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THE DECISION by the
ANC to include the Na-
tional Party in their 80th
anniversary celebratory
march in Eersterus, near
Pretoria, is going too far,
To make conciliatory
gestures during the Codesa
talks is one thing, but to
actually march with the
oppressor, while there are
still political prisoners in
jail and CCB agents and
activists unaccounted for,

is an out and out disgrace.

Has Mr Molefe Makinta,
of the ANC Pretoria sub-
region, forgotten about the
National Partyâ\200\231s history of
racism, oppression and cor-
ruption.

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Sharpeville, Steve Biko,
District Six, the Erika
Theron Commission, the
Senate manipulation to de-
prive the â\200\234 colouredsâ\200\231â\200\231 of
their vote in the 50â\200\231s and

Infogate and Inkathagate.
They say you can Judge a
man by his friends: is the
ANC prepared to befriend
the National Party which
even today spends only
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white childâ\200\231s education,

As a Democratic Party

national councillor, I am
pleased that I have resisted
attempts to have the DP join
up with the ANC.

If the ANC intends
climbing into bed with the
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lations, then there is all the more need for another independent political party.

A party committed to a non-racial democratic South Africa and that has a proud tradition of fighting apartheid and upholding human rights.

I really cannot see the day that the Democratic Party will voluntarily, and not out of any required protocol, march with the National Party until such time as there is majority rule in South Africa.

RHETT KAHN (Dr),
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which a black postman and a black psdes.
trion were allegedly assaulted and har-
assed by CP Supporters, there was little
but keen and rancorous rivalry,

Though CP's men were dressed mainly in
military-style khaki uniforms while the
NP put more sober figures in their suits.
Some CP supporters wore T-shirts -
claiming "We will take power", "Ku Klux Klan"
and "race war" - the white side is the right
side, be on it",

Earlier in the day Trounicht, who cele-
brated his 71st birthday yesterday, told a
huge welcoming crowd he knew he would
be given a birthday present "I just don't
know how big it is going to be"

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Negotiations must now speed up -

POTCHEFSTROOM The CP inflicted-
ed a crushing defeat on the National-
ist in yesterday's by-election but a
disappointed NP said the result would
only speed up negotiations,

CP candidate Andries Beers polled
746 votes against the NPs Thuns
Krugor's 768 votes, a 2140 majority, The
NP won Potchefstroom in the 1949 general
election by 1508 votes.

Boers was carried shoulder-high from
the counting hall shortly after 10.30pm, to
be greeted by a crowd of about 1500 CP
supporters, held back by a chain of riot

police. The voice of Potchefstroom
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great triumph for our people's striving for
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- said the "CP victory was
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Violence means
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The Argus Foreign Service

WASHINGTON. â\200\224 Continuing
violence in South Africa indi-
cates progress is being made in
constitutional talks in spite of
opposition from extremists,
says United States Assistant

| Secretary of State for Africa

Mr Herman Cohen.

â\200\234The fact that violence is .

continuing and even increasing
is troublesome, but I think it
also reflects the fact that those
who do not want negotiations
â\200\224 the extremists in various
communities â\200\224 see that nego-
tiations are moving well and
are therefore stepping up the
violence,â\200\235 he told a press con-
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â\200\234So it reflects the progress

| that has been made and we

hope negotiators will continue
to forge ahead and not be de-
terred by the violence, which is
what I think they will do.â\200\235

The US was encouraged, he
said, by the progress in consti-
tutional talks. â\200\234They are pro-
ceeding in a good atmosphere
and there seems to be a will-
ingness on all sides to listen to
the concerns of other sides, and
we feel there is a good chance
that many of the issues will be
compromised into solutions ac-
ceptable to the various fac-
tions.â\200\235

He said that while the US
was concerned by some of the
statements on the economy
made recently by the ANC, the

evolution in the ANCâ\200\231s thinking

was positive.

â\200\234The ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela came here and

talked about the importance of a vigorous private sector and the importance of foreign investment and domestic investment, so we feel that there is growing acceptance of the importance of a free market system in South Africa and we think the evolution within the ; ANC is favourable.â\200\235

Asked about the role of the Inkatha Freedom Party in constitutional talks, he said he had met IFP gr&ident Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi last week and had been assured that the IFP was taking part in Codesa and its working groups as a full member, although Chief Buthelezi was not himself â\200\230taking part. /

Questioned about the US attitude to President De Klerkâ\200\231s undertaking to hold a white referendum on any new constitution, Mr Cohen said he felt it was realistic to test the views of any community. ;)

â\200\234If any major community rejects the constitution or the interim constitution, it would not be workable.

â\200\234However I am fully confident the white community will support a reasonable constitutional arrangement negotiated within Codesa.â\200\235

Mr Cohen is to visit South Africa next month for the annual conference on South Africa sponsored by the Aspen Institute attended by about 10 members of US Congress, prominent academics and economists in the US and South Africa.

