
| South Africa, thereisa sense of gloom  
about the future.  
| â\200\234The unremitting challenges will  
| cause people to have strong charac-  
ters.â\200\235

good

Â«â\200\234WHICHEVER way we look at it, the  
NP must not be allowed the space to  
delay the liberation by blocking the  
ANCâ\200\231s reconstruction efforts,â\200\235 Sunday  
Nation said.

Â«Neither must the Democratic Party  
and Inkatha, which co-managed sup-  
pression of democracy with the NP, be  
allowed to postpone the liberation.

â\200\234We can only block the initiatives of  
these parties by strengthening the  
hand of the ANC, which has behind it  
4 more than 80 years of commitment to  
q nonracialism, democracy, accountabil-  
ity and transparency.â\200\235

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: 1 HUMBLE yourselves before the Lord,

Every vote  
counts

IF THERE is one thing that every  
enfranchised citizen should rea-  
lise, it is that his or her vote really  
counts â\200\224 even though it may seem  
to be lost among all the millions of  
other votes.

It is hoped the majority of those  
who wanted to stay away from the  
polling stations in resistance to the  
new dispensation will realise that  
this will not benefit them.

By not voting, those who fear an ANC/Communist government will actually play up to the radicals. The on\_ly way to counter misuse of power in a new government or dangerous socialist plans, is to build up the strongest possible bulwark against this.

Virtually all estimates indicate that the ANC alliance should win the election. It is, however, far from certain that it will gain a two-thirds majority.

The first goal should be to prevent the ANC from becoming so powerful that it could change the constitution of its own accord. It will be even better if the ANC is kept so in place by an alliance of opposition parties that there is no chance for it to be reckless. The worse its performance at the polling station, the better for the country.

In the provinces of the Western and Northern Cape the ANC may even lose. The election results in Natal and the PWV areas may also lead to an interesting situation. On the whole this will contribute to a much more effective power balance if, in the most prominent regions, one party does not have an absolute majority.

But, whatever the case, it is certain that alliance politics will play an increasingly important role in South Africa. In opposition to the ANC alliance of nationalists, socialist workers's unions and communist workers's unions and communists, the NP stands as the single strongest party. It deserves support to be as strong as possible.

Together with the NP, parties such as Inkatha, the Freedom Front and the DP can form a combined resistance to ensure that the country steers away -from social-

ism, misuse of power and economic disaster.

Each vote will help to structure the future. To refrain from voting will be nothing but foolish.

and He will lift you up. (James 4:10)



LETTERS

~\_ Box 11 CAP

T A N \$

Good reasons to think  
about not voting for ANC

From W B WEST (Fish  
Hoek):

I AM trying to persuade  
those of my friends who in-  
tend voting for the ANC to  
reconsider.

Everyone favours a better  
life for all. We differ about  
method and in our judge-  
ment of what is practicable.  
â\200\234The ANCâ\200\235 is an alliance in-  
cluding the Communist  
Party and Cosatu, neither of  
which I support. The policy  
of the alliance is to direct  
the economy on socialist  
lines to achieve â\200\234socially de-  
sirableâ\200\235 objectives and in  
this respect the difference  
between communist and  
non-communist ANC sup-  
porters is one of degree. I  
believe that politicians ex-  
ercising duress in pursuit of  
political objectives are like-  
ly to ruin the economy. As  
for Cosatu, I see it as an or-  
ganisation responsible for  
the destruction of jobs by  
pushing wage rates above

No toffie-nosed DP officials

From J M BARLOW (Kraaifontein):

THE DP has withstood mockery, thuggery, poverty of funds  
(by comparison with the Nats and ANC) but they are rich in  
the fairness of the goals they seek for all the people of this  
country and they are rich in the wonderful variety of people  
who are candidates, members and workers. I challenge any-  
one who walks into the DP offices in Cape Town to find the  
â\200\234toffie-nosed, soulless, shuffle-footed elitist peopleâ\200\235 de-  
scribed by Ken Owen of the Sunday Times.

Anyone can look a little shuffle-footed when times are hard and you have no private jet or handy helicopter at your elbow, or the funds to bring the bus loads of folk to your meetings. But the DP is worth voting for, says Mr Owen. We should all be eternally thankful that the DP stuck to its guns, and will be there fighting for peace, prosperity and equal opportuni-

the level that the market can sustain.

I know these views are commonly misunderstood and not popular. Even so, I see no point in voting for a party that has virtually won the election already.

