

'NEW YORK. When Nelson Mandela meets this week with US corporate leaders to discuss foreign investment, he is likely to find an attentive but cautious audience.

That view emerges from a random survey of major corporations that cut ties with South Africa.

For years, the African

National Congress and.

Mr Mandela urged the international business community to quit trade with South Africa as a means

to pressure the country

White rulers to relinquish

in the US.

from US

power to the Black majority.

The African National Congress president has credited economic sanctions for the limited pro-

gress in South Africa.

South African President De Klerk has freed political prisoners, eliminated key segregationist policies and agreed to talks on

power-sharing with. Black

leaders.

Mr Mandela, scheduled to address the United Na-

tions General Assembly yesterday, has planned

meetings with executives

at major corporations and foundations to encourage foreign investment if a

â\200\230cautiousâ\200\231

Black mqomy govern-.

mgmÂ«;omes to power.

An ANC spokesman

said a key message from
the meetings is the group
is â\200\234not hostile to foreign
investmentâ\204¢.

â\200\234Once the question of
an interim government

has been solved, then the
ANC would like = assist-
-ance in resolving the
economic problems be-
cause we need job cre-
ation and investmentâ\200\235.
Miss Lindiee Mabusa, the

ANCâ\200\231s chief representa-

tive in Washmgton, sald
through a
â\200\234We have too
unemploymentâ\200\235.

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The Ford Foundation is
~ today sponsoring a lunch- |
_eon with Mr Mandela and

representatives of some
two dozen corporations
and foundations in New
York. On Friday, H J
Heinz co invited Mr Man-
dela to address 2 500 ex-
ecutives at the University
of Pittsburg.

Some corporate leaders
found a bit of irony in Mr
Mandelaâ\200\231s scheduled
meetings with some of the
corporate power brokers
the ANC pressured to
leave the country.

- But Mr Mandelaâ\200\231s visit
; generally viewed by

~ businessmen as a natmâ\200\230i~\202;*â\200\230
evolution of South Afri-

} caâ\200\231s â\200\234return to the foldâ\200\235

* One East Coast bank-
_er, who spoke on condit-

" jon of anonymity, said Mr

Mandela may find a luke-

â\200\230warm response to his plea

| to delay investment until

' a new Black government
gains power.

â\200\234If weâ\200\231re being told

that investment is import-

| ant but we canâ\200\231t do it yet

- because of political rea-

: sons, then itâ\200\231s sort of

| going to be a turn-o

the banker said. â\200\234And we

| will look elsewhere until

weâ\200\231re truly welcome.â\200\235
Mr Ted Smyth, vice-

| president for corporate

affairs at H J Heinz,

; :.â\200\224fagrreed that American

- corporations are being
ed by countries in the

said Mr

lion people,
Smyth. â\200\224Sdpa-AP

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munist Party is feeling its way
- towards an uncertain future.
The SACP may pretend to be
more confident than most about
where it is going, but those uncer-
tainties will come crowding in-in
the years ahead. If the party has a
future, it will be forged not by so-
cialism, or the communism to
which it hopes socialism will lead,

but by democracy.

_ As one of the few growing com-
munist parties in a world rushing to
ditch communism, the SACP starts
this weekâ\200\231s congress with some rea-
son for hope. That optimism will
have to survive distrust and mock-
ery. It will have to survive the sus-
picion by political opponents that
the communist leadership is secre-
tive, manipulative and inherently
deceitful. It will have to survive
withering criticism from countries
where communist parties are dy-
ing, including those countries which
once practised it. And it will have to
survive the SACPâ\200\231s inevitable re-
duction to a fringe party with no
hope of gaining power and a de-
creasing influence on those who do.
The SACP will spend this week
defining a role for itself, an un-
banned party with open member-
ship competing for political influ-
ence in a changing South Africa.
That will require an honest assess-
ment of how bright the communist
star will shine in the new political

firmament. Leaders and members

will have to address frankly the
problems communists will have
competing in the marketplace for
political ideas. The greater the

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ons of democracy, the

more its opponents are likely to
start trusting it.