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FOREIGN

White voters

deal blow to
De Klerk plan

By Christopher Munnion In Johannesburg

PRESIDENT de Klerk's
hopes of gaining\ majority
white support for his propos-

als for multi-racial power-.â\200\235

sharins in South Africa
received a sharp setback last
night when the pro-apartheid
Conservative party won a con-
vincing victory in 2 parlia-
mentary by-election

White voters in the West.
ern Transvaal university
town of Potchefstroom

elected the Conservative
Party candidate, Mr Andries
Jeyers, with a majority of
2,140 votes in a 733 per cent

Andries Beyers: victor

from the Right

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poll, overturning the 1,583
majority won by the ruling
National party in the pre-

â\200\230reform general election

Dr Andries [reurnicht, the
Conservative leader, hailed
the result as a â\200\234â\200\230clear indica-
tion that South African
whites rejeci a handover of
power to the African Nationa!
Congress' and called on ?
de Klerk toresign

The State President is
unlikely to resign, but the
National party will be seri-
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among whites at the speed of
change in the couatry and
soaring rates of violence,

Op this showing, Mrâ\200\230de
Kierk would be unlikely to
win majority support for his
proposals for a multi-racial
interim government which he
has promised to put before
the white electorate in a refer-
endum later this year.

The Western Transvaal is

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Right, but Potchefstroom s
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universities,
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between rival taxi operators
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A BOYCOTT call, backed by &
terror campaign, kept most of
Punjabâ\200\231s 13:2 million voters
away from the first poll in the
troubled Indian state for
seven years yesterday, writes
Rahul Bedi in Amritsar,

Despite the deployment of
300,000 security forces, turn-
out was estimated to be about

39 per cent compared with more than 60 per cent at previous elections.

Many voters, particularly in rural areas, were kept away by death threats in a poster campaign by militant Sikhs demanding an independent homeland of Khalistan. Several bombs exploded, killing two people and injuring 80, in Ludhiana and Gurdaspur districts. At least 26 others have died in recent days.

In some parts of Amritsar district, policemen anxious to ensure some polling rounded up voters terrified of defying the militants, and pressured them into voting.

Results in the poll for 115 state assembly and 13 federal seats were due tonight.

The election was boycotted by the four main factions of the Sikh Akali Dal party. Captain Amrinder Singh, leader of the breakaway Akali Dal (Khal) party, which did take part, is expected to be the new

Chief Minister. Polling took place on the second day of an 8-hour, militant-sponsored general strike, which was widely observed.

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PRESIDENT FW de Klerk suffered a stinging rejection by white voters of the path of reform, if not the principle of reform, as the government lost the Potchefstroom by-election in a 10-percent swing to the pro-apartheid Conservative Party (CP).

In what was primarily a representative test of the mood of Afrikaners before a promised white referendum on any new constitution, the CP overturned a 1,583 National Party majority to take the â\200\230seat formerly held by the

ratige, by 2,140 votes.

â\200\230An" overjoyed |CP leader, Andries Treurnicht, said the gov-

ernment could not longer claim to

speak for whites â\200\230and that the re-

sult would be a referendum on the

new constitution. He called for an immediate white general election which, if a similar swing were to occur nationally, would give the Conservatives a substantial majority. The victory also put paid to any chance of the CP joining the government and the African National Congress at the national negotiations on a democratic constitution.

The ANC said the result was not unexpected. â\200\234The Potchefstroom electorate . . . is a tiny fraction of the total potential elector-

ate, f a statement said. "It should not yherefore aflect the national negotiation process."

he NP, which had resigned itself privately to losing, was nevertheless surprised at the size of its defeat. But it said the white backlash would not force it from its negotiating course and that its defeat was a short-term problem that would not be reflected in a national referendum among whites.,

In Potchefstroom, which is in the Transvaal, the vote was defined largely by the CP, which portrayed

From Chris McGreal
in Potchefstroom

trayed it as a simple test of the government's handling of reform. It was conducive to a large protest vote. In a referendum the government will be in a better position to determine the nature of the ballot. Confronted with the choice of endorsing a new constitution or a new round of confrontation, the dissenters will find it harder to opt for the protest vote and the vacuum it offers.
"But the NP's defeat yesterday does force it on to the defensive in dealing with the right, which has won over much of the government's traditional base of support, and, will compel the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa), the negotiating forum, to move more swiftly towards its goal of a new constitution,

There's deep uncertainty with voters, because we are in the middle of the process of negotiations. We know the process can't be reversed. What's important is that we get an end to the uncertainty," said an NP spokesman, Piet Coerzer.

An ANC spokesman, Saki Macozoma, said the lesson from the vote was that it should not have been held in the first place.
If there is any lesson for the Nationalists in this election, it is that ethnic elections are not compatible with the creation of a democratic South Africa.

Depressed NP supporters were

pushed off the streets by ecstatic Conservatives who, fortified by drink, set about intimidating their opponents. Shortly before the resulty Ci sup orters beat up a black post-office worker and tried to attack NP vaten, before police intervened.

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returns showed a substantia]
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ers preferred Democratic candi-
dates to either Mr Bush or his
conservative rival.

Although Paul Tsongas won
his primary with 35 per cent,

- the rcal Democratic victor was

Governor Bill Clinton of Arkan-
gas, who defled the polls and
pundits to win a more than
respectable sccond place with
26 per cent. Mr Clinton dog-
gedly persevered to overcome
allegations of adultery and
Vietnam war draft-dodging.
â\200\234New Hampshire has made

David Beresford
in Johannesburg

was thrown into question
.last night by the results of a

. parliamentary byelection in
which the ruling National

Party was trounced by the
rightwing Conservative Party.

The Conservatives took the
key Potchefstroom seat with
8,746 votes against 7,606 for the
Nationalists. The National
Party had a 1,583 vote majority
in the 1989 general election.

The result brings into ques-
tion President F. W. de Klerk's
.Mandate to enter into negotia-
tions with the black majority
on the country's future.

