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Despite the coalition agreement, two African National Congress members of the cabinet were ousted from their posts and replaced with Democratic Alliance nominees. Now there has been talk of voting out the Inkatha Freedom Party and DA component of the coalition on the basis of defections from both to the ANC and the crossbenches, in terms of the temporary â\200\234window periodâ\200\235 allowed by an amendment to the constitution by the national assembly.

The electorate can be forgiven for being confused. The recent party gains and losses from floor-crossing do not necessarily reflect the will of the people. To change a government without testing the electorate, especially in a system which specifically rules out floor-crossing except in this present, temporary and highly artificial circumstance, is hardly a formula for stability and continuity. To do it with an election only about a year away seems unwise in a province where tolerance levels are often low.

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thatâ\200\231s been crossed, itâ\200\231s  
the voters. The ANC  
has effectively  
removed the vote from  
tens of thousands of  
voters.

I was one of many  
who did not vote for  
the ANC in the last  
election because I did  
not want the ANC to  
have a two thirds  
majority and this was  
achieved.

What now? The ANC  
has gained its majority  
by luring MPs away  
from other parties.

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their working two  
thirds majority and  
are free to change

have been crossed

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DEFLECTIONS CEMENT TWO- THIRDS MAJORITY

ANC has  
power to  
rule alone

SHLEY SMITH & ANELZ SALIE

JOR the first time: since democracy in  
1994 the ANC world's near absolute  
power. It now has an historic two-  
thirds majority in parliament to  
govern on its own and change the constitu-  
tion - and it can rule all the provinces.  
Founded in 1912, Africa's oldest libera  
an movement-turned political party has  
% of parliamentary seats, thanks to  
deflections.

The breakthrough came on Tuesday  
when it made further gains in the  
3 alk-over period for MPs and

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but said it would continue its alliance: with  
the NN and that its leader Marthinus  
Skotnek would stay on as premier,

The [FP was the leading partner with  
ANC in KwaZulu-Natal and appointed \*  
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[I voted for a  
balance of power by  
voting for the  
opposition party I  
did not even bother  
to look at the name  
of the MP  
representing that  
party in my  
constituency.

I have now :  
effectively assisted  
the ANC in  
obtaining their  
majority by voting  
for my local  
councillor.

Rest assured, I.  
will not bother  
voting at all in the  
next election.

So where is our

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including the Constitution. believe that the majority of  
Do those self-important voters voted for them and

beloved democracy?  
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BHEKO MADLALA  
POLITICAL STAFF

HE -battle lines were  
drawn in KwaZulu-  
Natal yesterday when

y the ANC gave the IFP a  
48-hour ultimatum to reinstate  
three, ousted ministers â\200\234or face  
the consequencesâ\200\235.

In a no-holds-barred speech in  
the Pietermaritzburg legislature,  
ANC provincial leader Sbu  
Ndebele said premier Lionel  
Mtshali should reinstate former  
economic and development min-  
ister Mike Mabuyakhulu, for-  
mer housing minister Dumisani  
Makhaye and former education  
minister Gabriel Ndabandaba  
by tomorrow, failing which the  
IFP would face a backlash.  
Mabuyakhulu and Makhaye  
were booted out of the provin-  
cial cabinet by Mtshali last year  
in a move which further  
widened the rift between the two  
arch-rivals, while Ndabandaba  
was fired by Mtshali recently  
after he defected to the ANC.

Coalition

Ndebeleâ\200\231s call to Mtshali came  
after the ANC and its partners!  
the MF and the NNP, emerged as  
the biggest coalition in the legis-  
lature after a 15-day defection  
window period which saw the  
IFP-DA bloc losing two provin-  
cial MPs to the ANC.

The call also came against the  
backdrop of speculation that the  
ANC, buoyed by its defection  
gains, was considering moving a  
motion of no-confidence in  
Mtshaliâ\200\231s premiership.

| Earlier, MF leader Amichand  
Rajbansi moved a motion asking  
the house to immediately  
jarrange a meeting between the  
lleadership of the ANC and the

â\200\230REINSTATE MINISTERS OR ELSFâ\200\231

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You have 48  
hours, ANC

tells Mtshali

IFP to discuss the equitable sharing of cabinet posts and the reinstatement of the three expelled ministers.

Rajbansi said it should be noted that the province, as well as the whole country, had hailed the coalition agreement signed between the ANC and the IFP after the 1999 elections.

â\200\234It should also be recorded that this house has recently experienced a period of turbulence with the removal of two ANC ministers, as well as the minister in charge of education.â\200\235

Ndebele said the province had a lionâ\200\231s share of the budget compared to other provinces, but that the political foundation was

rickety and should be corrected.  
Contempt

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Accusing Mtshali of reneging on the coalition agreement, Ndebele said that by disregarding the pact Mtshali was in contempt of - the legislature, as the agreement had been endorsed by the house.

â\200\234The two parties signed a coalition agreement and it had been agreed there would be an equitable distribution of cabinet seats,â\200\235 he said.

Reacting, senior IFP leader Narend Singh said Ndebeleâ\200\231s ultimatum was a â\200\234tall orderâ\200\235, adding that it was still a motion until adopted by the legislature.

He said the floor-crossing legislation was an attempt to â\200\234cruelly trickâ\200\235 the majority of the people of the province who had been tricked in the past and marginalised by history.

He appealed to the legislature to put good governance and stability ahead of short-term party or individual gains.

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Mayor  
hits back  
at his critics

THABO MASEMOLA

A WAR of words has erupted in the cash-strapped Umzumbe municipality on the South Coast where the IFP-affiliated mayor Mandlenkosi Magubane stax\_xds-accused by ANC councillor Sizwe Ngcobo of allowing development to grind to a halt.

The municipality has no rates base and depends entirely on government grants. \_ .

