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- Result not
set in stone

4 huge undecided vote is good for ' South Africa, and for democracy. !

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HEN South Africans vote for a gov-

ernment of national unity in April,

they will be entering unexplored

territory. Their pending political
odyssey is certain to be an exhilarating ex-
perience for that reason.

Just how exciting is apparent in a Market-
ing and Media Research poll commissioned by
The Star. A quarter of the voters are undecid-
ed. meaning that the final result will be
strongly influenced by the campaign and vot-
ing trends may not solidify until polling day.

Apart from offering a glimpse into the terra
nova ahead, the poll findings, the best efforts
of meticulous researchers using rigorous
methodology, are welcome for two trenchant
reasons. They mean that the outcome is not
pre-determined, that the campaign, the elec-
tion issues and the arguments and counter-
arguments are more than the ritual din of
electioneering. They ensure that there will be
an element of unpredictability and excite-
ment, even plain fun.

There is, however, another more powerful

reason for welcoming the findings. Democra-
cy depends on a swing vote. It is the undecid-
ed voters who switch allegiance between or

even during elections who temper the arrogance of politicians and counter the temptations of power. -

: The fluidity in political allegiances uncovered by the poll reinforces the point that there is nothing inevitable about the election outcome. Thus nearly 60 percent of DP supporters have shifted allegiance, opting in descending order of preference for the ANC, the NP and the IFP. Similar though smaller shifts have been detected in the rival white-led NP and CP., i

The ANC, unsurprisingly, emerges with the biggest share of support. It is, however, not assured of the two-thirds majority it needs to write its own constitution. Whether it can achieve that majority remains one of the many imponderables in the political equation.

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Il you hall shul your gyes, you
could almosl imagine yoursell back
in tbe Old South Africa amid the din
of election rhetoric. The invective
and snide gimmickry Oying about are
allogether reminiscent of old-time
white elections

Excepl, of course, thet this is the
new full-colour version and the chob
cestl rhetorie is exehiangud between
lhose iwo power-sharing pariners,
the ANC nnd the Nals,

Twke the way each vapitalised thig
week on the anniversary of the
ANC's unbanning. A big NP ad took
credit for all lhe Â¢hanges sinoe Feb-
ruary 2 1990, saying: â\200\234\When Nelson
Mandela lights a â\200\230Flame of Freedomâ\200\231
today, he boneurs President de
Klerk's achlevements.â\204¢

Over the page, nn ANC ad, dovble
\he size, mocked such claims, sayiog:
â\200\234Nexi tbing they'll be Jeling us
apariheid never cxisled. The Jesson
ol Wstory is deass lhese who deny
the pasi, musl never be irusted with
{he future.â\200\235

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Inkatha, of course, doesn't do lo
badly either in the bad-mouthing line.
Al the [FP's jonralhon special conler-
ence al Ulund) Inst weekend, a cleri-
cal gent didnt mince any words
about De Klerk â\200\224 he said the J'resi-
dent â\200\234was borm n liar, lived a linr
and will dle a liarâ\204¢,

This made Mt old master of in-
veclive, Mangosuthu DButhelezi,
sound almesl polile.

le waa less than genteel, though,
when he answered a journo's ques-
tion with a quote (hat came, he said
from an Australian friend: "You can't
ride two horses at the same time be-
cause your arse isn't big enough".

The DP's poster campaign also
claims credit for ending apartheid,

but its rhetoric is relatively low-key.

As Tony Leon says hopefully: "We
will remain civil, calm and elected."

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There was a revealing moment
during the Klerk's barnstorm through
the eastern Transvaal last week (see
Al Driekoppies Dam, he arrived for a

meeting with a local chief to find yet
another ANC group, 500 strong, in-
fected on disrupting it,

At this point F.W. decided to take
the offensive. He reminded the group
it was he who'd unbanned the ANC,
released Mandela, etc, then boldly
fielded questions and even got a
polite round of applause.

From this point there are varia-
tions to the story. Some of Saver's
reporters say that when De Klerk fin-
ished speaking, he paused, looked at
the ANC heavies, and asked in Afrikaans: "Julle my
mooi gehoor?"

To which, some swear, a muted re-
sponse came haltingly from some-
where in the group: "Ja, my baas."

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Maybe it doesn't pay to be seen to
be friendly with the opposition. On
that same plateau, however, a member
of the blacks told journalists that they'd
yelled NP because they saw no differ-
ence between the two parties and
their leaders.