The Conservative leader, Dr
Andries Treurnicht, who was
also celebrating his 71st birth-
day yesterday, said it was the
proudest moment of his life. He
called for an immediate general
election, declaring the Nation-
alists no longer had any right to
represent whites at the Conven-

.tion for a Democratic South Af-

rica (Codesa). "The Conserva-
tive Party will lead our people
to our own promised land," the
Conservative Party's trium-
phant candidate, Andries
Beyers, said.

National Party officials,
shocked by the outcome,

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Hampshire victory, Mr Tsongas
must win the Maine caucuses
on Sunday, do well in South Da-
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age Mr Clifkdn in the southern
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flying tens of thousands of

miles from the north to the
west and south and back again,
with fund-raising stops in New
York and California along the
way, before they fly un-til Chi-
cago and Detroit for the rust-
belt primaries on March 17,
The next Democratic cam-
paign for Tuesday's South Da-
kota primary has already
begun, but the southern states
will be crucial for both parties.
An ebullient Mr Buchanan,
immediately challenged Mr
Bush to the televised debate
that the president has carefully

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avoided. Mr Buchanan then

election victory |
threatens reforms in SA |

50m away from the polling
station as the results came in.

The African National Con-
gress put an optimistic inter-
pretation on the result, how-
ever. The Potchefstroom
constituency is a tiny fraction of
the total potential electorate in
South Africa, a spokesman
said. It should not, therefore,
affect the nationalisation
process.

He added: The Nationalist
Party must look to a broader
constituency of South Africans
and not narrow its vision in

order to soothe the sensibilities
of a racist minority.â\200\235

There were some ugly scenes
earlier, in one of which Conser-
vative supporters scuffled with
a black telephone engineer
found at the polling station. An
effigy representing the ANC
leader, Nelson Mandela, as a
Frankenstein monster was
erected by Conservatives in
front of the booth.

Mr DÂ¢ Kierk â\200\224 the most fam.
vus graduate from Potchet-
etroom University â\200\224 had held
out the contest as a test of white
support for his reforms. The
Natlonclists threw all their
weight fnto the byelocation, dis-
patching most of the cabinet to
the constituency to shore up
suf_port A 75 per cent turnout,
believed to be a South African
byelection record, reflects
white interest in the poll.

TherÂ¢ will be foars that the
result could precipitate Nation-
alist defections, possibly includ-
ing some MPs, to the Conserva-
tive Party. At the very least it
will encourage rightwing politi-
cal groupings, giving new credi-
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had he officially declared Â\$
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threats of sccession. It could
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alliance with the Conserv-
atives,

It must now be questionable
whether the government can |
win the â\200\234whiteâ\200\235 referendum
which Mr De Klerk has prom-
ised his electorate before engag-
ing in the next round of major
constitutiona] reforms.

The government is likely to
argue, however, that Potchef-
stroom is not a representative
seat naticnally, being over
whelmingly conservative.

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OUTH AFRICAN psephol.
ogists will be trying to

work out today what the
startling Conservative victory
in the Potchefstroom byelection
means for the future of South
Africaâ\200\231s reform process

But for those less enamoured with statistics, enlightenment may be offered by the story of how a town's domestic servants were collectively insulted by their "madams" armed with bowls of water

The town of Stilfontein, about six miles from Potchefstroom, has 13,000 inhabitants, significantly outnumbered by the 36,000 blacks living in the local township of Khuma

Khuma and Stilfontein have

been engaged in civic hostilities for nearly two years. The confrontation: between the two communities began with a black consumer boycott of white businesses in 1990, in protest against suspiciously high electricity charges in Khuma. The boycott forced the Council to negotiate, but after a tentative settlement had been repudiated by more militant township residents, the boycott was resumed.

The Stilfontein town fathers retaliated in what is becoming a tradition among rightwing civic leaders dealing with "upplty" townships: they cut off their water and electricity supplies and suspended their sewerage and garbage removal services.

The township's two doctors reported an increased incidence

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of gastro-enteritis among children, and health workers at a maternity clinic found themselves delivering babies without power or running water.

A high note of civic-mindedness was struck by Stilfontein's town clerk, Nokkie van Vuuren, who became concerned about the health risk posed by the

axing of essential services. He sent a circular to the white folk of Stilfontein headed: "Health hazards that could arise due to the cut-off of water and electricity supply to Khuma "

It said: "You are hereby given notice that your domestic servant/employee who resides in Khuma has no water for sani-

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tary services. You could therefore be contaminated with the following by them: 1 Cholera 2. Dysentery 3. Diarrhoea, etc,

| You are requested to ensure that your domestic servant/employee does not prepare any foodstuffs or handle any utensils unless she has washed herself properly."

Indignant domestic servants arrived in Stilfontein to find their employers waiting for them with buckets and orders to wash before starting work

Township residents burned down their administration offices in outrage last week By the weekend the boycott was called off in return for the resumption of electricity and water supplies

But the dispute over utility

{ charges has still not been

resolved. So the peace of Stilfontein and Khuma is like that of South Africa as a whole continues to hang on the reconciliation of what is often resem-

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Johannesburg: White voters signalled opposition to South Africa's reform process yesterday by inflicting a resounding defeat on the government. In an important by-election (Gavin Bell writes) Despite a campaign led personally by President de Klerk, the ruling National party lost its stronghold of Potchefstroom in the western Transvaal to the far-right Conservative party by a big majority. The election ' had been regarded as a key indicator of white attitudes towards sharing power with the black majority. , Andries Beyers, the Conservative national secretary, polled 9,746 votes to 7,606 for Theuns Kruger, the Nationalist candidate, in a record 75 per cent turnout. The seat became vacant with the death last year of Louis le Grange, the Speaker, who had held it for the government for 25 years. His major-

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-CAPE TOWN â\200\224 A large percentage of the prisoners released on parole in 1990 and 1991 had been reintegrated into society, Correctional Services Minister Adriaan Vlok said yesterday.