Among the gripes is that Umzumbe pays its manager twice the annual salary recommended by provincial local government minister Nyanga Ngubane - R445607 instead of R289415; that the mayor uses an official car, which he refused to have stamped with the official town seal, for personal purposes; that the only developments in the municipality since 2000 have been a poultry farm project and the building of municipal buildings; and that the mayor, municipal manager and speaker travel the country attending workshops without any tangible results. i

Magubane denied the charges, accusing Ngcobo of

laying party politics. \_  
: B/}I,ag%gang I;:id the council had unanimously passed a resolution to pay the manager at a grade based on old structures. .

â\200\230Foolsâ\200\231

â\200\234Innocently, when we were all new in the bgsmpss of running municipalities, we-all agreed on this without attaching a monetary value to the grade. It was all passed according to the old structures. Later, when we discussed the pay scale with advisers, we realised that if we tinkered with it we would be open to litigation.

â\200\234For the same reason we could not follow the guidelines from Ngubane. We were all fools when we adopted the initial resolution without attaching a monetary value to the municipal managerâ\200\231s post.â\200\235 S

He said he had neither an official car nor a driver to drive a pool car and if you are a mayor driving on your own, you become a target. I am reluctant to have this car stamped. As it stands now I'm safer.

Magubane said the municipalityâ\200\231s 19 wards were divided into four clusters for the purposes of development. Projects including roads and water provision

were in progress.

The wgrkgtl;ips, he said, were compulsory, and were provided for by the South African Local Government Association and the KwaZulu-Natal Local Government Association.

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pride in  
South  
Africa?

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Indian workshop arranged by  
her and Independent News-  
papers in January 2000, said:  
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Indian politics . . . their roots are  
firmly embedded in this coun-  
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the â\200\234Indian communityâ\200\235 she

was talking about? DOES Fatima Meer thinks it is acceptable for Muslims  
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Muslim involvement in India, Should we all pretend thgt  
Pakistan and the rest of the everything is hunky-dory in  
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them, they are South Afrig:an  
Indians, especially when high-  
jacking the Indian platform and  
setting themselves up as spokesâ\200\224  
people for, and representatives  
of, Indians in this country.

The rest of the time they are  
Muslims with one foot in the  
Arab/Islamic world.

Does Mrs Meer and others of  
her ilk think we are brain-dead?

SOUTH AFRICAN ROOTS

Province inaâ\200\235 &

parlous state

ITH politics frequently described as  
Wthe art of the possible, the voters of

KwaZulu-Natal would be forgiven for believing that anything is possible in the province's governmental affairs.

All things being equal, one of the basic premises of any democracy is that the government of the day should be controlled by the party or parties which receive the majority of votes in a free and fair election. The recent spate of floor-crossing at national \* and provincial level has turned this concept - on its head.

Although the ANC has maintained its overwhelming majority in the national legislature, the situation in KZN has become far more problematic. After the floor-crossing flurry at the weekend, it remains uncertain in which direction the province's political destiny will turn in the weeks ahead.

Certainly many voters will be confused, if not dismayed, by the current situation.

As things stand, Premier Lionel Mtshali's IFP/DA alliance still runs the province - which is what the majority of voters sought at the last elections. To now upset the political applecart - which the now-enlarged ANC caucus, with its Minority Front and NNP alliance could theoretically attempt - could create major schisms in the province.

With the next election scheduled for 2004, those who have KZN's future at heart should v

leave the status quo unchanged and leave it to the electorate to reconfirm its collective ; J political will again in two years. |

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in parliament and in the 2002 legislatures,  
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the party of being a defunct faction.  
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that the PAC was unlikely to get into  
parliament - which, by the way, is a job for  
him - his survival instincts drove him to  
the United Democratic Movement.  
It was a wise move that secured him a  
seat in parliament. Realising that the UDM  
ship is sinking, he jumped and formed a

new party, nneAnmforDelnm-acyand  
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There could be several questions that

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and the Azanian People's Organisation  
which got three and one seat respectively

Holomisa knew that in order to grow his  
party, he should focus on blacks, who are by  
far the majority. This meant taking on  
issues that affect blacks such as lack of  
housing, water and sanitation. But for the  
white constituency, these are not priorities.  
By and large they can build their own  
houses. They do not live in shacks where  
there is no minimum wage or unemployment  
benefits. Their biggest problem is crime.

The failure of managing these dynamics  
resulted in the unhappiness that divided the  
party along racial lines. Virtually all whites

have left the party including the deputy

leader Gerhard Koornhof

But the real victim is democracy. South  
Africa continually needs a  
transition and disintegration of parties into  
one-person clubs. It needs an effective  
opposition that will safeguard our democ-  
racy. This has nothing to do with the notion  
that the ANC cannot be trusted but every-  
thing to do with the need to build effective  
structures that limit the possible abuse of

Floor-crossing as we have seen last week  
does not contribute to the consolidation of  
democracy.

ignores  
the world

try to make

sense of this -

one. The world

is being burned  
on its head by the United States -  
States-led invasion of Iraq :  
Iraq, fighting has been so  
fierce in Basra, and Baghdad is in the way of  
coalition forces. The world watches critically  
and with drawn breath, waiting ...

Yet it is at this time that SABC3 chooses to  
withdraw the all-night service of CNN and not  
replace it with another global newscaster

In its stead, according to a channel  
spokesperson, SABC3 will provide entertainment  
throughout the night.

And their idea of entertainment? On the first  
night of change there was a repeat of the pre-

vious day's soapie, AN My Children - pointless  
for those who don't follow it; a dreary docu-  
mentary on some British music group searching  
for an identity; and - wait for it - a film on the  
1991 Gulf War with grim emphasis on the  
suffering of soldiers and families exposed to  
chemicals, and the fact to have the syndrome  
acknowledged.