And that means democracy as
understood in a world communists
have sought to undermine, over-
throw and ultimately subject to
totalitarian rule. The new commu-
nists reject totalitarianism and they
blame Stalin for the denial of hu-
man rights, but they have not aban-

done their belief that Marx can still lead the world to a perfect future. Communism is still the aim, with what is now called democratic socialism as the means to that end. And, as the SACP manifesto explains, democratic socialism means the economy must increasingly be

placed under public ownership and control.

That may be what the vast majority of people in this country want, in which case the SACP will soon be swept to power on a wave of popular democratic support. If this is not what the party expects, it must tell us how it will adjust to minority status and whether it will seek covert rule through the ANC.

The SACP is having to make many adjustments in a new era of legality, but the greatest of all may be the change from a vanguard revolutionary party to one having to sell its ideas to a freely voting public. It is not going to join democracy's few winners but its many losers; it is condemned ultimately to declining membership and depleting funds.

Defeat, not victory, is what tests democratic convictions.

SACP, ANC
now or in fut

SA COMMUNIST Party (SACP) central committee member Jeremy Cronin yesterday predicted there would not be a split between the party and the ANC, even in the long term.

Speaking in an interview on the eve of the SACP's eighth congress, Cronin said he would venture that a split between the SACP and the ANC in the long term was neither inevitable nor necessary.

There was no prospect of a split in the short term, he said. :

Cronin said the SACP's draft manifesto, which will be one of the major focuses of the four-day conference, stated that change in SA would not be complete without socialism.

To deepen and defend national democratic change . . . socialism enters into the picture. At such a time it will be possible and necessary to persuade the overwhelming number of ANC members to move in that direction. » i

â\200\234Whether we will merge with the ANC
or whether there will be a compact of
forces, one does not really know, but as a

;glatively small party we cannot make the

ANC

(lwill not split
re â\200\224 Cronin

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socialist revolution alone.â\200\235

The congress, the SACPâ\200\231s first inside SA
for 40 years, will give the majority of the
SACPâ\200\231s newly acquired 23000 members
their first opportunity of electing leaders.

According to nominations received from
SACP branches, the frontrunners for the
top SACP post of general secretary include
Numsa general secretary Moses Mayekiso
Cosatu assistant general secretary Sidney
Mafumadi, SACP national organiser
Charles Ngakula and central committee
member Chris Hani.

Hani has already indicated he will not

- stand for the post, although he would ac-

cept nomination to the central committee.
Frontrunner for national chairman is
current SACP general secretary and de
facto leader Joe Slovo, while central com-
mittee member Raymond Mhlaba has
been nominated Slovoâ\200\231s deputy chairman.
Figures released by the party indicate
its strongest support comes from the Bor-
der region which will send 94 delegates.

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Mandela urges UN to lift sanctions in phases
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New deal â\200\230within year

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NEW YORK ~ Thero
Wwas no reason why South
Africa's new constitution
could not be drawn up
within a year, ANC presi-
dent Nelson Mandela told
the 46th session of the UN
General Assembly In
New York yesterday.

Mr Mandeln said it was of
decisiyve importance (o Lhe
work of the Conventlon for a
Democralic SA {Codesa) that
the ruling National Party
should make & commitment

that the declglons of the con-
ventlon be given legal fores,
â\200\234Unless this is done, the
conventlon will be ne more
than a mere talking shop.
â\200\234dfter the conventionâ\200\231s
work has been concluded we
will need to move as quickly
as possible o eslablish the
condtitution-making body.
â\200\234In cur view, this should
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sembly, Once established, we
sec no reason why this as-
sembly should not conclude
drawing up tho now constitu-
tion within the year.â\200\235
Mre Mandela, howeyer, re-
peated his call for sanctions

to bo majnlained,

â\200\234Prectsely becaunse the
goal of Bheration has not yet
been reached, we bolieye
there is need for continued
International pressure to en-
courage speedy movement
towarcds ending the system
of aparthetd,â\200\235 he sald.