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In an inf lation in the House of Delegates, he said 16,75% of the 53 748 prisoners released on parole in 1990 had not adhered to their parole conditions, been arrested in connection with another crime, 0 were wanted in connection

crimes.

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11,84% of the 47 349 prisoners

released !

The authorities could not resort to policies of no re-mission of sentence because of itici few misbehaved. â\200\224 Sapa.

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CAPE TOWN

political gatherings, Deputy Law and Order Minister Johan Scheepers said in 2 mini-debate in Parliament yesterday.

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stone Commissionâ\200\231s report on violence at
Mooi River.

Leon quoted the T 't as saying carry-
ing weapons for aggressive purposes could
not be tolerated %if normal and peaceful
conditions are to prevailâ\200\235.

Leon said: â\200\234AS recently as Saturday
night, the nation was treated on TV to the
ugly and una ble face of politics in
SA when hundreds of IFP supporters were
seen at Umlazi flourishing, unhindered and
untouched, all manner of dangerous wea-
pons.â\200\235 The footage was shot at a funeral.

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CAPE TOWN â\200\224 SA was set to have strong and autonomous regional government â\200\224 stopping short of federalism â\200\224 entrenched in the constitution, Ezvernment spokesman and_ De%:g

nstitutional Minister Tertius - port indicated yesterday.

He said that the principle of regional government would be entrenched in the constitution, and added: â\200\234There is no point in entrenching powers, functions and duties in the constitution if they are not substantial in their essence.â\200\235

He said there had been general agreement at Codesa this week that there should be strong regional government enshrined in the constitution.

He added that maybe the ANC had a different interpretation of what this meant, but he insisted there was â\200\234general consensus that original rather than delegated powers and duties of regional government should be entrenched in the constitutionâ\200\235. :

He acknowledged that tough negotiations loomed on the details. â\200\234The exact powers, duties and functions would have to be negotiated, but there would be original powers, duties and functions which would be of a substantial nature,â\200\235 he said.

Delport said government was not going' to commit itself to a three- or six-month period for setting up an interim government. â\200\234We want to make substantial progress but this will depend on the extent of the convergence and we also want to take the country and as many of the people with us when we make that decision.â\200\235

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He said government would table a detailed plan of its interim government arrangements in due course, but it was necessary for it to first study the proposals and views of other parties both in and outside Codesa.

â\200\234Whatever the government finally puts forward will be in the nature of accommodating as many views as possible,â\200\235 he said.

Government was more than a mere participant at Codesa and saw itself more as a facilitator, he said. :

He said the most difficult issue Codesa would have to resolve was the nature and extent of democratic principles to entrench in the constitution.

There was general agreement for representation of all minority parties in government but â\200\234to what extent is there going to be not only representation but also effective participationâ\200\235 or power sharing, he asked.

He stressed that no matter what the Potchefstroom by-election result was, government would not depart from the course it had taken. â\200\234It has to be remembered that whenever any government changes its policy there is a period of uncertainty where people do not completely support all our proposals,â\200\235 he said.

But government was confident this was the only way forward and the increased realism being shown at Codesa had leâ\200\230g[

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government to be confident of taking with it most of the population.

CAPE TOWN â\200\224 Would a departmental rationalisation programme started last year cause more teaching posts to be lost than the 4000 expected because of the latest cuts, Mike Ellis (DP Durban North) asked Education and Culture Minister Piet Marais yesterday.

In an interpellation debate, Ellis said if this was so, Natal alone stood to lose more than 1000 jobs.

Marais said the 4 000 was an approximate figure, uncertain because it was not known how many teachers would take early retirement or how many schools would go over to Model C. i

However, he was confident the overwhelming majority of schools would see the advantage offered by Model C in achieving significant self-determination and of maintaining standards. :

Posts would be abolished only where

Lal-bgolutely necessary.

Minister grilled on teaching cuty

Burrows said Marais had ignored the

- fact that 700 teachers had lost their posts in

Natal last year. He had made no statement on the number of teachers who would be transferred to Model D schools.

He had not talked of paying these excess teachers to teach black children outside formal school settings in venues such as church halls.

Burrows wanted to know whether the cuts in white education would help black education. :

The Minister had made his decisions without consultation, he said.

The representatives of the Teachersâ\200\231 Federal Council on his advisory committee had not been permitted to report back to and consult with their constituency.

Dries Bruwer (CP Lydenburg) said it was clear government had turned its back on SA education. â\200\224 Sapa.

by MARY PAPAYYA
Durban Bureau

THE Inkatha Freedom Party has threatened to pull out of future local peace structures in Natal if the problems in Bruntville and Richmond are not resolved, according to IFP leader and deputy-minister of works in KwaZulu, Velaphi Ndlovu.

Speaking after a Natal Regional Dispute Resolution Committee (RDRC) meeting held in Durban yesterday, Ndlovu said there is no point in establishing further peace structures if the issues in

- Bruntville and Richmond are not ironed out through negotiation.