SABC planning can be such a switch-off. On

Sundays, for instance, across three channels you

get mounds of religion, sport and repeats of  
films and earlier-in-the-week programmes. Is  
this because unimaginative dodos do the  
planning, or because it's cheaper to air reruns?

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FORMER President Nelson Mandela  
Was one of the prominent people MP  
Patricia de Lille contacted for advice  
before making her decision this week  
to break away from the Pan Africanist  
Congress to form a new party.  
De Lille said on Friday she had tele-  
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her new party, thÃ© Independent Demo-  
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At this point the DA has-added about 12 new members. It is followed by the ANC with six. The New National party has lost 16 members.

The state, with the assistance of external sources, funds political parties represented at both national and

Although political differences with the PAC leadership on key issues such as Zimbabwe influenced her decision to leave the party, De Lille revealed that a MarkData Omnibus survey which put her in the top 20 of the country's most-popular politicians also encouraged her to form a new X

The survey, conducted in November, indicated that De Lille had a clear potential to attract as many votes as the New National Party and the Inkatha Freedom Party.

The survey indicated that her potential support base came largely from the white and coloured upper-middle classes and that her support was strongest in the Western Cape and

Eastern Cape. But the survey went on to warn that become

these potential votes would reality only if she "kept the right company in future elections.

Her current party affiliation [the PAC] would be inclined to Jock support out, the survey report stated.

De Lille was not willing to disclose the names of prominent people who had approached her wanting to join the party, naming only those who had called to congratulate her.

. Asked if speculation about coming an Pieter Dir, Otherwise known as Evita hout, joining the party was true, De Lille said: Well, she will have to take off that dress first.

- Flobr-crossers boost DA coffers  
- THE Democratic Alliance will cash in, provincial levels.

Ninety percent of the funds allocated in a financial year are distributed to parties in proportion to their seats in the legislatures.

They remain largely allocated to all political parties that

have secure! legislative representation at both levels.

The parties newly formed as a result of floor-crossing legislation will also have access to this fund.

The fund is administered by the Independent Electoral Commission. â\200\224  
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## SUNDAY MORNING ASSESSMENT

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for members of George W Bush's war  
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| to write the NNPâ\200\231s obituary.  
Buoyed by the defection of nine  
senior NNP MPs, Including former par-  
caucus chairman Sheila Camerer,  
leader Tony Leon declared: â\200\234This is  
Just the first swell of a tidal wave that  
will destroy the NNP and bolster the  
DA's position as the largest and only  
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Schalkwyk will survive the current

Western Cape because of his partyâ\200\231s  
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who seemed to be in trouble.

The party lost 16 members to other  
parties at both natiounal and provincial  
level in the past week. Most crossed to  
the DA, and the NNP now accuses them  
of being â\200\234old orderâ\200\235 glltkhns

The truth is that the defections had  
little to do with ideological convictions  
and a lot to do with political survival,

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DA dances on the>â\200\231  
~ corpse of its rival

As Patricia de Lille pointed out when

â\200\230she announced her new political party,

the Independent Democrats, most of  
the floor<crossers moved to larger par-  
tles such as the ANC and DA to guar-

ante their parliamentary seats after next year's election.

De Lille and the United Democratic Movement's Nelson Ramodike, the IFP's Teresa Millin and the ANC's Mav-erick Cassle Aucamp = decided to form their own party. Of the four new

; mm represented in Parliament, De

's is likely to have the most impact as a result of her public profile. She is

- banking on the support of many

liberals who cannot back a DA whose

senior leaders include former Nats.

The floor-crossing has done little to

change the political landscape, which

remains divided along racial lines. De only one with

appeal across racial boundaries. Floor-crossing remains an emotive issue in KwaZulu-Natal, where only -

two seats are the ANC from  
which =

wresting power from the ANC and the Minority Front are in a dead heat with the IFP-DA alliance, both with 39 seats. The balance of power depends on the UDM and the African Christian Democratic Party, who each have a seat. : )

But it seems unlikely that the ANC will unseat the IFP from its traditional power base, which it has ruled for 30 years,

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- DRC gamble |  
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way from the attention of the mass media  
which has focused almost exclusively on  
the Invasion of Iraq by the United States  
and Britain, a ground-breaking  
agreement was reached last week at  
Sun City in the protracted search for peace in the  
Democratic RÃ©public of Congo, \_

Sun City is known internationally as a  
Place of entertainment and gambling. And  
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has paid off.

Cynics may be quick to say that there have been  
announcements of major breakthroughs in the  
past and that the war in the DRC has not really  
' stopped,

There is reason to be concerned, but the truth of  
the matter is that in conflicts such as the one in the  
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and will get better, !

There can be no guarantee that the war â\200\230  
will now come to a halt. But that should not detract  
from the significance of the agreement signed :  
last week. i

It spells out a powersharing deal between the  
warring factions. It addresses crucial issues of  
joint control of the armed forces. If the forces are  
brougl'ntbe under single control, then there is reason  
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hopeful,

However, it should be stated that there are strong  
interests both inside and outside the Congo which  
want to prolong the war as long as possible. They |  
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government ruling over the entire country, they I  
can continue to exploit its rich natural resources.

These groups should be exposed and isolated to  
ensure that the peace deal holds. After all, peace in  
the DRC will contribute to the ideals of the New

for Africaâ\200\231s Development. And there .  
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Bring ministers

back, says ANC

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and CHARLES PHAHLANE

THE African National Congress wants three former ministers to be reinstated in the KwaZulu-Natal government with immediate effect as a first step in changing the political scene in the province.

The ANC is demanding that Premier Lionel Mtshali (pictured), whose position hangs in the balance, reinstates Prof Gabriel Ndabandaba as Minister of Education, Mike Mayabuyakulu, as Minister of Economic Development and Dumisane Makhaye as Minister of Housing following its new-found majority in the legislature.