Asked why she would vote for the
Nats, one black woman said: "Well,

NP, ANC and same thing". Pressed
further, she said: "Well, De Klerk,
Mandela and good friends."

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Seen last Saturday night around
11 (and not 12) on the former's
president P. W. Botha and his
young companion Marcelle, with her
10-month old infant.

Uke any other enuple, they were quietly shopping In the CNA â\200\224 where Mascelle was looking at baby dooks. She temils to pluinpness, so Sauer's female Informant couldnâ\200\231t even guess whelher (his constituted shopping with inteal.

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Jusl when ihe {uss was dying down over thal banie couture dress de-

corsted with verses {rom the Koran,

Drilain's Oxdord Union |s slirring vp more hormets

Replacing a scheduled ANC/n-katha/Natlional Party dcbale (elec-

Woneering back home has delayed -

the dlscussion) Is lhe mollon â\200\234This llouse believes that (slam and de-mocracy are incompalibleâ\200\235,

â\200\230Same election din,now in full colour

One of tbe planned speakers on this touchy suï¬\202lml â\200\224 Bric Pickles, Tory MP and lorreer head of Brad-ford Council â\200\224 pulled out at the Jast momenl. Bul no such attack of perves has troubled Yussd Islam, the former pop singer Cat Stevens, who joins the opposition leam. S
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No, Sauer can't belleve the rumour hat e Cape Times posler based nn a minor news sfory, â\200\234SA lo Export Crunchiea lo Rusalaâ\204ç, was the work of some cynieal boarehsler.

ll must surely have been just a ihin day for news, wilh some de-spairing sub-edilor also facing the deadline crunch.

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Don't talk to the DP's Dene Smuls about the ANC's efforls {0 ensure (hat one-third of its MPs are women.

For years, she says, ker party had 100 pescent [emale representation in Patlinent â\200\224 lelen Suzman

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Campaign against us, say hostel dwellers

Merafe local residents, who have been accused of committing various crimes, claim there is a smear campaign against them. In a statement issued yesterday, the IFP and the National Hostel Residents Association said they felt insulted by accusations that: Mostel residents hijack cars

and rob taxis belonging to Soweto Transport Services.

The man found with two bullet wounds outside the hostel on Saturday was killed by hostel residents,

Car thieves bring stolen cars into the hostel.

How can we be accused of having a part in the taxi problems when we have members from both organisations living in the hostel? the statement asked.

It added that the residents had apprehended criminals on an ongoing basis and handed them over to the police.

In the latest Incident, three alleged car thieves were caught at the hostel

In all instances, including

train massacres, no Merafe Hostel resident has been found guilty by the courts the statement said. Soweto Bureau.

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Tokoza pensmnerns still not paid |

B BY HAPPY NKHOMA

A march by armed hoslel dwel-
lers kept Tokoza pensloners
from gelling their pensions on
Wednesday. Yesierday, "admin-
istrative problemsâ\200\235 got in the
way, and disappointed penston-
ers wenl hoine afier a long wail
â\200\224 thelr pockets still empty.

As the pensioners sicod out-
slde the Tokoza Town Council
offices yesterday afternoon, hos-
ille youths and hostel dwellers
faunted each other in the lense
township.

IFariler in the day, pensioners
had becen bused {o Germlsion
where they were to have re-
ceived thelr money. â\200\230The alm was
lo avold (he risks of the previous
day, when pensloners fled the

.payoul oflice as armed hosiel

dwellers protested nearby
agains! the presence of SADF
members.

Bul only a few pensioners

were paid at Germiston before
they were told to wait for buses
that would take them back to

Tokoza, where the payout would
resume.

Back In Tokoza, pensioners
queued from about 11am to
3 pm while the pension clerks

did their paperwork. At 3 pm the
payments began, but lasted only
half an hour. The officials re-
fused to work overtime.

- M Tue task group to oversee the
peace plan to be implemented in
Fasi Rand townships would be
operating soon, task group head
General Jan van Loggerenberg
said yesterday.

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in TEC report

MY OWN CORRESPONDENT

Durban - Fears that political unrest could threaten the democratic

government to be elected in April has prompted the

Transitional Executive.

Council to keep detention

without trial on the stall-

ing books.