Estimates of the number of seats likely to accrue to the ANC alliance in the national election vary upwards of 60%, which means at least 240 seats in a 400-seat parliament. An extra vote might conceivably tip the scale in favour of some unknown ANC candidate and there would be one fewer member in an opposition party, where people will be desperately needed.

Finally, our interim constitution is provisional. A two-thirds majority would give the ANC excessive power when the time comes to finalise the constitution - a good reason to vote for a different party.

ties for all in the future. :

Cowardly DP  
backed down in  
face of ANC

aggression

From JACKO MAREE, MP,  
NP Federal Council (Pre-  
toria):

THE soft white liberals of the DP have been intimidated by the ANC into spineless putty.

The DP kicked off its cam-

. paign by showing some

aggression towards the  
ANC but this evaporated  
after Mr Tony Leon and  
others ran into uncomfort-  
able incidents at one or  
two universities â\200\224 when  
they had to retire hastily  
because of the ire of ANC  
students. :

The going has become too  
rough and to target the  
ANC has now become too  
much for the DP:

This task, to fight the ANC  
head-on, has now been left  
entirely to the National

\_ Party. :

Recognising this, the DP  
hopes that the flanks of the  
National Party will be suf-  
ficiently exposed to make  
it a soft target. ;

After all, you can attack the  
National Party in a friend-  
lier market place and they  
do not assault, maim or  
kill their opponents. )

However, in the process, the  
DP is doing the country ir-  
reparable harm because  
by fighting the National  
Party, it is in fact assisting  
the ANC. .

Letters which have ap-  
peared in other publica-  
tions will not be considered  
for use in the Cape Times.

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O HELL OR HIGH WATER: People at this polling station in Khayelitsha were determined to contribute to the birth of a new South Africa by voting and

|Rain no  
deterrent

Ito voters

|| Staff Reporters

| AFTER waiting for 40 years,  
| whatâ\200\231s a couple more hours â\200\224  
j or a bit of rain?  
il â\200\234Rain or no rain, 'm going  
I to vote today,â\200\235 said one cheer-  
- ful man. v  
| This was the vow of thou-  
| sands across the Peninsula who  
queued and queued and queued  
1 to cast their votes.  
| And, remarkably, the queues  
i remained good humoured.

and sat, and lolled â\200\224 but most-  
ly stood â\200\224 for up to eight  
hours, most retained a sense of  
{ humour

In spite of rain and chilly  
winds, in spite of the often infu-  
riating sight of ushers leading  
the elderly, infirm or people  
with young children to the head  
Jof the queues, there were few  
complaints.

Mind you, the ushers werenâ\200\231t  
| pushovers. A suggestion from a

pair of women that they were

Just months â\200\224 well, weeks â\200\224  
pregnant, was met by no more

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MORE election reports,  
pictures on pages 2, 3, 4, '  
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MON-FRI HRGUS

Although some people stood, -

Picture: ANDREW INGRAM, The Argus.

VOTING CROWD: Like most voters, these Mitchellâ\200\231s Plain residents  
were not stopped by long queues.

Election rescue

patiently queued for hours in the rain.

Short queues make Western

Cape voting today easier

Staff Reporters

EARLY voting was a pleasure in the Western Cape today with none of the achingly long queues that marked yesterday's voting frenzy.

Most of the polling stations opened on time with plenty of voting materials provided during the night by IEC officials.

Only at Strandfontein were voters greeted by a notice on the firmly shut gate reading:  
Closed until further notice.

An IEC official said no ballot papers were available and they had been sending voters to other stations.

Sammy Maritz, who lives close to the polling station, said he refused to leave until he could vote.

I'm going to stay here. If I don't get a chance to vote here, I don't vote.

Voting today began smoothly at several Khayelitsha polling stations with no queues and few people.

In Wynberg, Lansdowne and most of Grassy Park voting moved briskly today. The only queue, of about 60 people, was at Grassy Park civic centre.

At Muizenberg polling stations opened

promptly at 7am after running out of ballot papers late yesterday.

Several of the people in the queue before 6am today had been turned away late yesterday.

Several hundred people were waiting in queues at both the Imperial Yacht Club and Muizenberg Pavilion polling stations, but they had all been processed by 8am.

One enterprising voter used his pedallo to get from his Marina da Gama home across Sandvlei to vote at the yacht club.