If Mtshali refuses, he will face a vote of no confidence which will be tabled by the African National Congress. The ANC now has 35 seats compared to the IFP's 32. With support from other parties the ANC can muster 40 seats and the IFP's DA alliance will give it 38 seats. This will leave two parties, the UDM and the African Christian Democratic - Party, holding the wild card in the provincial legislature of 80 seats.

The UDM is understood to be voting with the IFP while the ACDP might reportedly vote with the ANC against Mtshali. The ANC's national working committee is expected to meet today to discuss its various options after the new gains it has made during the defection period. President Thabo Mbeki has asked for a meeting with the IFP to discuss recent tensions between the two parties.

Mtshali's other option is to dissolve the legislature and call for fresh elections. Chances are that he would not get the 41 votes he needs. .  
This means KwaZulu-

Natal politics would be in a stalemate.



ANC spokesman

f Dumisane Makhaye said  
all they wanted was a  
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Province in a  
parlous state

ITH politics frequently described as

the art of the possible, the voters of

KwaZulu-Natal would be forgiven for  
believing that anything is possible in the  
province's governmental affairs.

All things being equal, one of the basic  
premises of any democracy is that the  
government of the day should be contrlled  
by the party or parties which receive the  
majority of votes in a free and fair election.  
The recent spate of floor-crossing at national  
and provincial level has turned this concept  
on its head.

Although the ANC has maintained its  
overwhelming majority in the national  
legislature, the situation in KZN has become  
far more problematic. After the floor-crossing  
flurry at the weekend, it remains uncertain  
in which direction the province's political  
destiny will turn in the weeks ahead.

Certainly many voters will be confused, if  
not dismayed, by the current situation.

As things stand, Premier Lionel Mtshali's  
IFP/DA alliance still runs the province -  
which is what the majority of voters sought  
at the last elections. To now upset the  
political applectart - which the now-enlarged  
ANC caucus with its Minority Front and  
NNP alliance could theoretically attempt -  
could create major schisms in the province.

With the next election scheduled for 2004,

: those who have KZN's future at heart should

"leave the status quo unchanged and leave it to  
the electorate to reconfirm its collective

political will again in two years.

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ANC set to  
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THE ANC has strongly indicated that it is ready to wrest power from the IFP via the floor-crossing legislation, with its leader in KwaZulu-Natal, Sâ\200\231bu Ndebele, declaring that his party now had the majority of seats in the provincial legislature.

This followed the defection of the NNPâ\200\231s MPP, Siphon Mkhize, who pushed the ANCâ\200\231s seats in the legislature to 35 against the IFPâ\200\231s 32 seats.

Addressing a press conference in the Pietermaritzburg legislature yesterday, Ndebele was at pains to point out that the ANC did not yet have an absolute majority to govern on its own but hinted that it was only a matter of hours before his movement could muster the figure that would see the party assuming control of the province.

Ndebele said the ANC-led coalition including the Minority Front, the NNP â\200\230and the newly-formed Peace and Development Party, now had 40 seats in the 80-member legislature as opposed to the IFP-DA coalition which had 38 seats.

The Peace and Development Party was formed by the former IFP MPP, Jan Slabbert, who dumped the party this week after being recalled from Cape Town to the provincial legislature in a bid to stave off further defections of IFP MPPs to the ANC.

Ndebele said Slabbert was expected to side with the ANC in the event of a motion of no confidence in the premiership of IFPâ\200\231s national chairman Lionel Mtshali being tabled.

The floor crossing window period which opened two weeks ago has seen the ANC gaining two MPPs - the former DAâ\200\231s Omie Singh and the former IFPâ\200\231s education MEC Prof Gabriel Ndabandaba.

ANC senior members urged journalists to be patient, adding that by the

The change in party political representation in National Assembly as at April 3:

African National Congress was 266 now 275  
Democratic Alliance was 38 now 46

Inkatha Freedom Party was 34 now 32

New National Party was 28 now 20

United Democratic Movement was 14 now 4  
African Christian Democratic Party was 6  
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New parties

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African Independent Movement 1  
Alliance for Democracy and Prosperity 1  
Independent Democrats 1

weekend the ANC would have amassed enough seats to take control of the province.

"There has been a realignment of forces in KwaZulu-Natal. As we speak now the ANC is the largest party in the provincial legislature," said Ndebele.

"The ANC will be meeting over the weekend and next week to work out its strategic and tactical approach," he said.

Meanwhile, Andre Koopman reports that two weeks of floor-crossing has changed the face of the national assembly by nearly wiping out one opposition party and strengthening the official opposition but it has failed to break the racial pattern which has

dominated party politics since 1994.

It also appears to have taken the country closer to a two-party system.

The ANC has taken outright control of the Cape provincial legislature and is involved in frantic efforts to take two more seats in KwaZulu-Natal which would give it control of the province.

The main surprise of the floor-crossing was the devastation of the UDM which lost 10 of its 14 seats.

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KWAZULU-NATAL has surely had its fill of

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I voted for a  
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political gamesmanship. Very recently a crisis

was narrowly averted as the premier threatened  
to call an early provincial election, which is provided â\200\230  
for in the constitution, but for which the necessary  
electoral legislation was not in place.

Despite the coalition agreement, two African  
National Congress members of the cabinet were ousted  
from their posts and replaced with Democratic Alliance  
nominees. Now there has been talk of voting out the

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thatâ\200\231s been crossed, itâ\200\231s  
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Inkatha Freedom Party and DA component of the  
coalition on the basis of defections from both to the  
ANC and the crossbenches, in terms of the temporary  
Â«â\200\234window periodâ\200\235 allowed by an amendment to the  
constitution by the national assembly.

I was one of many  
who did not vote for  
the ANC in the last

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\_ but said it would continue its alliance with the NNP and that its leader Marthinus van der Berg : the first time: since democracy in South Africa would stay un as premier

1994 the ANC won a near absolute majority. The IFP was the leading partner with the ANC

effectively assisted the ANC in obtaining their majority by voting for my local turncoat.