For decades the ANC

and its front organisa-

tions and Umlatha political

groups attacked the Na-

tional Party for allowing detention without trial. In terms of agreements

reached at the multiparty negotiations, detention without trial was to be scrapped through the Abolition of Restrictions of Free Political Activity Act that was passed by Parliament in December.

However, the ANC has

balked at implementing

this in the face of a growing menace of right-wing parties and problems that would be caused by an IFP boycott of the election. -

The ANC-dominated TEC decided the Act should

come into operation on:

January 28, except for the provisions that scrapped section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

This resolution of the TIC went unnoticed until the Black Sash organisation kicked up a fuss.

It would mean people allegedly wanting to vio-

lently promote any con-

stitutional, political, industrial, social or eco-

nomical aim could, in terms.

of the Internal Security Act, be held without trial for 10 days at the say of

against the detention law. -

a policeman of the rank of warrant officer or higher. Police could then seek a Supreme Court order to hold them for another 10 days.

* The Black Sash said the TIC's decision not to abolish Section 29 was a breach of faith. The TEC's decision was in direct contradiction of the

decisions reached at the

negotiating forum and in Parliament, and flew in the face of the new constitution and its chapter on fundamental rights.

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Alliance dithers over

two-ballot carrot

N 8Y KAIZER NYATSUMBA
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

Crucial trilateral talks at which the ANC was scheduled to table its major concessions including an acceptance of the double ballot system to the Freedom Alliance ended inconclusively yesterday when FA negotiators could not guarantee flexibility in the discussions. '

When the FA negotiators agreed to give this undertaking, they were asked to consult with their leaders and return to the ANC and the Government by Sunday evening or Monday morning.

The process of negotiating becomes impossible if what you are confronted with are demands, ANC national chairman Thebo Mbeki said after the talks,

Knowledgeable ANC sources had earlier told The Star the organisation's proposals included acceptance of a double ballot system in the April election as well as an extension of some exclusive powers to regional governments.

FA chief negotiator Rowan

Cronje told the press that although the ANC would not unveil its proposals until it was assured of the FA's flexibility, Constitutional Development Minister and Government negotiator Roelf Meyer had dangled a two-ballot system before the FA in exchange for the alliance's acceptance of the present Interim Constitution.

In a separate briefing,

Meyer said the Government's proposal was "comprehensible enough to bring about settlement".

Although Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelez said on TVI's Agenda on Sunday that a concession to the FA's demand for a two-ballot system could make a big difference, observers yesterday said it now appeared the FA wanted to shift the goalposts yet again.

Speaking after the trilateral meeting, Cronje said progress would be difficult unless there

was movement on the FA's

other demands, notably on the powers and functions of provincial governments.

He said the single-ballot

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No guarantees
from alliance

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agreement | had been reached in the twilight of " multiparty talks at the World Trade Centre and had not until then been .. one of the FA's key concerns about the Constitution. | In Ulundi, Buthelez was quoted as having - said a double-ballot concession would not address his party's bottom-line demands. He reportedly said he . hoped the ANC and the Government would also agree to the FP's remaining demands.

Meyer said the Government would try to bring about settlement until the time has

run outâ\200\235. |

Sources said the ANC
. bad also agreed to the
7 "extension of exclusive
" powers to regional gov-
ernments, provided the
present deadlock-break-
ing mechanism agreed
* upon at the World Trade
Cente wouwld be dis-
pensed with. Instead, all
decisions would have to
â\200\230 be taken with a two-
. thirds majority in the Na-
â\204ç tional Assembly.

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Many voters are in ferment over who to support

come April 224

and no community is more fluid than

- the whites of South Africa.

HE National Party

currently commands-
the firm support-of only
one out of three white vot-
ers with many former sup-

_porters unable to-'decide -

who to back in the coming

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with almost half undecided or

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among whites,200\231 coloureds;and.200\235

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-However, not all is lost for :

the NP. It still has higher support in these three race groups than the ANC, which could now command three

percent white su?port, 13 per-

cent among, coloureds and 27 percent among Indians â\200\224 a jump from 19 percent two years ago.

The NP is also more popular among whites than the CP, whose support in the community over the past two years has â\200\230dropped from 26 percent to 15 percent.

Many of the voters that may have drifted away from the NP now appear to have landed among those who cannot make up their minds or refuse to disclose who they would back.

The Argus, Friday,

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among Africans for the NP

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s+ 15 percent:to seven percent.
32:MMR finds that its:Indian

'support has halved, from

eight to four percent, while only eight percent of

coloureds support the party

who

..said they would have backed it two years ago.

