

Former NRP parliamentarian urges PFP vote in Pinetown

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SIR, — The purpose of this letter is to urge "Opposition" voters not to believe that the NRP has any resemblance to the old UP.

I resigned from the NRP in 1980 because I believed then that Vause Raw was leading the party steadily to the right and closer to the NP.

Since then, two former colleagues have left for basically the same reasons. Nigel Wood resigned because of the referendum issue and Warwick Webber was evicted. This leaves the platform and the party to Raw and Miller with no moderating influence.

The UP consisted of a spectrum of opinion which has now disappeared and only the extreme right wing of MPs remain. To equate this with the old UP is ludicrous; that party died in 1977.

Finally, Frank Martin should stay right where he is now. In Parliament he would be one of nine in the fourth biggest (i.e. the smallest) party and sitting in the most junior position on a back bench; hardly a place of influence and one with very limited speaking opportunities in major debates.

So tomorrow place your vote for reform by voting PFP. Let's keep Pinetown an Opposition seat with an MP dedicated to fighting apartheid and racism.

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