Rest assured, I will not bother voting at all in the next election.

So where is our

beloved democracy? :

DISAPPOINTED AND  
DISENFRANCHISED

The electorate can be forgiven for being confused. The bottom line -

recent party gains and losses from floor-crossing do not necessarily reflect the will of the people. To change a government without testing the electorate, especially has gained its majority in a system which specifically rules out floor-crossing by luring MPs away from their parties. In the present, temporary and highly artificial circumstances, is hardly a formula for stability and continuity. To do it with an election only about a year away seems unwise in a province where tolerance levels are often low.

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The programmes of provincial government also including the Constitution. could run into administrative chaos if too many Do those self-important voters voted for them and - cabinet changes were to be made now it is possibly to be reversed yet again after elections that may occur next April.

It seems the legislature will be split evenly it is possibly giving one side a barely workable majority - when it meets in Pietermaritzburg today. Its members need to put KwaZulu-Natal first.

Without wishing to back one side or the other in this issue, we believe members must swallow their pride and preserve the coalition in some form, leaving the electorate to decide in a year's time.

The breakthrough came on Tuesday. Further any

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her and Independent News-  
papers in January 2000, said:  
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Indian politics ... . their roots are  
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tryâ\200\235 I wonder which section of  
the â\200\234Indian communityâ\200\235 she  
was talking about?

Letters to the media and com-  
ments on talk shows reveal  
Muslim involvement in India,  
Pakistan and the rest of the  
Islamic world, including Meerâ\200\231s  
pro-Palestinian, pro-Afghan and  
pro-Iraqi marches. There is per-  
petual Muslim readiness for a  
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double standards!

What has happened to patrio-  
tism towards South Africa?

DOES Fatima Meer thinks it is acceptable for Muslims to  
have their roots embedded in the Islamic world?

Should we all pretend that  
everything is hunky-dory in  
South Africa and that events  
outside the country are of  
greater concern? Should Hindus  
engage in similar actions con-  
cerning the killing of the Tamils  
(a sizeable section of whom are  
Hindus) in Sri Lanka?

Should Tamil Christians em-  
bark on a â\200\234holy warâ\200\235 since many  
of these Tamils in Sri Lanka are  
Christians?

Is there a special dispensation  
in our constitution for Muslim

Province in aâ\200\231  
parlous state

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; ITH politics frequently described as

l the art of the possible, the voters of

| KwaZulu-Natal would be forgiven for believing that anything is possible in the

\ provinceâ\200\231s governmental affairs.

All things being equal, one of the basic

| premises of any democracy is that the

| government of the day should be controlled

by the party or parties which receive the majority of votes in a free and fair election. The recent spate of floor-crossing at national and provincial level has turned this concept on its head.

Although the ANC has maintained its overwhelming majority in the national legislature, the situation in KZN has become far more problematic. After the floor-crossing ĩ\202urry at the weekend, it remains uncertain

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oes Mrs Meer thers caucus.with its Minority Front and

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her ilk think we are brain-deadâ\200\235 NP alliance could theoretically attempt - could create major schisms in the province.

With the next election scheduled for 2004,

| those who have KZNâ\200\231s future at heart should leave the status quo unchanged and leave itto the electorate to reconfirm its collective political will again in two years.

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LEON WARNS OF CRUMBLING DEMOCRACY .

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war of KZN giants

â\200\230FAROOK KHAN & SAPA

HE ANC and the IFP are

both confident of victory

in what is expected to be

the toughest power struggle in the KwaZulu-Natal legislature to date, today.

Premier Lionel Mtshali will face a demand from the ANC that he reinstate three former MPs, Dumisani Makhaye, Mike Mabuyakhulu and Gabriel Ndabandaba, or face a vote of no confidence.

Chances are Mtshali will refuse, as he does not believe the ANC can muster a vote of no confidence in his administration.

IFP spokesman Musa Zondi said: â\200\234Let the ANC make their demands. They are free to do whatever they want. Then we will see what happens,â\200\235 he said.

Reinstate

He also said that the IFP believed the issue of power sharing in the province should be dealt with by President Mbeki and IFP national leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

. The ANCâ\200\231s Dumisani Makhaye confirmed that Mtshali would be asked to reinstate the two MPs.

Speaking about further demands, Makhaye said the entire structure of the legislature would have to be changed to show the current political party representation.

â\200\234That is the start. We then need



to change the situation in Kwa-  
Zulu-Natal. The IFP has 40% of the  
support in the province, yet con-  
trols 72% of the budget. The ANC  
has just 27%,â\200\235 said Makhaye.

In the no-confidence vote, each  
party is banking on minority  
groups to side with it.

Makhaye said that he respected

the independence of the smaller  
political parties, but knew they  
would support progressive leader-  
ship.

The ANC has 35 seats, and the  
support of the Minority Front (2),  
the New National Party (2) and the  
Peace and Development Party ).  
The IFP has 32 seats, the Demo-  
cratic Alliance has six, and the  
UDM, which may support the IFP,  
has one.

This could - mean that the  
African Christian Democratic  
Partyâ\200\231s loneâ\200\235vote could be vital -  
either saving the situation for the  
IFP, or giving the ANC control of  
the province in a new government.

Meanwhile, in a speech in  
Mexico City at the weekend, DA  
leader Tony Leon likened South  
African politics after floor-cross-  
ing to a boxing ring, with only two  
boxers left standing: the â\200\234bloated  
ANC juggernaut and an agile DA  
that continues to build its muscleâ\200\235.

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on Political Parties and Demo-  
cracy, Leon said by the end of the  
floor-crossing period, the DA had  
gained a net total of eight seats in  
the National Assembly.

