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## Victory Seen

For Mandela  
As Ballots  
Are Tallied

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their interests within the system.  
The election is to produce a Parlia-  
ment consisting of a 400-member Na-  
tional Assembly and a 90-member  
Senate. . Four National Assembly  
seats are allotted to a party for eachâ\200\231

percent of the vote it wins. Voters  
also cast ballots for nine provincial  
legislatures, and results showed the  
AN.C. comfortably ahead in seven  
provinces. The provincial legisla-  
tures in turn elect the Senate.

The African National Congress  
conceded defeat in the Western Cape,  
which includes Cape Town, a region  
where Mr. de Klerkâ\200\231s party won the  
support of the large mixed-race popu-  
lation by playing on their fears of  
black affirmative action.

In a bizarre twist of electoral fate,  
the man at the top of the National  
Partyâ\200\231s Western Cape ticket, and  
thus the likely provincial boss, is Her-  
nus J. Kriel, the current Minister of  
Law and Order, loathed by the A.N.C.  
as the most reactionary member of  
the apartheid Government.

Counting lagged far behind in  
KwaZulu/Natal, where the popula-  
tion is predominantly Zulu.

â\200\230Letâ\200\231s Do Itâ\200\231 â\200\224 Slowly

The counting has been almost com-  
ically glitch-ridden, with vote-counter  
fatigue, sit-down strikes, accusations  
of voting irregularities and general  
confusion gumming up the works at  
many of the 800 counting centers. The  
delays brought down a new onslaught  
of criticism on the electoral commis-  
sion, which has already been excori-

ated for its handling of the voting.

The slogan of the commissionâ\200\231s election-eve  
â\200\234Youâ\200\231re ready. Weâ\200\231re ready. Letâ\200\231s do  
it!â\200\235 â\200\224 has become something of a

joke after the commission that spent.

millions of dollars advertising itself  
failed to arrange delivery of ballots to  
some remote rural areas.

To speed the counting, Judge Jo-  
hann Kriegler, the commission chair-  
man, on Saturday night jettisoned  
procedures â\200\230set up to insure that all  
ballots are accounted for, but the  
commission said it did not expect a,  
final count before Monday night.

Despite reports of cheating in sev-  
eral provinces, Mr. Kriegler said he  
had no doubt the outcome would be  
validated as free and fair.

The African National Congress ac-  
knowledged some disappointment at  
failing to reach the two-thirds major-  
ity it had stated as its target. Such a  
majority would have enabled it to  
write a new Constitution with few  
concessions to other parties. In addi-  
tion to serving as the national legisla-  
ture, the Parliament is to write a  
permanent constitution within two  
years.

Mr. Jordan, the congress informa-  
tion chief, said the lower margin of  
victory was â\200\230â\200\230not of great signifi-  
canceâ\200\235 because Mr. Mandela has  
vowed to seek consensus on a new  
constitution rather than using his ma-  
jority to impose his partyâ\200\231s views.

He also said the congress would  
consider Cabinet seats for parties  
that fell short of the 5 percent.

â\200\230â\200\234We want to make Government as  
inclusive as possible and we want to  
insure stability in the country,â\200\235 he  
said.

Mr. de Klerkâ\200\231s showing assured  
that he will be a partner â\200\224 albeit a  
junior partner â\200\224 in the next Govern-  
ment, and seemed to vindicate a cam-  
paign strategy devoted to portraying  
the National Party as the only credi-  
ble counterweight to fears of tyranny  
under the A.N.C.

Stanley Greenberg, an American  
poll taker working for the African  
National Congress, estimated that  
Mr. de Klerk had won at least 5

percent of the black vote, compared.

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Backers of the African National Congress celebrating.the partyâ\200\231s victory at the Johannesburg headquarte\_zrs.

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An election worker, left, read out the party checked on a ballot to tabulators at the National Sports and Recreation Center in Johannesburg, one of the largest verification points for South Africaâ\200\231s first open election.

with 1 or 2 percent in pre-election polls. :

Two other parties with prominent histories appeared to be virtually obliterated by the elections.

The Pan Africanist Congress, rooted in black nationalism and for years recognized by the United Nations along with the A.N.C. as a custodian of black interests, was polling barely more than 1 percent, a failure attributed to bland leadership, lack of money, and a decision to campaign mainly on the issue of land redistribution.

The other big loser was the Democratic Party, the voice of liberalism, which was winning a little more than 2 percent of the votes counted so far. Zach de Beer, the party leader, acknowledged disappointment, but added: â\200\234We recognize that South Africa does appear to have arrived at a stage where we can say we have a democracy. We have wanted it for a long time. Weâ\200\231re not going to spoil it by squealing.â\200\235 S

If the count is completed in time, the National Assembly is'to meet on Friday to select a president, who would be inaugurated and take office on May 10.

ELECTIONS

Early Returns From South Africa

Results in the nationwide vote for a new Parliament. The totals reflect 5.1 million votes counted; roughly 23 million voters were eligible.

African National  
Congress Led by  
Nelson Mandela

National Party  
Led by F.W.  
de Klerk

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Party Led by  
Mangosuthu G.  
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Led by the former  
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Others (not shown): 5.5%

Source: The Associated Press

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