

MESSAGE TO THE READERS OF POST NEWSPAPER

There is a need to give a special message to my Indian and Coloured brothers and sisters at this time.

The year started very badly with the Labour Party making a political somersault, in accepting to serve in the Tricameral Parliament of Mr P. W. Botha. This was a political somersault because the Labour Party approached me in 1978 with the Reform Party to form the South African Black Alliance, because they objected to participating in the President's Council if Africans were not included in the President's Council. That as the principle on which they rejected 'participation in the President's Council. We in Inkatha accept what Dr. Nelson Mandela states in 'NO EASY WALK TO FREEDOM' where he states that participation in government created bodies is not wrong under all circumstances. I mention this because there is confusion as if participation of people like myself in KwaZulu can be compared in any way with what our Coloured brothers in the Labour Party decided to do, i.e. to participate in the Tricameral parliament under the New Constitution.

There is no comparison.

My leadership role in KwaZulu was not created by the Homelands policy. Although my position is partly elected, I was also born into a leadership position amongst black people whom history has created in this part of South Africa, as Zulus. There are many people who because they fear and hate the Zulus talk as if Zulu history and culture can ever be dismantled even in a liberated South Africa. In India for example people belong to many different cultural groupings and India has various states under its Federal formula. This is not looked at askance by the international community. In any case we

Zulus had no choice in the matter.

In this day and age when there seems to be so much confusion within the African, Indian and Coloured Communities, these things/2

things must be repeated for the record.

For us here in Natal the interdependence of the various race groups makes our case quite different from that of the Coloureds in the Western Cape. There is no way in which one can dismantle that interdependence of the people of Natal and KwaZulu and hope that we will have peace in the Natal and KwaZulu Region. It is absolutely impossible. This is why we regret the decision by the South African Indian Council to participate in the Prime Minister's Constitutional dispensation. That participation

will certainly upset the equilibrium so necessary for peaceful coexistence of the races in the Natal-KwaZulu Region. When I repeatedly pointed this out during the recent Referendum, I was accused of making threats. These are no threats. 'I have been in politics long enough to know what is likely to trigger off serious political problems amongst us. No person in his or her sound senses can believe that any Constitution which excludes

72 per cent of the country's people can work.

As the year draws to a close, and as we begin the New Year I

want to appeal to people of Natal-KwaZulu to think seriously about the consensus politics which was proposed in the Buthe-lezi Commission. If this is ignored and if our Indian and Coloured brothers and sisters are blinded by the meretricious glitter of participating in a tricameral parliament to ignore these realities, then we will have no one to blame if we enter Confrontationist Politics not only between black and white, but also between black and black. If this happens it will be disastrous. for-all of us.

As we start the New Year let us ponder seriously over these things. With these words I wish the Readers of 'POST' God's blessings in the New Year.

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