Most of the newcomers were  
rejoining the DA, after being  
forced to leave by their former

party, the New National Party,â\200\235

which left the alliance in 2001.  
Since then, the NNP had been  
unable to win municipal by-elec-  
tions and was on its way to elec-  
toral extinction, Leon said, noting  
that the NNP had not run a candi-

date in the Pretoria wards that it

had traditionally won. |

In the rural town of Swellen- dam, long considered an NNP stronghold, the NNP had been reduced to third-party status as the DA won an unprecedented victory, with the ANC a close second, Leon said. -

Some of their seats went to the DA, but most went to the ruling ANC. :

A few seats went to new, small, one- or two-person outfits built around maverick personalities.

These will struggle to win support from the voters and to operate effectively in the legislatures. The end result, said Leon, was that the DA had consolidated its strength as the leading nationwide opposition party.

Strengthened

The DA will be strengthened by its new members, who have signed on in order to fulfil the voters' desire for a real opposition party.

In contrast, many of the ANC's new cheerleaders, by their own admission, are keen to ride the government gravy train. No doubt, the voters will take their revenge on them in next year's general elections. But for now, South African democracy was looking fragile.

The ANC now had, without the aid of its coalition partners, a two-

thirds majority in the national

assembly This meant it had the power to amend the constitution at will, in addition to passing any laws it liked, said Leon.

That is exactly the same power that the apartheid government used in the 1950s to . . . undermine the power of the courts, and to cement its control of the state.

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Christi van der Westhuizen

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elk twee LPW's se stemme wat  
hulle by die ANC se 35 kan voeg.  
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twyfel bevestig dat oer. Jan Slab-  
bert se nuutgestigte Peace and De-  
mocracy Party die ANC sal steun  
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die IVP se ooreenkomstige op provin-  
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Slabbert kon gister bereik word  
vir kommentaar nie.

Die IVP het 32 setels en kan  
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en die UDM se een L2W. Indien  
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-ANC namhlanje  
izokwenza isiphakamiso  
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\* saKwaZulu-Natal sokuba  
Â« ongqongqoshe bayo  
. abaxoshwa ngonyaka odlule

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Mitshali, babuyiselwe

. ezikhundleni zabo

ngokushesha,  
UKhongolose ukubeke  
ngembaba ukuthi uMtshali

- kuzofanele akhethe phakathi

kokubtiyisela oMnuz  
Dumisani Makhaye,

! owaycngainele uMuyango

wezeZindlu, uMnuz Mike  
Mabuyakhulu owayengamele  
ezoMnotho nezokuVakasha  
hoSolwazi uGabriel  
Ndabandaba osanda  
kuxoshwa kwezeMfundo,  
noma abhekane  
nokulahlekelwa yisikhundla

- gobundunankulu.

Le nhlangano ithi isinalo  
manje igunya lokwenza  
ckufunayo ngoba ithi  
sekuyiyo igembu elikhulu

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kungazelele muntu kwathi  
izikhundla zabo zavalwa  
ngoNgqongqoshe ababill

, abaqghamuka kwiDA,  
- okungoMnuz Roger Burrows  
noMfu Wilson Ngcaobo.

Okhulumela uKhongolose,  
uMnuz Mtholephi  
Mthimkhuly, ukuqinisekile  
ukuthi le nhlangano  
izophakamisa ukuth!  
kubuyiselwe bonke  
onggonggoshe bayo  
abaxoshwa.

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ngokusobala nkuthi umdialo  
usuphelile phakathi kweDA  
ne-IFP, Sizinilsele  
ukughubekela phambili  
nohlelo lokubuyisela labo  
nggongqoshe uma uMtshall  
engafunj ukwenza  
esizokuphakamisa,â\200\235 kusho  
uMthimkhulu,

Isibalo samalungu esinawo  
ePhalamende sisinika ithuba  
jokuba sifune kulungiswe  
zonke izinto ezoniwa yilolu  
bumbano lweDA ne-FP  
kulesi sifundazwe.

â\200\234Iqembu le-ANC  
liyakugcizelela ukuthi  
kusukela namhlanje  
uMtshali sizomnqumela  
ugwayl katiki ukuba angenzi  
neyodwa into  
bengakabuyisclwa laba  
abaxoshwa kulezi zikhundia,  
Ukuphathwa budlabha  
kwesifundazwe sekufinyelele  
emaphethelweni kanti futhi  
akuzoncengwa muntu  
ngalokhu,â\200\235 kusho  
uMthimkhulu.

Okhulumela ihhovisi  
likaNdunankuiu, uMnuz  
Mahlathi Tembe, uthe  
ngokwazi kwakhe alukho  
nshintsho oselwenziwe,  
ngendlela uMtshali asebenza  
ngayo.

â\200\234Kugasa uNdunankulu  
uzobe ethula isabiwo mali  
soMnyangn  
waseNdlunkulu,â\200\235  
kusho uTembe  
ongathandanga '  
nokho nkwenaba.

Okhulumela 1FP,

â\200\230uMnuz Blessed

Gwala, yena uthe  
lgembu Je-ANC  
alehlukane  
nokuxakazisa  
imikhonto kanye  
nokukhomhisa  
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ofhina asifuni ukutatazela  
kuolu daha kanti  
sizoghubeka nezinhlelo zethu  
zokuletha intuthuko  
kubantu, Ngithanda  
ukwexwayisa i-ANC ukuthi  
lezi zInhlamba kanye  
nokuxova imimoya kulesi  
elfundazwe kufanele kuphele  
manje," kusho uGwala.

Uthe akaboni ukuthi  
siyophumelela jsiphakamiso  
cslyokwenziwa yi-ANC  
sokukhipha uMtshali,

UMongameli we-African  
Christian Demoacratc Party  
(ACDP) uMfundisi Kenneth  
Meshoe, inhlango yakhe  
ibingakasithathi izsinqumo  
ngokuvotela ukukhipha  
uMtshali esikhundleni, wathl  
basazohlangana nalowo  
obamele kulesi sifundazwe.