â\200\234Sanctions, therefore, con-
tinue (o be important.â\200\235

3Â¢ said the ANC believed .

thal such sanctions should be
ifted In phases corresron.d-
ing to acual progress belng
achleved in South Africa.

â\200\234Tho two mnrtnr phases
ahead of us would be delin-

caled by the establishment
of he Interim government
and, secondly, the election of
the new government.â\200\235

But Mr Mandela also sald
he saw a brighter future
ahead for South Africa.

â\200\234We can seo rising on the
horizen the new giorious en-
tity which shall no longer be
spoken of as the pariah
among the natlons.

â\200\234We are beginning lo see
omerge a new country
which, becausa it arrives so
late at the festlval of liberly,
must surely value freedom
like the apple of i{s sye, and
strive hardest to llve up to

the dream of all humanity
throughout the ages for
emancipation, prosperity,
happiness and peace,â\200\235

He added: "We envisage a
South Africa which shall, in
all respects, bolong to alj
whe Hyo in it, both black and
while.

"Its political ilfe wili bo
governed by a thoroughgolng
democratic constitution,
based on the princple of one
person, one voie, without any
distinction on grounds of
rnce, colour oy croed, and
without any element whatso-
ever of raclal domination
and diserimination,â\200\235

The ANC leader went on:
"â\200\234We alsc want (o see en-
trenched ail the pecessary
provislons ensuring the ful-
lest possible prolection and
advancement of (he funda-
mental human rights of
cvery citlzen.â\200\235

But he warned that at {he
same time, the new South
Africa would have {o address
the burning question of mass

overty, which afillcted mil-
ions of people, especially
tho black â\200\2350 ulation, and the
grossÂ¥raclal imbalance re-
garding the distribution of

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CP stand on
negotiations
â\200\230not changedâ\200\231

By Kaizer Nyatsamba
Political Staff

The Conservative Party
has not changed its posi-
tion on negotiations with
the ANC, CP chief secre-
tary Andries Beyers said
today.

In an interview wrth
The Star, Mr Beyers den-
ied saying the CP would
change lts policy and ne-
gotiate with the ANC if
the latter fully acknow-
ledged Afrikanersâ\200\231 right
to rule themselves in a
sovereign, independent
state,

He was commenting
on a report in a leading
Afrikaans daily todavy,
quoting hum as saying
the CP would engage the
ANC in talks if the hiher-
ation movement â\200\230â\200\234â\200\230ren
ounced the enmityâ\200\235 he-
tween the two parties
and acknowledged Afri--
kapersâ\200\231 right to rule
themselves.

He had said that, once
it was in power, the CP
would be willing to nego- -
tiate with leaders of
other groups â\200\234if they ac-
knowledge our right of
self-determinationâ\200\235.

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PEACE TRAIN

Sharp

By Denis Beckett .

â\200\234Oasls Sharpevilleâ\200\235. That's how the man from the Sharpeville Civic Association described the township whose name still rings with echoes of the massacre 31 years ago.

. â\200\234We'ro an casis. We've been untainted by all the violence * gince â\200\23084, You should como and gee, Come to the Clean-Up Day on Sunday, All affiliations will join to combal (he enyironment problem. You'!) sce what can be done when peacs provails.â\200\235

Sunday coukd bo Interesting.

But tho {inger of fate 18 o cussed hing, Saturday, of all days, wes the day ke tranquil-Nty hiccuped.

There was a funeral, It had not, In advance, been percelved as a reprisal-type {nneral, or indeed a3 a â\200\234politlcalâ\200\235 funcral, at all, Only afterwards did it become apparent that the deceased, an Inkatha man, bad been killed by a member of the ANC, and even then woid in the township was that tho political connections were: ceinclidental; that It had boen a plair fight.