- Its support among blacks is now negligible at 0,2 percent.

The IFP has made gains

- among whites, from two to

six percent, but remains ex-

traordinarily low among blacks at only two percent. This figure may, however, be distorted by the fact that the poll did not reach the deep rural vote of tiny communities around the country.

* The survey found that almost all African voters are sure of their choice of party, while four out of every 10 Indians who state a Preference could be waverers either somewhat sure or not sure.

February 4, 1994

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PO Box 50661, Waterfront 8002.
Tel: (021) 439 4845

This is the most one-sided return in the history of the polls.

POLL RESULT

NINETY-FIVE percent
of the respondents ipn
last weekâ\200\231s Cape Metro
phone-in poll support
the Capeâ\200\231s becoming an
independent republie.
The idea was mooted
first by the Cape Repub-
lic Movement, which in-
tends to â\200\230campaign for g
referendum on whether
the province should â\200\234re-

main in Azaniaâ\200\235. &

Ofithe 1115, caltes re-
ceived, 1 058 readers fa-
voured an independent
Cape and 57 opposed it.

Sunday Times "Cape Metro Section" of Feb 6, 1994@

Viewpoint

Mandela will ca

â\200\230PINIOi~\201' polls con- '

tinue predicting a

convincing election

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| question is by how much,

Initial polls suggested a run-

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unity. The tatesi poli*holds

out slightly dess extravagant

hopes for the crganisation.â\200\235

Whatever the polls say,

there ls no'doubting the enor-

mous advantage the ANC has

over the other parties. It is by

far the most populist of the

parties. It has a history of

_struggle and resistance, and

" in Mr Nelson Mandela it has a

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- contributioniudts vote.

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Although rigorously ex-

posed to the publie spotlight

these past few years, he seems

not to have lost any of the

near-gedly status his years of

incarceration at the Adands of

the apartheid regme have:

helped accord him in the eyes .

of sc many people.

Judging from the way he ls

already beating ihe

trail, he is going to be very

much at the forefront of the
ANC's election campaign. No
matter how much the Cyril
Ramaphosa, Thabo Mbeki
and others have risen to
prominence, or what their
leadership aspirations are, it
is Mr Mandela who, above all,
symbolises his party's 32-year
history of struggle, and it is he
who is going to carry its banner.

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_ In conversation and speculation over the coming elec-

tion, the arguments keep coming-

1 up about ethnic animosities
and tribal structures, and how

election .

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these might affect the ANC's
chances, :

However, from what happened
in Zimbabwe and
Namibia, for example, and
perhaps even from Afrikaner-
Nationalism's own history, it
is clear that the emotive draw-
ing force of the terms 'suppres-
sion, struggle and resistance'
cannot easily be over-
estimated.

The struggle continues! is
the forJorn cry we keep hear-
ing to this day from the all but
forgotten BENP's Jaap Marals,
The AWB's Eugene Terre

~. Blanche talks about oppres-

sion of the Boers, without a
hint of a smile, and it is the
favourite battle cry of the CP
and the Volksfront.

.What these parties lack,
however, is not only authen-
ticity but also a single leader

who has suffered sufficiently .

to be turned into a symbol of

_their oppression. From the
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they look.wli talk-< most of
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been leading gmte comfortl
able Dves, 7

But to get back to the ex-
amples of Zimbabwe and
Namibia, In the case of the
former, ethnicity certainly
counted in the election, and
Mr Robert Mugabe . al-
though one of the â\200\230.e%esiS~

â\200\230tance Dgures -+ didn'Ã©. have

anything near the status and
symbolism of 2 Nelson
dela. Yet, against sxpec-
tations and the eonfident pre-
dictions of the 84 government
at the time, which had iis
hopes pinned on moderates
like Abs! Muzorewa and
Nd'a}li_inlngi*sith>ole, e
stormeginto power :
Mr Sam Nujoma, 100, is far
from being a Nelson Mandela,

' put there is no denying the

enormous role he played. in
Swapoâ\200\231s landsllde vietgry.

