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BUSINESS DAY, Thursday, November 8 2001

Court sidesteps NNP wrangling

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Tamar Kahn, Alan Fire  
and Wyadham Hartley

CAPE TOWN â\200\224 Western Cape pre-  
mier Gerald Morkel's attempts to  
stop an emergency New National Par-

P) federal council meeting was  
halted by acting Judge Lee Bozalekâ\200\231s  
ruling yesterday that it was "not the  
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to prevent its federal council holding  
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The meeting went ahead, formal- '  
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was suspended by the NNP last week,  
but won a court order restoring his

membership on Tuesday. - . -

. Yesterday's federal council meeting was delayed several times during

. if Morkel was unhappy with NNP federal

. alright so far

. - sbon to quit the DA set aside and with --Town city his plans for a NNP provincial - a has confirmed

the course of the day as lawyers argued its legality. Meanwhile NNP Cape councillors will hold talks with DA leader Tony

In his judgment, Bozalek said that :keon over his leadership style in an attempt to salvage the DA's thin majority on the council

A source said the vast majority of councillors were loathe to follow NNP leader Marthinus van Schalkwyk into a coalition with the ANC.

However, he said, there remained disquiet about Leon's abrasive style, including the way he dealt with former mayor Peter Marais, and Van

Leon; saying he had often been un-

fairly poised, especially by Van Schalkwyk. Leon was "willing to listen" to any representations.

eral council decisions he should challenge them through an NNP federal congress or by judicial review.

Bozalek also said the NNP had not acted outside its constitution in calling for an urgent meeting.

NNP deputy executive director Daryl Swanepoel welcomed the decision, but Morkel warned the NNP to tread carefully on the constitutional members. 2

Morkel did not attend the NNP federal council meeting, but sent a four-page letter in which he reiterated opposition to suspending the NP group. The ANC-NNP, with Morkel also said that he would have a ma-

. continue with his Cape High Court application to have the NNP's decision set aside. In another development, Cape

Robert Maydon

congress on November 7. -< .+ would cost a prospective ANC-NNP

\*The DA cannot lose more than 23 - I the DA, and entering - councillors to the ANC, or to a break -

claims that it .

majority in the council about R35m

to cancel the contracts of senior officials. This process is Turrently being finalised. At the weekend, the ANC called for the process to be suspended until there was clarity on the council's future, Maydon confirmed yesterday that, since the weekend, he had signed his coatract. Anumber of his ten recently appointed senior executives had done the same, and the remainder would sign shortly. Meanwhile, Parliament is almost certain to be recalled to consider legislative chianges ta allow elected of-

- ficials to cross the floor.

. Chief government spokesman  
Joel Netshitenzhe â\200\230said yesterday that the issue of legislation to allow

- public represeatatives . to--change -

ies was not discussed at cablnet.

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bill â\200\230or a constitutiona! amendment  
will be November 21. Parlizfient is  
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