The feoling ut thp hostel, on the other hand, was thal here wna an example of the ANC try-

ing {0 wipe out opposition.

Whichovor, what definitely happencd was that the funeral became a rampage, The cortege, hostel peoplo, stormed Lthrough a section called

Putwasteen and in the end (wo
householders were (aken away
by a mortuary van and several
others by ambulance.

By pightfall Sharpeville wes
in red alert, for the flyst time in
years.

The following morning, the
Big Clean-Up was a resounding
flop. Hardly anyono turned wp,
and among those whe did fill
the plastic bags donated by
Pick 'n Pay, the deminant affill-
ation was a nursery school,

The Clyic Association people
were abashed. Obviously, they
sald, tho citlzenry were scared.

That was parl of the problem.
The cltizenry were digplaying
Mttle reluctance to stroll about
or drink beer in their gardens,
but to hnve draws news of (he
clean-up from the Clvicâ\200\231s Jew
hand-palpted signs they'd have
to be both hawk-oyed and hiero-
glyphics experts.

A Verceniging plont-hire firm
had offered froni-end Joadors to

~ the cause, provided tho drivers

pul In their labewr [ree. Onl
one driver volunteored, Heo gol-
hiped huge monththinls of rubbish

at such a rate that the unme-
chanised clfforts of everyone
olse wera dispirltlyngly futllo by
comparison.

Worse, there was nowhero for
the driver to deliver his loads.
Thore had been an arrengeomeont
that TPA trucks wounld remove
the junk, but that alse went
awry. Sharpeville's main strect
now has hills of rotting garbage
at 20 m inlervals.

Relore long, the heart feil out
of the cloan-up. Adult volun-
teers drifted away, children
turned to playing, and soon the
front-end driver was on his own.

Heartening

On the foco of M, the good-
pews day had turned sour, the
festival of peace had been
wreeked by o comblnation of
error, Jot-down, Incrtia and the
clouds of war.

Deeper, however, there was
something heartening,

This reporter, returning
northwards seven hours after
the collapse of the main event,
drove with a lightness of heart.

To substitute for the non-
clean-up, the City people laid
on an impromptu township-
tour-cum-political seminar,

The tour showed problems,
all right, but it was also a neat

reminder that the best side of
South African township life is
far from bygone

Mr Avcrage In Sharpeville
probably passes more greetings
to his neighbours in the course
of a morning than his Sandton
counterpart does in a decade,
and the everybody notably in-
cluded numerous patrolling pe-
licemen, pale skins or dark.

Mr. M. says one of the Civic
people after his unpleasant
friendly wave to representa-
tives of a force that his organi-
zation officially considers the
tools of the oppressor, "We have
no problems with the ordinary
police."

"Then there are the roving ve-
hicles calling out support for
security teams, the soulless in uni-
forms of Independent churches
at open-air services, residents
tending gardens or conducting
household chores. It's hard to
traverse a place like Sharpe-
ville on a Sunday morning and
come away mournful

As for the political enlighten-
ment programme "we will, (he
rhetoric is barely recognisable.
For a decade or more, the tone
has been heavy insistence that
you either sign up with the true
faith or else are cast into outer
darkness. Now it has all but re-
versed, on fierce determina-

eville and "an oasis of peace"

tion to recognise differences, to
allow diversity, to seek the en-
compassment of dissidents in-
stead of their exclusion.

Sharpeville "Civic was born
and reared in an ANC mould at
a time when ungovernability

vanked high in the schome of
things. But things have changed,
and tho current guest ls for

ractical reselution of local
gsues, practical relationships
with the Nats, with Eskom, with
the PAC, with the Conservative
councils of white towns in the
area, and even, aliough this
often comes hardest, with In-
ketha. ;

It's a new balt-game â\200\224 nol
an oasy ball-game, bui by no
means an Impossible ope. Out-
right Ã©istrust becomes replaced
not so much by outright trust as
by a caulicus vuetjio-vcclfie.
Demands glye way to negetin-
tions; rejection to arms-length
deallngs.

