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Africa's new  
tricameral parlia  
mentary system a  
a "â\200\234bogus arrange-  
mentâ\200\235 and would  
not advise local In-  
dians and coloureds  
to support it, ac-  
cording to Indiaâ\200\231s  
ambassador in  
Maputo, Mr Gurdip  
Bedi. ;

Indiaâ\200\231s delegate to  
the United Nations,  
Mr Pothan Philip, had  
also warned the  
South African Indian  
Council and the  
Labour Party against  
being party to such  
â\200\234bogus constitutional  
arrangements,â\200\235 in a

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INDIA sees South |

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recent UN speech, he  
said.

Mr Bedi was replying

to a letter from an

Umsinto businessman,

Mr Ismail Moolla, in  
which attention was  
drawn to India's interest  
in South African  
Indians. : :

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Gandhi, under whose lead-  
ership the people of India  
attained their indepen-  
dence, first raised the ban-  
ner of revolt against  
injustice and oppression  
not in India, but in South

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Mr Moolla said it was at

India's request 30 years ago  
that the UN first looked at  
the position of Indians in  
this country. '

The Government of India  
had wanted comprehensive

sanctions against South  
Africa, he said.

India's sympathy and  
support for South Africa's  
black people flowed from a  
shared experience of

exploitation,â\200\235 said Mr Bedi,

UN speech.

~ He said the father of the  
Indian nation, Mahatma

domination in colonial ex-,

quoting from Mr Philipâ\200\231s.

Shift  
away

Gandhi

THE announcement by the  
NIC and TIC (the tick-tock  
of Indian politics) and its  
parent body the UDF to par-  
ticipate in the forthcoming  
referendum on a "No ticket  
throws the political direc-  
tion of our once proud heri-

tage of Gandhi in utter  
confusion.

This PFP-type stance!  
need indepth study. It isl  
like denouncing an item|  
"haram" but nevertheless!  
finding it politically edible.|  
What for instance if the  
electorate register an over-:  
whelming affirmative man-  
date. Would NIC, TIC, and  
the UDF suffer the shame  
as did the PFP during the  
white referendum?

This major political gain--

ble by Congress is a major  
shift away from Gandhi's  
policy of total rejection and  
non-co-operation through  
unofficial channels.

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Ahimsa Movement,  
FORDSBURG, TRANSVAAL.

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OLIDARITY is  
clearly a gov-  
ernment spon-  
sored political party  
whose objective is to  
ensure Indian par-  
ticipation in the new  
tricameral parlia-  
ment, even if it means  
doing so against the  
wishes of the commu-  
nity (Solidarity does  
not want a referen-  
dum). i  
There is ample evi-  
dence to support this  
contention:

- @Founder members

have strong government and  
big business links. All have

been snatched from obscurity and nominated by the Government onto state created institutions;

@ The unprecedented media coverage via press, radio and TV for a fledgling party that has yet to hold its congress; and ;

@ Chris Heunis, who is on record of accepting the SAIC as the sole representative of the Indian community, is now prepared to await Solidarity's decision regarding the referendum at its March congress.

Ideologically Mr Poovalingam nurtures the

! illusion that Solidarity is a

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@ THE LIVELIEST LETTERS ARE ALWAYS IN THE SUNDAY TIMES EXTRA

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for apartheid .

moderate group betwixt the Congress & extreme on the left & Rajbansi & on the right :  
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The truth of the matter is that Solidarity occupies the same political spectrum as Mr Rajbansi. The bosses in Pretoria have decided that their product, apartheid, cannot be sold to the Indian community by its present salesman, Mr Rajbansi, who has been an extremely

& naughty boy.

Like clever businessmen, who have neither the will nor the intention of changing apartheid, the government has decided to wrap apartheid in new clothes &

the tricameral parliament  
and entice smarter sales-  
men, Mr Poovalingam and  
his Solidarity Party, to co-  
erce the Indian community.  
into accepting apartheid.

What Mr Poovalingam  
perceives as Congress's per-

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sistence in its sterile poli-  
cy of boycott is in fact  
consumer resistance to

apartheid and neither a

change in the packaging nor  
the employment of new  
salesmen is going to alter  
this. It is this resistance by  
the people and not the poli-  
tics of collaboration that  
has compelled the Govern-  
ment to rethink its political  
ideology.

Mr Poovalingam admits  
that the SAIC led to a dead  
end and we cannot see the  
tricameral parliament lead-  
ing anywhere else.

Wishful comments about  
the negative power of the  
tricameral parliament is  
all he has to offer to justify  
participation. The conse-

quence of this woolly think-

ing will be the breakdown  
of Indo-African unity and

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trust and with it the inevita-  
bility of the civil war that Mr  
Poovalingam dreads.

Mr Poovalingam is telling  
an untruth when he says |

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flex boycotters as

' Poovalingam would lead

people to believe. We will  
make representations to the  
relevant authorities on be-

that elements in Congress | half of the community as of-

are agents of Russian imperialism. Congress's historical task is to attain the liberation of all our people and we are opposed to all forms of imperialism. While Congress has ties neither with Moscow nor any other

agent, Mr Poovalingam has |

very close links with American Government officials and with big business intent on maintaining the status quo. It is Mr Poovalingam | who is an agent of American imperialism. ;

In his maiden address as a member of the Presidential Council, Mr Poovalingam alluded to his visit to the border-

der and so impressed was he by those fighting in the defence of apartheid that he was constrained to say that the boys on the border where his boys.

It is clear then, seeing, that Mr Poovalingam has no sons of his own, he will

die at the border in the

gladly send Indian boys to F

ten as the need arises as we have done so in respect of education, housing, high rents and the waving of watter restrictions and fines, to

quote but a few examples.

\_ When 44 professional men and women, made up of a professor, doctors, lawyers and social workers, protested outside the Durban City Hall while Mr Botha tried to

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sell his constitution to the |

Indian people, that was the voice of reasonable people.

When 6 000 people

Jammed the Orient Hail to  
reject the constitution, and  
| 2000 soon after in Chats- -  
- worth that was the voice of

| the majority. When 15000 °  
| people launched the United \*

Demo\_cratic Front that was  
â\200\230the will of the people. Con- '  
tra\_st th\_is to Solidarityâ\200\231s  
Rajpan\_sl-style of a meeting  
by invitation only. â\200\224 DR  
MEER, Executive, Natal  
â\200\230Indian Congress.

defence of racism once heâ\200\231  
has been elected to the In- |  
dian parliament. The com- |  
munity needs to ponder |  
over this when Solidarity |  
agents come knocking on |

' their doors.  
We are not kneejerk re-

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