â\200\234Ebesizavumelane ngakho  
okwamanje wukuthi seseke  
1-ANC uma iphakamisa  
ukuthi kukhishwe  
ongusomlomo  
wePhalamende, Inkos1  
uBonga Mdletshe.â\200\231  
EkaNdunanktiu yona  
sIsazoyihlalela phanst,â\200\235  
kusho uMeshoe.

1-UDM yona izwakalise  
ukuthi iyovota ne-JTFP uma  
sekufanele kuvotwe ngodaba  
Jokugudlula uMtshali  
esikhundleni. \{

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kunamalungu angu-80  
esiShayamthetho.

T-ANC nezinhlango edlelana  
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Development Party, banezihlalo  
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neDemocratic Alliance, bona babe  
nezihlalo ezingu-38  
kwisiShayamthetho.

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Democratic Movement, enelungu  
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Democratic Party. Uma elilodwa  
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ne-ANC lokho kuyosho ukuthi  
uKhongolose unamavoti angu-41  
kwisiShayamthetho, okuyomnika  
amandla okuketula uhulumeni  
wesifundazwe oholwa  
ngundunankulu uLionel Mtshali,  
Ngendlela izinto ezimi ngayo,  
alikhona igembu elingabusa lesi  
sifundazwe lllodwa. Womabili  
amaqembu amakhulu, JIFP

ne-ANC, adinga amanye  
amagenjana amancane tKkuze  
abuse lesi sifundazwe.

Negokubona kwethu lesi simo  
esikhona sinika la magembu  
amakhulu ithuba lokuthi chllse  
fmimoya, abuyele etafulani  
ukuyoxoxisana ngokuthi yini  
edale kuze kube nokushuba  
komoya okungaka kulesi  
gifundazwe,

Kufanele kubuyelwe emuva,  
ubhekwe ukuthi kwabe  
kuvunyelwane ngani  
kwasekugalen] ngenkathi  
kubunjwa uhulumeni  
wesifundazwe ohlanganisa la  
maqemmbu womabili, Lolu daba  
seludinga ukungenelelwa  
ngabaholi bala magembu ezingend  
likazwelonke, ngoba kuyacaca  
ukuthi ezingeni lesifundazwe  
abaholi bala magembu wornabili  
bayinkukhu nempaka. Sekusele  
cishe isikhathi esingangonyaka  
kufike ukhetho lukazwelonke  
ngonyaka 0zayo; thina sicabanga  
ukuthi kubalulekille ukuthila  
magembu abambisane kuze  
kufike vkhetho, :

Ukubambisana kusho, phakathi  
kokunye, ukwabelana  
ngezikhundla kuhulumeni  
wesifundazwe ngendiela  
ezogctilisa womabill la magembu  
nabalandeli bawo emazingeni  
aphans). Abantu bakulesi  
sifundazwe badinga intuthuko,  
uixolo nobunye.

Ukuze sithuthuke, sibe  
yisifundazwe esihamba phambili  
kulez! zinto esesizibalile, sidinga  
ukuba ahaholi bamagembu  
ahlukene babambisane.

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The veterans stgrted  
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UTC was a good event I think  
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tlent Thabo Mbeki could say as he  
feftat the end of the day's festive  
proceedings.

One veteran why obviously  
amazed and (e a\200\234unily a\204 displayed  
by the Liberation icons, noted that  
this unity was what was needed to  
build the country.

Mandela was one of the  
arrived, followed by Deputy Presi-  
dent Jacob Zuma and finally  
Mbeki, who was there just before  
the Proceedings started,

Master of ceremonies Mkhulise  
Wits quick to emphasise that the  
event could in no way pay the yer-  
erament for the sacrifices they had  
made,

Nelson Mandela Foundation  
chairman Professor Jakes Gerwel  
said he hoped the day's celebra-  
tions would be about the ruins that  
the veterans helped to sow,

All the Speakers will speak on

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behalf of their parties during their  
two-minute presentations agreed  
that the veterans must deliver  
them from oppression,

They also challenged the former  
freedom fighters to challenge them if  
they had an inkling that things were  
going wrong,

These speakers included the  
General secretaries of the ANC and  
PAC - Kgalema Motlanthe and  
a\200\230Thambi ka Plangje - Azapo's Chris  
Mokhele, the SACP's Nkomo  
and Conatso a\200\231s Vi,

Mandela's humility was again  
on show as he did not deliver a  
speech on the day, despite the fact  
that he was its main architect of the  
event, - possibly because he  
regarded himself as a\200\234just one of the  
veterans a\204,

His spokeswoman Zelda La  
Cour said that although they had  
invited over 100 veterans, only  
about 1200 attended yesterday's  
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politien) praesinanship. Vory reecully a erjsis  
Was narrowly averted as the premier threatened

to call an early provincial election, which is provided  
for in the constitul ion, but for which the necessary  
electoval logislation was not in blace.