He said other Natal LDRC structures will have more chance of success if peace initiatives in Bruntville and Richmond can set an example.

â\200\234If LDRC structures are set up in all areas in Natal without first addressing problems encountered, one could be party to taking ineffective structures into volatile

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Inkatha threat
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areas and thus compound the problem,â\200\235 he said. Ndlovu accused the African National Congress of manipulating the peace process in Natal.

In reaction the ANC said the IFP is seriously hampering the objectives of peace structures in Natal. p

Southern Natal ANC executive -

committee member Bheki Cele said that Ndlovu walked out of yes-

terdayâ\200\231s meeting when a National Party representative apparently accused the IFP of disrupting the meeting. He had to be persuaded to return and later left early.

Also, the IFP was represented by Ndlovu and not six members as was agreed by all parties in the RDRC.

Â® Meanwhile, contrary to Ndlovuâ\200\231s statement to journalists yesterday, a statement released by the IFP last night quoted him (Ndlovu) saying: â\200\234We in the IFP remain committed to peaceful resolution of problems and the peace structures to be set up in terms of the National Peace Accord.â\200\235

Gwala, Ndlovu debate

A SOLUTION to the violence in the Midlands would be a change of government in the country, Midlands ANC chairman Harry Gwala said in a Radio Zulu phone-in programme on Tuesday night, while his IFP counterpart Velaphi Ndlovu believes job creation and discipline among followers are the answer.

Gwala and Ndlovu were debating peace initiatives in the region.

Gwala said while apartheid and its structures exist â\200\234those who get to live better through apartheid privileges will do everything they can to ensure that there is no peaceâ\200\235.

He said it is easy to tell people to stop attacking each other, but â\200\234those who operate in darkness distributing pamphlets, and the

government-trained hitsquads, do not want to see peace among the African people. We have to look for root causes. You cannot cure a

â\200\230disease without knowing its source.â\200\235

Gwala said the government should have resigned in the light of the funding and hitsquad-training scandals as happened: in the .

United States with Watergate and Britain with the Profumo scandal. â\200\234Since they (the SA Government) were not democratically elected by the people, they do not do that.â\200\235

Ndlovu insisted that sanctions cause unemployment and said the unemployed will do anything to get food. "A person without a job

can be bought by anyone to kill

We have people here who have been employed full-time by vio-

peace prospects

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Ndlovu said local peace in "via-

tives such as the one in Mpumalanga should be encouraged and that it is important for these to have the blessing of regional leaders in order to succeed. He said it is important for supporters to listen to their leaders.

An IFP caller from Nongoma

said the solution is for "us IFP

supporters to lay down arms because we seem to be the ones doing most of the fighting", adding that once the interim government takes over IFP supporters will fill jails which will be emptied by the new government. Ndlovu said the caller should himself stop the violence as he had not been sent by the IFP to attack other people. "224
Witness Reporter. :

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By CHRISTOPHER S. WREN

. Special to The New York Times
POTCHEFSTROOM, South Africa,
Feb. 19 â\200\224 The governing National
Party of President F. W. de Klerk suf-
fered a defeat tonight as a coveted

parliamentary seat here fell to an ag- |

ressive challenge from the right-wing
nservative Party.

The by-election, widely regarded as
the most critical since the 1989 elec-
tions that installed Mr. de Klerk as
President, was closely watched as a
barometer of white support for his
moves to dismantle apartheid and ne-
gotiate equal rights for the nationâ\200\231s
black majority. :

The election was held to fill the seat
left vacant by the death in October of
Louis le Grange, speaker of the white

House of Assembly. But it assumed |:

rising significance as both parties
rushed reinforcements to the western

Transvaal town for a test of political | |

strength. . â\200\230

Andries Beyers, secretary of the
Conservative Party, won 9,746 votes, or
56 percent of the total cast. His Nation-
al Party opponent, Theuns Kriel, got

~only 7,606 votes, despite President de |
Klerkâ\200\231s personal intercession last|

â\200\234week. The liberal Democratic Party,
which supports Mr. ' de Klerkâ\200\231s
p changes, did not field a candidate.

Demand for New Vote

boost to the Conservative Party and
will stiffen its resistance to President

ing of power with the black majority.

tionships,â\200\235 said Theo Venter, a political
scientist at Potchefstroom University.

â\200\234I think it will marginally undermine F. W. because he declared this election to be important.â\200\235 Â¢ Potchefstroom had been a safe seat

elections. The town was also identified with Mr. de Klerk, who graduated from

universityâ\200\231s honorary chancellor.

After the election results were announced, Andries P. Treurnicht, the Conservative Party leader, told cheering supporters that Mr. de Klerkâ\200\231s Government no longer represented the â\200\234white nationâ\200\235 in negotiations recently begun on South Africaâ\200\231s future. The | Conservative Party refuses to talk to black leaders like Nelson Mandela.

â\200\234The message to Mr. de Klerk is to resign and call a general election,â\200\235 Mr. Beyers said.

National Party officials, shocked by

The President need not call new elections before September 1994, but he will | find himself under increasing pressure to respond, since he promised to sub-

its white voters were considered repre-

electorate.

The defeat will not weaken the gov- | lerning National Partyâ\200\231s control of Par- | liament, but it gives a psychologicalâ\200\231 de Klerkâ\200\231s policy of negotiating a shar- | .