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faces, it must be a sopewhat

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rry ANCâ\200\231s election banner -

of SAâ\200\231s other parties.
President, De Klerk, too, is a
charismatic leader, and hls
party is no doubt geing to de-
pend heavily on him fo

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, Also, as both

the PP s.and'the
NPâ\200\231s election lists show, theÃ©ir
firmest base remains in a re-
treating and increasingly frac-
tured white establishment,
Outside that, their only real
chance lies in exploiting mi-
nority fears, and in the vague
democrafic notian abgut peo-

ple deciding in suficient num-

bers to vote against ont:party
domination, It's a vague hope; â\204ç
for as the Nationalists cap tell;
their opponentsâ\200\231 cries of â\200\234yoleâ\200\235
for a strong opposition!â\200\231 never
did them any good in the old:
days. _ SN
It doesn't meanâ\200\234the smaller-
parties must be written off. AS
thes DP rightly emphasl!ses,

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than half a percentage of ibe
vote will stand a chance of
getting & representative in
parliarsent.

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never be forgotten. In those
depressing times, when mnany
parties"were banned andâ\200\231
many people were jailed, de-
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â\200\234*parties, especially, need con-
stant reminding that they
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FAITH GASA questions the TEC's integrity H("W,â\200\230Z Lf),â\200\230lqy HelH

| -â\200\230IFP says: â\200\230Show your true coloursâ\200\231

OES the Transition-
g al Executive Coun-
. cit (TEC) have the

integrity to investi-

gate the role of MK, the ANC
and its SDU's in South Afri-
caâ\200\231s political violence â\200\224 their
hit squads, gun-running,
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train? their assassinatio

of IFP leaders, elc?

. And does the TEC have the
guts to demand the informa-
tion from those In the know â\200\224
.the governmentâ\200\231s securi:y
and intelligence agencies and

- MX's high command?

.This is the essence of the di-
rect challenge issued by the
IFP this week to the TEC â\200\224a
body the IFP neither
recognises nor regards as le-

gitimate. In presenting a set -

â\200\230of documents to the TEC task
force exquiring into hit
squads in NatalVKwazuluy, the
IFP has in effect called upon
the TEC to show its true
colours.

The TEC's "objects as seuA
.outinthe TEC Act, are â\200\234to fa- -

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to a democra*lc order in
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activity: ellminaâ\200\231mg intimi.
dation; securing .freedom of
canvassing for parties; ensuz-
â\200\230ing no government disadvan-

tages any party;; and .

generally creating conditions
conducive to the holding of
. free ard fair elections. :

All weil and good, it might

be thought. However. the IFP

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believes the Tâ\200\230-â\200\230C to be politi-
cally partisan and believes it
-has no intention whatsoever
of pursuing these objects â\200\224
except, that is, in so far as
these will benefit the ANC
and perhaps, to a lesser ex-
tent, the government.

. Thus the inX was barely dry
on the TEC Act when the

- TEC revealed where it intended -

" ed focusing â\200\224 on one alleged

hit squad within the KwaZulu ;

Police, which the XZP had it
self already uncovered and re-
quested the SA Police to
investigate.

The suspects were suspend-
ed, were under arrest, and the
KZP was fully co-â\200\230perating in
the judicial process when lo
and behold, the TEC decided
to intervene after the
Goldstone Commission
(which appears strangely re-
luctant to do likewise with
ANC hit squads) stated it â\200\234to
be in the public interest to
make the information avail-
able at this stageâ\204.

Why intervene, however, in

a properly conducted judicial

investigation when the mat-
ter is already being thorough-
ly investigated, i.e. 6 suspects

. are behind bars and where the

. law is taking its course?
Because. the ITP main-

tains, the TEC intends deal-

ing harshly with its

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prises merely a list of issues,

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ANCX members; the {llegal
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South Africa; MK's hit squads

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Faith Gasa s chairman ofÃ©
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H El o - Friday, February 4, 1994

our readers write

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YOUR editorial of February 1 â\200\224
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its new package of proposals

to the Freedom Alliance, saying

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pected ; proposals by the alliance, in-

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has been scheduled for Monday

As the talks are expected to

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proposals to its principals, . - |

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JOHANNESBURG The ANC yesterday refused to put.

' Political Staff

to continue for the next 10 days, the deadline for parli-

! to register for the elections. while the alliance committed itself to

* itself to being flexible.

! However, registration does

' not bind parties to taking

part in the elections and they
could withdraw at any stage
up to April 26. Gl

| ANC national chairman

. Thabo! Mbeki said: "We have

been negotiating for a long
time and we have put several
proposals forward for the alli-
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Alliance chairman Rowan
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determination. /.