Despite the coalition agreement, two African  
National Congress members of the cabinet were ousted  
from their posts and replaced with Democratic Alliance  
nominees. Now there has been talk of voting out the  
Inkatha Freedom Party and DA component of the  
coalition on the basis of defoctions from both to the  
ANC and the crossbenches, in terms of the femporary  
â\200\234window periodâ\200\235 allowed by an amendment (o the  
constitution by the nationat assembly,

The electorate can be forgiven for being confused, The  
recent party gains and losses from floor-crossing do not  
necessarily reflect the will of the people, To change a  
government without testing the electorale, especially  
i a system which specifically rules out floor-crossing  
except in this present, temporary and highly artificial  
circumstance, is havdly a formula for stabiljt yand  
continuity To do it with an election only about a year  
away seems imwise in a province where tolerance  
levels are often low,

The programmes of provincial government also  
could run into administrative chaos if too many  
cabinet changes were to be made now - possibly to be  
reversed yet again after elections that may occur next  
April, Ot i e â\200\231 ,  
It seems the legislature will be split evenly - possibly

giving one side a barely workable majori ty - when it  
meets in Pietermaritzhurg today. Its members need to  
put KwaZulu-Natal fivst, -~~~ ' ,

Without wishing to hack ono'side or the other jn  
this issue, we believe members must swallow their  
pride and preserve the coatition in some form, leaving  
the electorate to decide in a yearâ\200\231s time,

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ANC has  
power to

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that's been crossed, it's  
the voters. The ANC  
has effectively  
removed the vole rom  
tens of thousands of  
volers.

I was one of many  
who did not vote for

the ANC in the last  
election because I did ru e a One  
not want the ANC to  
have a two thirds SHLIY SMAM B ANTLD BALI b bl e e  
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has gained its majority  
by luring MPs away

not their parties?

I voted for a  
balance of power by  
voting for the  
apposifion party I  
dld not even hother  
to lnok at the name  
of the MP  
representing that  
party in my  
constituency.

I have now  
effectively assisted



the ANC in  
obtaining their  
majority by voting  
for my local  
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from other parties. T e A e i e e laemate ol Rost assured, 1  
They now have w wapier et 00 e v ol e e enanss WL TIOL bother

thair working two voting at all in the

thirds majority and THE MERCURY, APRIL 3 nest Â¢lection,

are free to change So where Is our

anything they wish, floor-crossing MPs really beloved democracy?

including the Constitution. believe that the majority of DISAPPOINTED AND

10 those seif-important voters voted for them and

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## LEON WARNS OF CRUMBLING DEMOCRACY

Vote of truth in  
war of KZN giants

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HE ANCG and (he T e  
both confldent of victory  
in what is expected Lo be

the toughest power strug-  
gle in the KwaZulu-Natal legisla-  
ture o date, today.

Premier Lionel Mishatli will facn  
a demand from the ANC that he  
reinstate three former MPs, Dumi-  
sani Makhaye, Mike Mabuyakhulu  
and Gabriel Ndabandaba, or face a  
vole of no confidence.

Chances are Mtshali will refuse,  
as he does not helieve the ANC can  
muster a vote of lo confldence in  
his administration.

lP spokesman Musa Zonedl sabd:  
â\200\234Lot the ANC make their demands,  
They are free to do whatever they  
want. Then we will see what hap-  
pens,â\200\235 he sald.

Reinstate

lle also said that the ITP belleveld  
the issue of power sharing in the  
province should be dealt with hy  
President Mbeki and lFDP nationat  
leader Mangosuihu Buthelez!,  
fhe ANC's Dumisani Makhaye  
confirmed that Mtshali would be  
asked to reinstate the iwo MDs.  
Speaking about further e  
mands, Makhaye sald the entive  
structure of the legislature would  
have to be changed to show the cur-  
rent political party representation.  
â\200\234That is the start. We then need  
to change the situation in Kwa-  
Zulu-Natal. The IFP has 40% of tho  
support in the province, yet con-  
trols 72% of the budget. The ANC

- has just 27%," sald Makhayo.

In the no-confidence vote, ench  
party is banking on minority  
groups to side with it

Makhaye sald that he respected

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the independence of the smaller political parties, but knew they would support progressive leadership.

The ANC has 35 seats, and the support of the Minority Front (2), the New National Party (2) and the Peace and Development Party (1). The IFP has 42 seats, the Democratic Alliance has six, and the UDM, which may support the IFP, has one, '.

This could mean that the African Christian Democratic Party's Jona vote could be vital - either saving the situation for the IFP or giving the ANC control of the province in a new government.

Meanwhile, In a speech in Mexico City at the weekend, DA leader Tony Leon likened South African politics after floor-crossing to a boxing ring, with only two boxers left standing: the bloated ANC juggernaut and an agile DA that continues to build its muscle.

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on Political Parties and Democracy, Leon said by the end of the floor-crossing period. The DA had gained a net total of eight seats in the National Assembly.

Most of the newcomers were rejoining the DA, after being forced to leave by their former party, the New National Party, which left the alliance in 2001,

Since then, the NNP had been unable to win municipal by-elections and was on its way to electoral extinction, Leon said, noting that the NNP had not run a candidate in the Dytoria wards that it

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had traditionally won.

In the rural town of Swellendam, long considered an NNP stronghold, the NNPP had been reduced to third-party status as the DA won at unprecedented victory. with the ANC a close second),

leon said.

aSome of Their seaig went to thn  
DA. hut most went to the ruling  
ANC.

â\200\234A few seats went to new, small,  
one- or two-person outfits built  
around maverick personalities.

â\200\234These will struggle to win sup  
port from the voters and to operate  
effectively in the legislatures.â\200\235  
The end result, said Leon, was that  
the DA had consolidated its  
strength as the leading nationwide  
opposition party.

Strengthened

â\200\234The DA will be strengthened by  
its new members, who have signed  
on in order to fulfil the voters'  
desire for a real opposition party

â\200\234In contrast, many of the ANC's  
new cheerleaders, by their own  
admission, are keen to ride the  
government gravy train. No doubt,  
the voters will take their revenge  
on them in next year's general  
elections,â\200\235 But for now, South  
African democracy was looking  
fragile.

â\200\230fhe ANC now had, without the  
aid of its coalition partners, a two-  
thirds majority in the national  
assembly. This meant it had the  
power to amend the constitution at  
will, in addition to passing any  
laws it liked, said Leon.

â\200\234That is exactly the same power  
that the apartheid government  
used in the 1950s to . . . undermine  
the power of the courts, and to  
cement its control of the state.â\200\235

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