In the northern areas voting got off to a slow start with queues much shorter than yesterday and the atmosphere more relaxed.

In the central city and Atlantic suburbs queues were short as polling stations opened, but there were signs that voting at polling stations like the Cape Town Civic Centre, where almost 7 000 people voted yesterday, would pick up later in the day.

Meanwhile the eleventh hour declaration of a public holiday today had bosses and workers in a tizz. The Argus was inundated with calls to confirm the day off work. Employers were not

too happy, employees delighted.

KTC voters give power to the people

VUYO BAVUMA  
Political Staff

process is not hindered â\200\224 at

provided light for the voting

FIRST TIME: Peace Committee observer Nomsa Sighaza looks on while squatters file towards the voting station at Marconi Beam

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Picture: ROY WIGLEY, The Argus.

Picture: DOUG PITHEY, Weekend Argus.

THE LONG WAIT: In

Political Staff

THE Independent Electoral  
Commission has mounted a  
rescue operation to salvage  
the election and to pre-empt  
charges of it not being free

and fair.

IEC chairman Mr Justice Johan  
Kriegler announced today that the  
commission would decide at noon  
whether to extend voting in the  
troubled KwaZulu-Natal region to  
tomorrow. The need for exten-  
sions elsewhere in the country  
would also be assessed.

Inkatha Freedom-Party leader  
Mangosuthu Buthelezi said in re-  
sponse to the IEC initiative today that  
11th hour efforts to get voting materi-  
als to polling stations in KwaZulu-Na-  
tal had averted a crisis.

Picture: ROY WIGLEY, The Argus.

Brooklyn voters were queueing patiently to cast  
their ballots.

â\200\234I believe the issue of the ballot has  
resolved the crisis that was looming,â\200\235  
Chief Buthelezi said.

Earlier he had made a veiled threat  
to withdraw from the election unless  
sufficient ballot papers were deliv-  
ered to voting stations.

The IEC rescue mission, announced



in stages throughout the night, involves a huge logistical operation in many areas and includes:

• The printing of about nine-million new ballot papers bearing the IFP option, and an SAAF airlift from the printers to hundreds of voting stations around the country.

• Declaring today a public holiday to give voters more time.

• Announcing that voting stations today would be kept open until everybody wishing to vote had done so.

• Setting up a special operations

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EMPOWERING the people took on a new meaning when intrepid residents illegally con-

necting the power supply from a street electricity pylon to the KTC community hall so that voting could go ahead.

The move underlined the

sheer determination of the squatters to ensure the voting

least not by the lack of power supply.

The lifeline to the polling station was a black electric cord placed on the tarmac across the busy street. It is closely guarded.

When The Argus visited the station the guards chatted while keeping a close eye on the precious connection that

process.

Inside the wooden partitioned hall a few electric bulbs provided ample lights for motorists to proceed. :

Meanwhile officials conducting the elections are irked by the Independent Election Commission's failure to provide the toilets it promised to deliver before Tuesday. But local residents have opened theirs to all.

R1 billion lost in  
production, sales  
for extra holiday

BRUCE CAMERON, Business Editor

TODAY'S election snarl-up public holiday could  
cost the country anything up to R1 billion in lost  
production and sales, according to an econom-  
ics consultancy.

In the western Cape alone an estimated  
R100 million is being lost for every public holi-  
day, the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce es-  
timates.

And the Independent Electoral Commission  
was accused of ineptitude in creating the need  
for an additional public holiday.

Confusion was the order of the day with  
many major chains unable to establish whether  
they would be open, whether they would trade  
on a limited basis or be forced to close their  
doors. X

The financial markets including the Johan-  
nesburg Stock Exchange and banks were  
closed with the exception of foreign dealing  
rooms.

Business leaders today said they understood  
the need for the public holiday but called for  
the nation to get back to work.

Pick'n Pay chairman Raymond Ackermatz  
said he would be opening his stores today ;  
meet commitments to customers but he lys{as no  
sure what the staff situation would be hâ\200\230 ea Â¢

If necessary he was planning to use head o  
fice staff to man stores.

Total closure costs the  
turn-over a day.

Shoprite/Checkers mar-  
wyn Schiff said his stores  
trade but he could not be  
until later in the morning

Clothing chain store Pep ld be doing. Manag-  
early today of what it wol s 34 lo firm decision  
ing director Hennie Smal | s aware of what the  
could be made until he ws  
staff position would be.