Mr Meyer said after the

meeting that he had proposed
a comprehensive settlement
on all the outstanding issues

in such a way that if there is

a will, there is a way of reach-

ing agreementâ\200\235.

@ IFP leader Mangosuthu
Ruthelezi said his party's par-
ticipation in the April election
would depend on more thanâ\200\231
the ANC aptreeing:to 2 two-
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In an address to Durban

businessmen! he stressed Âçon--

stitutional issues surrounding
regional powers were crucial
for the IFPâ\200\231s!participation.

â\200\234Even if the government

and the ANC/SA Communist .
Party alliance 'do relent-onâ\200\235

this issue of the double:ballot,

the double ballot by-itself is -
quite meaningless if" regions
. do not have the autonomy:

which cannot beâ\200\231 interfered
with by the constituent, as-
sembly," Dr ButheleZ said'in
a speech fordelivery. -

(Report by W Paddock, 11 _ĩ-\201hanal
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JOHANNESBURG â\200\224 The Ger-
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Society for Hiuman Rights
(ISHR) says in a new report on
the human rights record of the
African National Congress, that
the ANC has failed to imple-
ment key recommendations con-
cerningitsrecord Inexile.
According to the report re-
leased yesterday, the ANC has
failed to implement â\200\234any of the
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cerning the ANC record in
exileâ\200\235. ;

The ISHR in its analysis said
despite the ANC initiating two
inquiries and reports, an ANC
national executive committee
special session which produced
its own proposals, as well as a
further four external reports,
the ANC has not taken any seri-
ous steps at all.

"â\200\234Only three of the 29 recom-
mendations made in the seven
reports analysed have been im-
plemented, and these are the

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three suggesting that (he inter-
nal ANC reports be released to
the public,â\200\235 the ISHR said.

The report noted the Motsue-
nyane Commission report as
well as the recommendations
made by Amnesty International
in December 1989, the Douglas
report in January 1993, the two
ISHR reports in May and August
1993. and the 1992 ANC's
Skweyiya report, had all been
completely disregarded by the
ANC, â\200\224Sapa.

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| THE ANC will not be
on its election promises because the
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by WYNDHAM HARTLEY
Political Editor

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"While the = â\200\234ANCâ\200\231s -
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not materialise, the gov-
ernment put forward a:
proposal which included a
two-ballot system and
concessions regarding the
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' The government * did-
not, however see its way Â°
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sions on the powers and
functions of provinces. -

FA chairman, Mr Row-
an Cronje said from his
home in Bophuthatswana
last night that the govern-
mentâ\200\231s proposal were of
no consequence.

The government was
expecting the FA to ac-
cept two small . conces- -
sions and then forget
about all the other out-
standing issues. This was
not acceptable to the FA.

-The ANCâ\200\231s demand for
assurances that the FA
would be prepared to ne-
gotiate its . proposals
would, however, be taken
to the FAâ\200\231s principles for
a decision. -

Mr Cronje said the
question of a double or
' single ballot system was a

side issue as far as the

true concerns of the FA
were concerned.

When the FA Â° was
formed and started nego-
. tiations with the "ANC -
| and the government, the
| issues under discussion
were the concern of the

FA over the powers of re-
gions. At that stage the

Kempton - Park process

had not yet decided on

the single ballot issue.
Later, when the multi-party negotiation process decided on a single ballot system, this became a further concern of the FA.

â\200\234We cannot forget about our original agenda, as the â\200\234government now seems to expect us to do, just because â\200\234one stumbling block has been removed,â\200\235 he said.

The ANCâ\200\231s chairman, â\200\234. Mr Jâ\200\2341'habo Mbeki, said after 7 the talks that before the ANC's proposals could be

â\200\234he said.

" World Trade Centre, the

fi ;
tabled clarity was needed the negotiations were proceeding as negotiations, or if it would pro-

ceed with the FA making certain demands. -

If the FA was approaching the matter on

the basis of demands with

"no flexibility, there â\200\234was no sense in continuing the process..

â\200\234The process of nego-

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* tiation is impossible if we -

are confronted with demands. For this reason, the FA was given until Monday to give clarity on this matter after which negotiations would con-

tinue,â\200\235 he said.

- Mr Mbeki did not want to say what the ANCâ\200\231s proposals would contain, but did indicate that his

organisation was flexible â\200\234on the powers of regions

as long as the other par-

ties involved in the process were prepared to

move forward.