The Sharpeville Civic has a
large vision of Sharpeville as a
haven of peace, development
and environmoent-censclousness.

1992, says one member, "8
Verccn{ginsâ\200\230s hundredih anni-
versary and Sharpoville's fiti-
eth. Imagine what we can do if
we can use the anpiversaries (o
truly got our nets together.

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The ticking
- time bomb

INANCE MINISTER Barend du
/ Â¥ Plessis and Reserve Bank Gover-
nor Chris Stals have warned that
' even the best political settlement
will be useless unless it is buttressed eco-
nomically. The Reserve Bank has de-
scribed unemployment as a â\200\234time bombâ\200\235
which could serionslv damage the delicate
process of political democratisation.

A reminder of the precarious state of

Y this economic nnderpinning has now been

given by economists with the SA Chamber
of Business and the Small Business De-
velopment Corporation. They calculate

{ that fewer than one in every 10 of this

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earâ\200\231s 400 000 matriculants will be able to

find employment in the formal sector of
the economy.

With the number of unemployed people

" running at between 4 million and Â\$ million
' and growing rapidly every day, the gov-

ernment that comes to power under a new
ponracial constitution may have to deal
with as many as 7,5 million jobless men
and women. It does not augur well for the
future of our long-fought-for democracy.
Already there are signs that unemploy-
ment is starting to tear South African so-
ciety apart: the crime rate, having reached
unprecedented levels, continues to rise;
there is physical deterioration of the infra-
strncture as vandalism, born of despahr,
spreads and mtensifies.

~ Sanctions are only a secondary cause.
The economy started to decline lopg before
the formal advent of sanctions in the mid-
1980s. But even minor canses must be re-
moved immediately, today rather than to-
morrow. Even once investment returns,
~the creation of jobs through economic
â\200\230growth is not an instantaneous process.
The henefits take time to flter down.

. The ANC agrees that there is an urgent
need for growth Yet Nelson Mandela, a
â\200\230strong candidate for helmsmap of the new
state, continues to press, myopically, for
â\200\230the maintenance of sanctions until â\200\234signifi-
cant political progressâ\200\235 has been made. He
should be encouraging the world to invest

-in and trade with South Africa. He owes it
to the new nonracial society he hopes to
preside over.

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Patriotic Front linked _"
to communist strategy -

The formation of the Patrjotie
Front was not unexpected in
view of communist Strategy.

In the late 1920s, Dimitrou,
then leader of the Bulgarian
Communist Party, formulated
this strategy after the failure of
the first Bulgarian socialist reg-
ulation. His theory was later
dcepted and approved by the
Communist International {Co-
mintern) Congress in Moscow
as one of the most important
contributions to communjst
Strategy and tactics since the
death of Lenin.

This strategy was extensively
used in Eastern Europe during
and after World War 2. In Bal-
Â£4aT1a, It was called the â\200\234Father-
Iand Frontâ\200\235. Dimitron headed
the first government Rast Ger-
many, Hongary, Czechoslova-
kia,â\200\235 Romania 3nd Yugoslavia
had variations of these â\200\234frontsâ\200\235.

In Vietham the â\200\234Fatherland
Frontâ\200\235 was led by Ho Chi Minh
and fought for three decades 0
vanquish finally the demacratie
forces. The poor people of that
country sacrificed their all for 2
ntopian socialist mirage, which
has only brought them misery,
honger and terribje soffering.