â\200\234Itâ\200\231s not going to alter power rela-|

for the National Party, which held it by | a margin of 1,583 votes in the 1989 [

Potchefstroom University and is the.|

the magnitude of their candidateâ\200\231s de- | feat, left without consoling supporters. |

mit significant political changes to a | white referendum. The results in Pot- | chefstroom were significant because

' | sentative of the nationâ\200\231s broader white | ;

Blacks still lack the vote, except ,in{Party worker.

limited elections for township council-| â\200\234â\200\234Youâ\200\231ve got to respect hi m because

lors. But a black postal worker who [heâ\200\231s also a human being,â\200\235 Mrs. Hennop walked too close was assaulted by jeer- [said angrily to the assailants as the ing right-wingers, prompting the inter- |black man rushed off wiping the blood vention of Anna Hennop, a National |from his mouth. i

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Had the Conservative Party lost, its
| efforts to marshal white opposition to |,
| change would have been seriously set |: |
| back. Instead, it looks certain to be- |
come more militant in demanding a
separate white homeland. White ex-
| tremists also seem likely to take the
| election result as justification of their |
| paramilitary activities and bullying of
â\200\230| blacks. T A
Supporters of both parties converged
at the main polling station in a brick
banquet hall owned by the Potchef-
{stroom municipality. They waved plac-
ards, hurled insults and badgered ar-
riving voters with appeals of support.
Electioneering outside the polls is per-
mitted in South Africa. :
The mood turned so unruly before
the polls closed at 9 P.M. that National
Party officials called in the police, as-
serting that voters were being intimi-
dated by raucous Conservatives.
Groups of blacks stood a safe dis- |
tance away from the polling station
â\200\230| watching the ritual of white politics.

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inister phase in Natalâ\200\231's carnage

SEA-BREEZE lifts the banana
fronds, a hawkler dozes under a
makeshift cardboard canopy,
niformed schoolchildren

flock home along the baking tarmac
â\200\224 there is no outward sign that this
township may be on the brink of war.
Even at Umlaziâ\200\231s Mbazwana super-
market, it is business as usual. Only
the bullet holes behind the counter,

~clearly visible among the tinned goods

and enamelware, bear mute testimony
to the violent drama recently enacted
here.

Four days earlier, the shopâ\200\231s owner,
one of the most controversial figures
in Natalâ\200\231s bloodstained recent history,
was shot dead by a young man who

reached into his pocket for change to

buy cigarettes and produced a 9mm
pistol instead. -

A survivor of two earlier assassina-
tion attempts, Inkatha Central
Committee member and kwaZulu MP
Winnington Sabelo prided himself on
his invulnerability, and was said to use

muti to shield himself from bullets.

The township, which exploded into
months of violence after the 1985
killing of African National Congress
luminary Victoria Mxenge, has been
strangely quiet since Sabelo was mur-
dered last Friday â\200\224 but the sharply
contrastmg reaction of residents is
ominous.

â\200\234We spent R800 on a btaal to cele-
brate,â\200\235 a sharp young comrade in mir-
ror shades tells us. â\200\234Life will be better
for us now.â\200\235

Says Robert Dlamini, a bare-chwt
ed resident of Hostel 17: â\200\234We have
lost a man. We are-angry; we want
revenge. It is the ANC and the com-
rades who must pay.â\200\235

For two montlis, intense conflict has
raged across the densely vegetated
gorge separating the hostel and two
squatter settlements, Ekuthuleni (â\200\234the
place of peaceâ\204ç) and Uganda, displac-

ing thousands and leaving at least 30 dead.

The origins -of the conflict are

Sabelo rests, but did not live, in peace

By DREW FORREST

ONE is not supposed to speak ill of the dead â\200\224 but in the case of assassinated Inkatha leader Winnington Sabelo, this poses special difficulties.

Until January this year, when he helped set up a local dispute resolution committee in Umlazi in terms of the National Peace Accord, he personified everything that is wrong with South African politics.

There must have been wry smiles in Umlazi when, reacting to Sabeloâ\200\231s assassination last week, Inkatha Freedom Party chairman Frank Mdlalose described him as â\200\234a man of

vl - ;

peaceâ\200\235.

A fanatical Inkatha loyalist, utterly intolerant of opposition and repeatedly implicated in violence and coercion, Sabelo, who was in his 60s, has been credited with single-handedly establishing an Inkatha presence in the greater Durban area. :

He is said to have been very close to IFP president Mangosuthu Buthelezi and to one of the most feared Inkatha leaders, Lindelani slumlord Thomas Shabalala.

His problem was that he lived in a United Democratic Front/African

- National Congress stronghold. To

offset this, he organised warriors in - the Umlazi hostels and from his home area of Umbumbulo, and is said to have frequently called for assistance from Tshabalalaâ\200\231s private army. His uncompromising hatred of the UDF was, on occasion, an embarrassment to Ulundi. In 1985 he warned UDF supporters to leave Umlazi â\200\234by the weekendâ\200\235, adding that cars without NUZ (Umlazi) registration plates would be barred from the township.

Assassinations of Inkatha and

African National Congress
leaders has left Natal's
townships on the brink of
explosion.
By DREW FORREST

obscure and most of the combatants
are probably apolitical. I am not
Inkatha: I am here to find work, I
Dlamini tells us. But the hostel-
dwellers' perception that the squatter
enemy serves the ANC has given it a
strongly political complexion.

Last week, a rumour ran that the
hostel-dwellers were planning a vio-
lent assault on residents of nearby Q
section, who are seen to be harbouring
squatters.

