

Looking to others to temper ANC
NE of the mmore enjoyable
ironies of President de
Klerk's trip to Emrope last week _
was the way the Government sud-
denly hecam e an enthusustt' c at
vacate ot ttoreign meddling
South Africa's domestic affairs.
The main Expose ot the trip
was to mohi t '31! govern-
ments and industrialist: to pres-
sore the ANC inlo damping the
Lvesttgea of its socialist economic
policies.

Itwasnottoolo-agago thatthia
same Government. was beratin
the world for Interfering tn Sou
Mrtcats attain The Govern-
ment's philosophy then was that
apartheid was purely an internal
matter.

The new approach to foreign tn-
volvement a moat aha y maul
fated at the erld tc
Forum at Dawn - dramatically
gave the lie to this mid argument.
It revealed the truth of the NP
position all allot;a that foretgn
presmrelstlneaa longasltuot
ap ted to you.

ea as late as last week a
slight contradiction in the Govern-
ments at: ch underscored the
truth of observation.

Whe- Preatdent de Klerk re-
ceived the Um peace award tn
Parts. he took the op rtunity to
warn Uneeeo that wihlle it should
encourage t should not
"interfere". This warning was ap-
parently Issued for fear that Une-
Ioo might "interfere" on the
wrong side - the ANC!

Dave: am an intense crucible
of tree market pressure. one of
the most concentrated gatherings
of world political and economic
leaders ever. Under that pressure,
ANC resident Nelson Mandela
off important assurances to
foreign investors which could
prove crucialdfor the suceaaa o! a
-aparthe economy: pro-
ma their investments would he
sale from nationalisation.

And In an earlier prea- hrtetlng
at Doves. he had made It very

I
clear that he disapprowed of ANC
statements threatening: to review
foreign loans granted too the pres-
ent Government Mr Mandela said
he did not think It wound be wise
to acquire: the Image of an organi-
sation that "did not honour Its
debts" - implicitly rrepudioting
his hardlime colleagues.

On hm visits to Hula? .
Czechoslovakia and Poland, L
Klerk also: tried to mohntlise these
governments against MNC eco-

conomic polittcy. In nations which
had just shrugged off the shackles
of to years 0 opprmivne commu-
nism. it was not hard tco that en-
dorsement for the tree nmarket.
The trip.. and Davos especially.
showed how tn the tluture SA
might conne to he very grateful
tor foreign pressure - as It should
have been grateful for the role
which toretign pressure lplayed tn
the past in lpersuading thee Govern-
ment to abandon aparthetid.
Bat it is: by no meanas certain
that that all white South Atticana

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are grateful. Witneas the quiet but
persistent rumblings in the Na-
tional Party establishment about
Mr de Klerk's foreign excursions,
similar to the criticisms of Mr
Gorbachev and Mr Bush. The line
I: that instead of carrying favour
abroad. he should have been fight.
ing the Potchetstroom hy-etection.
That surety shows a misunder-
standing of the purpose of the
mission. to win support tor criti-
cal policy decisions.

"A few years ago we had little
support ootaide the country. now
we grohabty have more than the
AN ." a senior govermmment
source said.

"I! you strip away the personal
reputation of Mr Mandela. the
ANC to being slowly destroyed by
. its exposure to the world."
That is putting It much too
strongla hot the general drift is
right. e ANC ts not so much
helm deatroyed as moderated.
That God for world pressure. I:
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