In Afriea, similar communist

Strategies have emerged from!
tme to time, that is, the Patri~
otic Front of Zimbahwe. It was)
therefore not Suprising that the
SACP would attempt the sameâ\200\231
manoeuvre in South Africa
through its front, the ANC. :
The SACP is the eminence.
grise in the so-called Patriotic;
Front. Those parties and organ-

isations which participate will
be used for as long as deemed:
necessary, until they are either
swallowed or destroyed by the
communist serpent. ;
It is a Trojan horse that will!
lead South Africa to 2 govern-
ment of â\200\234Blut uad Fisenâ\200\235 in the!
Same manner as in all commu...
LSt/socalist countries. Let us;
Pray and evgke the power oft
God as Muslims, Chris lans apd.
Jews. Let us appeal ta our ap.
cestors and Mvelinggangi to
give Us power to crush the:
forces of darkness - Marxism|
is like a cancer destroying the:
healthy cells of 2 body. :
Let us stand Up and say no to;
this beast! â\200\234Callus pon facie:
monachumâ\204ç - the cow] does!
make the monk ;
Mijolie Shwahada:

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By Kaizer Nya
Political Staff

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politics â\200\224 the

The Azanian Peopleâ\200\231s Or-
ganisationâ\200\231s calls for a
â\200\234Black Christmasâ\200\235 this
month suffered a major

region, the P
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blow yesterday when the
ANCâ\200\231s most influential
I3 decided

Azapo said blacks
have nothing to cele-
Christmas
d should there-
fore withdraw their buy-
ing power from mid-De-
cember to mid-January.

The action would also
pe in protest against
VAT and the Govern-
mentâ\200\231s failure to end vio-

The ANC PWV region-
al committeeâ\200\231s decision
last night means that th

e

n black
ANC, the
PAC and the Inkatha
Freedom Party â\200\224 are
opposed to a â\200\234Black
Christmasâ\200\235. This could-
turn Azapoâ\200\231s â\200\234Black
Christmasâ\200\235 into @ flop.
The PACâ\200\231s Transvaal
egional leaders said this
week that they were not
in favour of a Christmas
consumer boycott be-
cause there had been â\200\234no
adequate consultationâ\200\235.
Boycotts were â\200\234tanta-
mount to token resis-
tance bound to cause di-
vision among the peo-
pleâ\200\235, they said. :

The IFP, on the other
hand, is always OP
to boycotts of any kind.
ANC PWV regional

spokesman Ronnie Ma-
moepa said last night

Azapo;,

been involved in t!

that the ANC PWV re-
gional executive com-
mittee decided that the
community deserved a
break from mass action.
We believe our people
should be accorded the
opportunity to celebrate
Christmas and New Year
in a spirit of goodwill,
and to use that period to
regain their strength and
dedication to launch
higher forms of mass ac-
tion next year, he said.

The community had
in the re-

cent two-day national
campaign against the in-
troduction of VAT and it
would therefore be diffi-
cult to organise a nation-
al consumer boycott in
the short space of time
before Christmas, Mr
Mamoepa said.

OPINION

Patrick Laurence looks at the issues that confront the SACP at its congress

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ï-\201â\200\230 . SPECTRE haunts the now stands at 25 000, th highest it =~ bate many of th
e central ideas in to prepare for â\200\234jdeological battle When the draft manifesto ispu
t of the ANC national executive, to

[he challenge of a new â\202-ra

South African Commu- has been since its formation in Mr Slovoâ\200\231s seminal paper. (wi
thin the SACP) with those who to the congress, ideological battle take up the SACP post.
nist Party on the eve of 1921. Most members are new re- Many have been incorporated, still
defended Stalinism or ques- will be joined. Observers, how- _With Mr Hani no longer a candi
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its eighth congress to- cruits since the SACP was un- after consideration by party lead- ti
oned its existenceâ\200\235. ; ever, expect a resounding victory date, conjecture is rife o
ver who

morrow, the first to be held legal- banned on February 2 1990. ers, into a new, 24-page dra
ft Even today Mr ?10â\200\230/0'5 analysis for the Slovo camp. : will succeed Mr Slovo.
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ophuthumayo wezinta-
theli kusihlwa ngolwesi-
Thathu, unobhala jikele-
le we-ANC, uMnuz.
Cyril Ramaphosa, nesi-
khulu se-ANC esiphethe
uphiko olumaqondana
nezindaba zamazwe,
uMnuz. Thabo Mbeki,
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