Against this background, the mur-
der of Sabelo could set the spark for a

conflagration. We are afraid for the .
funeral, said a taxi driver. If the hos-
He also warned that his next step s
would be to close the churches,
describing them as 'nests of rival
organisations'.
This outburst drew a disclaimer
from the then secretary-general of

Inkatha, Oscar Dhlomo, who said
Sabelo had spoken without the man-
date of the Inkatha president, the
KwaZulu government or the local
council.

Sabelo's most notorious political
intervention followed the 1985 assas-
sination of Victoria Mxenge, when he
led an attack on a memorial service at
the Umlazi cinema, in which 19 peo-
ple died. A councillor who knew him
said he took great pride in this feat,
often referring to it in later years.

With 300 warriors he also made an

Many enemies ... Political opponents were not the only foes of

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A womaniser, a controversial busi-
nessman and the hammer of Umlaziâ\200\231s
youth, Sabelo had many enemies. But
the police are treating his murder as
politically inspired, and this seems a
reasonable assumption.

His death marks a new and sinister phase in Natal's unending carnage: it involves the most senior IFP man yet to fall to assassins, and forms part of a broader pattern.

In two weeks, three Inkatha high-ups have been attacked by seemingly well-trained groups wielding firearms, including automatic rifles and hand-grenades. In Imbali, near Pietermaritzburg, deputy mayor Abdul Awetha was ambushed by 16 people who shot up and hurled grenades at his car, killing two of his children, while kwaMashu's warlord George Vilakazi's home was destroyed by attackers he says included 40 men with long hair.

Winnington : } appearance at the funeral of the overwhelming force of character, he condemned victims. Mourners were attacked, tried to dominate the Umlazi buses were stoned and the amabutho continued long after he had ceased being a kicked over marker on the new councillor. Even when he wasn't at graves. meetings, he ran things by remote control, said one council source. A semi-literate patriarch in the traditional mould, Sabelo was par-Others say that Inkatha high-ups in

particularly outraged by youth dissidence. Campaigning tirelessly against school boycotts, he paid

threatened and beat.

In 1989 an Umlazi schoolboy, Lucky Shezi, brought a damages claim against Sabelo, claiming the IFP leader and two kwaZulu policemen had sjambokked him at a parents' meeting called to discuss a school boycott.

Sabelo, had so many enemies there is at least the possibility that his assassination flowed from a private grudge. He is known to have been a womaniser,

and many youth activists, now back from exile, fled Umlazi specifically to escape him.

His business dealings were also controversial. As a councillor, he was an alleged beneficiary of a scam in terms of which council members awarded themselves sites and later sold them to the

private sector at enormous profits.

facing a charge in the Durban Supreme Court brought by First National Bank, which claimed his account was overdrawn by

R45 000.

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door-to-door visits to youth.
activists, whom he allegedly -

it. At the time of his death, he was

the area, including regional chairman
Reuben Mfeka, are privately relieved
at his disappearance from the scene.

Until very recently, Sabelo's relent-
less intolerance of political opponents
was unchanged. In November, he
blocked a planned ANC rally in com-
memoration of Griffiths Mxenge's
for which council permission had
been obtained by the simple expe-
dient of threatening violence. The IFP
then used the stadium for its own
gathering.

He appears to have been particu-
larly incensed by ANC plans to dis-
cuss renaming the Mangosuthu
Highway's Umlazi's main road
the Mxenge Highway, in honour of
the assassinated ANC lawyer.

Seemingly never without a weapon
he appeared in a famous 1985 City
Press photograph, leading an impi, a
handgun hanging from his belt
Sabelo survived two previous
attempts on his life. In 1986 his wife,
Evelyn, was killed and his three chil-
dren were hurt in a hand-grenade
and AK47 assault on his house.

Three years earlier, he had been
stabbed at a funeral in Chesterville.

"I had my gun handy," he told the
media while recovering. "But I stuck
to Inkatha's policy of non-violence."

These were almost certainly the
work of death squads

The latter;

IFP leader Pau..., SRR's e,
another such hit, although the Human
Rights Commission stresses that there
has been continuous sectarian vio-
lence in that area and that Veziz's son
was hacked to death suggesting
less-professional killers.

One cannot rule out the possibility
that the attacks were officially sanc-
tioned by the ANC's comrades in

kwaMashu have told The Weekly Mail that Umkhonto weSizwe has held secret training sessions in rural Natal in recent weeks â\200\234to stop them getting rustyâ\200\235

But observers seriously doubt MKâ\200\231s â\200\234ability to mount a series of swift, coordinated offences.

What is more telling is that ifi three areas, the violence threatens delicately balanced peace initiatives, which the ANC has assiduously cultivated.

After years dedicated to the brutal suppression of the United Democratic Front/ANC in Umlazi, Sabelo had

| been drawn into the local dispute - resolving committee, where he is said to have played a constructive role. In Imbali, now said to be â\200\234ready to blowâ\200\235, an informal peace deal had secured a measure of stability since November 1990.

â\200\234Itâ\200\231s happening at a time when we are all seriously talking peace,â\200\235 comments Umlazi ANC chair Felix Dlamini, Sabeloâ\200\231s counterpart in the local peace forum. â\200\234Itâ\200\231s either people

standing on the fringes who are i becoming frustrated, or others who

donâ\200\231t want peace.â\200\235

According to the first scenario, dissident MK members, perhaps youthful returned exiles impatient with the meagre fruits of ANC horse-trading, are bucking the official line.