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Poll brings peace

MARITZBURG. â\200\224 The elec-  
tion has brought relative

peace to Msinga. A decade  
ago Neil Alcock, the peace-

maker of Msinga, was  
gunned down after holding a  
peace meeting at Tugela  
Ferry, where thousands of  
people queued in apparent  
harmony yesterday.

Ballot card probe

JOHANNESBURG. â\200\224 The  
South African Police were to  
investigate the Independent  
Electoral Commissionâ\200\231s bal-  
lot paper distribution system  
to see if it had been inter-  
fered with, IEC chairman Mr  
Justice Johann Kriegler said.  
The IEC also announced at  
a media briefing that it was  
printing an additional  
9,3 million ballot papers.

Post offices close

PRETORIA. â\200\224 The Post Office has advised that its offices countrywide will be closed today. This follows the declaration by the IEC of today as a public holiday.

IEC held hostage

BISHO. â\200\224 Border Peace Committee monitors were sent to Middledrift in the Ciskei where IEC monitors were reportedly being held hostage by an angry mob after the polling station ran out of ballot papers.

IFP votes decision

JOHANNESBURG. â\200\224 The IEC will decide when counting starts whether Inkatha Freedom Party ballots without stickers are acceptable.

Holomisa stays on

UMTATA. â\200\224 Former Transkei leader Bantu Holomisa will continue to hold a â\200\234ceremonialâ\200\235 position until the installation of the Eastern Capeâ\200\231s new premier.

Residents angry

JOHANNESBURG. â\200\224 Police were called to disperse angry Muslim residents who were prevented from voting when the Marlboro Gardens polling station in Sandton closed 20 minutes before the 7pm deadline.

Peace monitors

JOHANNESBURG. â\200\224 The National Peace Secretariat has agreed to an urgent request by the IEC to make available peace monitors at polling stations today.

(Compiled by R Moodie, 122 St George's  
Mall. C: )

ape Town).

Bullets  
ballots,

if no  
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E Rand voters

O Anger, dismay

The Argus Correspondents

JOHANNESBURG. For  
thousands of voters in the East  
Rand townships of Katlehong  
and Tokoza the first day of the  
elections was one of utter dis-  
may.

Amid chaotic scenes at many  
polling stations, angry residents  
many of whom had waited in vain  
from 4am for ballot papers to ar-  
rive warned that they would not  
accept the election result unless  
they were given a chance to vote.

They are not going to count  
those papers until all of us have  
gone to vote, said a young man.

Otherwise Mandela stayed in  
jail for nothing. If they don't they  
are going to start a war and noth-

" ing is going to stop it. That will

happen if the people don't vote.

By mid-afternoon, anger was  
boiling over at the community hall  
at Palm Ridge outside Tokoza  
where several thousand people had  
waited for most of the day in the  
baking sun. Angry young men and  
women berated a soldier at the  
gate, calling on him to bring the  
ballot boxes out of the building,  
and many people spoke furiously  
of a deliberate attempt to keep  
them from voting.

In a field, more than 1000 peo-  
ple sat or stood in a long meander-  
ing line, sustained only by water

from a tap and their determination to cast their first votes.

Many had walked from Tokoza, Katlehong and Phola Park after polling stations in their areas broke down or simply did not open.

Without exception people denounced the Independent Electoral Commission for its failure to deliver on the day they had been waiting for all their lives. And many stated, more than anything, the fact that nobody had bothered to tell them what was happening.

Tell the IEC they are f...ing bastards. A long time ago they made this appointment with the people. You can't invite the people to a party and when they come tell them there's no food left," shouted a furious young man.

Why, some asked, were white

Postbags used as

EAST LONDON. Completed ballot papers may be put into postbags if there are not enough ballot boxes at polling stations today, the Independent Electoral Commission has decided.

In an urgent memorandum yesterday, the IEC said that because a number of items required for voting were no longer available, presiding officers could exercise the following flexibility.

If no official stamps were available, officials should sign the ballots.

at the long wait

voters not being put through the same ordeal? If it was white people they would have brought the ballot papers in with helicopters," said one.

But outside the Bracken Park community hall in nearby Alberton, the logjam was just as bad, the absence of ballot papers and proper explanations just as pressing.

There, disgruntled (mainly white) residents said other polling stations in Alberton were having the same problems.

They've had all this time to pre-



pare and they couldn't get it right.  
It's organised chaos,' said a suburban voter as a military helicopter apparently bringing ballot papers landed in the veld just after 3pm.