Mr Cronje stressed that the FA did not want to negotiate the ANC's proposal as a package, but wanted to address the outstanding issues one by one.

- Instead of a process of horse trading, we want to

negotiate for possible movement on all issues,

Concerning the government's proposal, Mr Cronje said the FA could

not accept the provincial

powers as they stood in the interim constitution.

The government's acceptance of a double-ballot system was not significant seen in the light that long before the decision on a single ballot system had been taken at the

FA had been negotiating

with the government and the ANC on the other issues, and more particular-

ly the powers of regions

& 2 %The single or double ballot issue is a one-off

thing. We have to live with the constitution long afterwards he said. .

Mr Cronje said after

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yesterday's talks he was
not more optimistic than
he was before they
started nor was he more
pessimistic than he had
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: The government's chief
negotiator, - Mr . Roelf

= Meyer, said the govern-
ment's proposals were

= comprehensive enough to
) solve all the outstanding

issues. -

Our proposals were
reasonable and attractive.

~ The FA will now have

sufficient time to consult
with their principals.

. Mr Meyer said the gov-

ernment could not see
any reason why it should
move on the question of
powers for the provinces.
As far as he was con-
cerned, the powers of the
provinces, as set out in
the constitution, were ad-
equate :

He conceded, however,
that the government's
proposals were not a final
offer, but for the sake of
South Africa, .now was
the time to accept the of-
fer.

Political parties have
until Saturday, February
12, to register as political
parties for the election.
This effectively makes the
deadline for negotiations
February 12.

THE CITIZEN

Friday 4 February 1994

ANC FAILS TO TABLE

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By Fred de Lange

NEGOTIATIONS between the government, the ANC and the Freedom ' Alliance yesterday again made no progress when the ANC failed to put pro-

posals on the table reportedly including a double ballot and exclusive powers for regional governments. Instead, it demanded that the FA commit itself to making concessions before the matter

could proceed.

The ' meeting; which was held in Pretoria, broke up after three hours, with the FA being | given until Monday to discuss the matter with its principals.

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ANC digs in its heels over Alliance

ovt in bid to
yreak talks
stalemate

THE ANC yesterday refused to put its new pa of proposals to the Freedom Alliance, saying it would disclose it only when the itself to being flexible and seeking a negotlated settlement. . ut government unexpectedly presen a set of proposals to the alliance, including concessions on a double ballot and regional authority to levy taxes.

However, governmentâ\200\231s package includ- ed a demand that the commit itself to taking part in the elections and all transitional structures, including the TEC.

The alliance agreed to refer the propos- als to its principals and another round of talks were scheduled for Monday. These talks are expected to continue for the next 10 days, up to the deadline for parties to register for the elections. Â¢

However, registration does not bind par- ï¬\201ut:lhthk:rngpat;tmmeehcï¬\201omzdï¬\202th;y may aw at any stage up to i

&C national chairman 'lehabo Mbeki said: â\200\234We have been negotiating for a long

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ment Minister Roelf Meyer refused to di- vulge, broadly stated that:

OThe Freedom Alliance accept the powers and functions of regions as con- tained in the interim constitution;

O Government concedes to a double ballot;
O Wider powers of taxation be granted to regions as negotiated with the alliance;
O Central government be empowered to override regional constitutions; and

O Limited changes be made on the issue of self-determination.

Meyer said after the meeting that he had

proposed a ve settlement on
all the outs issues in such a way
that if there is a will, there is a way of
reaching agreement.

One ANC spokesman indicated that the govern-
ment's proposals were very to
the point; the ANC leaders
package. :

Mr. Cronje denied having seen the ANC
package.

Cronje said he was not too happy about

time and we have put several proposals !
forward for the government to negotiate package deals in a way that
it could be reached. One . He :

~and no
problem is that the alliance has been nego-
tiating on the basis of demands that must
be met and are non-negotiable, rather than
looking for a negotiated settlement.
| Alliance negotiators had to obtain man-
~ dates from their principals to be flexible in
negotiations before the ANC would resume
negotiations with the alliance.
Alliance chairman Rowan Cronje said

government's package of proposals the
details of which the committee

amounted to

few compromises be made by negotiating
issues on the i

Government's double ballot concession
because the ballot issue is a one-off but
the constitution is something we have to
live with for a long time.

He said regardless of their mandates,
alliance partners would discuss deals to

negotiate
- the best of their abilities, then take these
back to their principals for approval.

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