It is at least conceivable that dissidents may have come under the sway Â° of the Pan Africanist Congress or extreme fringe groups such as the Trotskyist Marxist Workersâ\200\231 Tendency (MWT) within the ANC.

PAC slogans are daubed across Umlazi, and some observers believe it

- may be adapting its Transvaal tactic of supplanting the ANC as the champion of armed struggle, in an effort to extend its influence in Natal.

The MWT is led by harmless eggheads in love with the idea of violence, but its strident message â\200\224 that the Natal conflict can only be resolved by arming the townships â\200\224 would fall on fertile ground.

Natal University sociologist Ari Sitas says the MWT has recently become increasingly active and visible in the province.

But the sophistication and swift succession of the recent attacks â\200\224 Awetha was ambushed despite taking an unaccustomed route, suggesting inside intelligence and careful ground-work â\200\224 argues against the direct military involvement of far-left splinter groups. 7 .

What is highly significant is that the attacks on Inkatha leaders have been matched by a series of chillingly professional hits on the ANC, principally its Imbali chairman Sâ\200\231kumbuso Ngwenya, shot dead at the weekend as he left a Pietermaritzburg citylÃ©entre restaurant.

It appears that two hit lists are in existence: a member of the ANCâ\200\231s kwaMashu branch executive, Dumisani Phungula, has been warned that he is among those earmarked for assassination, together with Umlazi ANC/South African Communist Party activist Sandile Thusi. .

Nothing could be better calculated to undermine Imbaliâ\200\231s fragile peace than simultaneous hits on leading figures from both rival organisations.

Conservatives deal blow to de Klerk's part

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By BARRY RENFREW
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Andries Beyers of the pro-apart-
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his National Party opponent, Theu-
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more than 17,000 cast for a parlia-
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since 1948.

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Both parties had called the elec-
tion an indication of white support
for them. Conservative Party lead-
ers contend a majority of whites
oppose the reforms.

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The Conservative leaders are
trying to trigger an electoral back-

lash to oust the National Party government, and the Conservative victory could encourage more whites to cross over from the National Party. National opinion polls show the government's support among whites is crumbling.

Conservative supporters erected a statue of African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela resembling a Frankenstein figure in front of the polling station. Several Conservative members scuffled with a black telephone company

worker, saying he had no right to be at the polling station.

"We are voting for the white man. We will never give power to the blacks," said Conservative supporter Jannie van Vuuren.

The by-election was required after the incumbent died last year.

"Meanwhile, 10 black people ...died in scattered violence in Cape Town, police said Wednesday.

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" Freedom Party, the two leading black opposition groups, -

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BLACKS have always been deprived, so in the new South Africa they can only have better conditions, better housing, better work opportunities, better education and a better - life in general.

In fact, the process of social upliftment and economic change is already well under way and there has been a remarkable improvement in many respects.

For Whites, the future is less certain.

They have to give up the privilege that comes from having a white skin.

As Blacks advance, the special considerations that gave Whites the best jobs, the best education, the best standard of living and the biggest slice of the national cake are falling away. :

_ Whites are struggling, many are out of work, each school change costs parents more while at the same time threatens to lower the standard of education of their children, the benevolence of the State is aimed more at the Blacks than the Whites, and at the workplace the Whites find themselves increasingly competing with Blacks who are acquiring more skills.

Some of the all-White suburbs â\200\224 certainly in a city like Johannesburg â\200\224 are not just mixed but are becoming Black. -

Places like Hillbrow are Third World slums and Whites fear this is going to be the pattern in other suburbs.

At the same time, while Blacks know that any new dispensation is likely to bring Blacks to power, Whites anguish about the future. -

They do not know what kind of government will be in office.

On the extreme Right, the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging and other extremist organisations threaten to go to war if the ANC gets into power.

Many of the people who support reform â\200\224and their numbers are diminishing â\200\224 are unsure where the government is taking them.

Others, who are committed to reform â\200\224 and they include Afrikaner Yuppies as well as Afrikaner businessmen â\200\224 simply shrug off the dangers by saying that what had to be done is being done and there is no way in which the process can be stopped â\200\224 nor should it be.

Armchair liberals, who supported the Progressive Federal Party and then the Democratic Party, are becoming jittery as their posh suburbs begin to change in character and not even the most sophisticated alarm systems protect them from marauding gangsters.

Nobody ever thought that transition was going to be easy, but few thought it was going to be so violent or so frightening. ;

White businessmen, too, are beginning to doubt the future, since the ANC still harps on nationalisation and redistribution of wealth and hankers for the kind of centrally â\200\230controlled economy rejected even by former

East Bloc and Soviet States. -

" There is, in fact, a crisis of confidence, and billions of rands of funk money is leaving the country.

â\200\234We believe that the reforms were inevitable, though we have never supported the rush to change everything as quickly as possible.

We also worry over the loss of control over the country, the open defiance of authority, the mockery that is made of the law, and various other aspects of the situation.

But whatever happens, the Whites will have to realise that their lives of privilege are ending and their standard of living will never be the same as it was â\200\234in the good old daysâ\200\235.

This places tremendous responsibilities on the players in this dangerous period. They will have to realise that while they pursue their political aims, they must not, either by policy . statements, economic threats or lack of appreciation of White fears and anxieties, set

" the stage for White resistance and the flight of White skills. R

As for the Whites themselves, we can only say: This is your country, as much as it is the country of any other section, and you will be needed in the same way as in the past.

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