As queues outside community halls and schools in the townships lengthened and anger mounted, dismayed IEC officials simply

A PLEASURE: An enthusiastic supporter rushes in to greet Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi after he cast his vote yesterday at the King Goodwill Zwelathini

Stadium voting station outside Durban.

N KwaZulu poll stations quiet

The Argus Correspondent  
ULUNDI. Voting at some polling stations in Northern KwaZulu appeared to be non-existent as voters failed to turn up by 6.30am.

Several polling stations between Ulundi and Nongama, which yesterday were full, were quiet.

It was not clear whether voters failed to turn up because they had either cast their votes or because they were disillusioned with yesterday's disruption.

IEC spokesman in Empangeni Rolf Higgo said ballot papers ' were being distributed with the help of air force helicopters.

Contingency plans soothe election nerves

BLOEMFONTEIN. Voting stalled in parts of the Orange Free State as ballot papers ran out but contingency plans and new papers soothed the stretched nerves of electoral officials.

An aircraft load of spare ballot papers was due here last night and freshly printed ballot papers would help ease the shortage today.

Polling officials were told to keep their stations open until the papers ran out and then gently send home the thousands of unsuccessful voters with instructions to return today.

African National Congress regional premier candidate Patrick Terror Lekota cast his first vote early at a polling station not far from where the ANC was formed in 1912, saying it turned tears and sacrifice into victory.

His National Party counterpart, former Defence and Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee, voted in his old Universitas constituency and said the relaxed atmosphere at polling stations "supported the concept of a new South Africa".

Polling started smoothly in most of the Free State with whites at the Bloemfontein City Hall expressing delight at having blacks join them in the voting lines.

"It feels lekker," said a 68-year-old veteran of 10 white-only elections who said she was happy to be voting with all South Africans.

But from mid-morning reports began to filter into electoral offices that ballot papers were running out. Some Kroonstad polling stations ran dry by 10 am.

Independent Electoral Commission commissioner Rosil Jager rushed to the town to pledge more papers and to ask party officials for their cooperation in calming disappointed first-time voters.

There was also a shortage of invisible ink, but the IEC quickly ruled that regular ink could be used to mark voter's hands and identity documents.

Security forces warned of the potential for violence among hot and hungry crowds, but the only incident was a homemade bomb defused by police at a water tower about 50 km west of here. Sapa.

stayed inside â\200\224 unable to explain the shortage and, in many cases, the absence of ballot papers and voting equipment.

While rumours circulated, peace monitors, policemen, National Peacekeeping Force personnel, even journalists, were left to try to answer peopleâ\200\231s questions.

People were voting at Katilehongâ\200\231s DW Williams Community Hall at midday but the pace was achingly slow, with ordinary people wanting to vote standing doggedly in a long snaking line that disappeared out of sight.

Voting began almost four hours late with Winnie Mandela one of the first to cast her vote. Ballot papers and vital equipment simply did not arrive and, when they did, elderly and handicapped people, who had not been accommodated on Tuesday, were allowed in first. Mothers with babies on their backs stood out in the heat waiting for someone â\200\224 anyone â\200\224 to explain the delay, to reassure them that they would get their chance.

At one point a small section of the crowd tried to force their way into the hall. Two NPKF soldiers

were called to keep them at bay. (News by G Jepson, J Perlman and C Stucky, 47 Sauer Street, Johannesburg).

ballot boxes

If invisible ink ran out, they were to sign votersâ\200\231 identity documents to indicate clearly that they had voted.

- In addition, some form of indelible ink was to be applied to the votersâ\200\231 cuticles.

If there were no more ballot boxes, completed ballot papers could be emptied into post office bags.

These should be sealed and â\200\234apropriately taggedâ\200\235. â\200\224 Sapa.

(News by B MacLennan, Nedbank Centre, Strand Street, Cape Town.)

% Troopies

face extra  
30-day stint

The Argus  
Correspondent

DURBAN. â\200\224 Because of  
a low turn-out by de-  
fence force members  
called up for the elec-  
tions, the service period  
for some of units in Na-  
tal has been extended by  
30 days.

A statement issued  
yesterday by the Nation-  
al Defence Force said 43  
percent of the men  
called up reported.

â\200\234The response was not  
as good as expected,â\200\235  
the statement said.

There are 80 compa-  
nies deployed to su  
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