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THE â\200\234sad and unfor-

tunate reality" is that

President de Klerk and

the National Party

have become accus-

tomed to an authorita-

n'an style of govern-

ment in which ordinary

citizens humbly accept

their actions, the Afî-\201-

mn National Congress

charged yesterday.

In reply to Mr De

Klerkâ\200\231s stinging attack

earlier on the ANC in

Stellenbosch on Monday

night, the ANC mllled on

South Africans to urgent-

ly strive towards institut-

ing an interim govern-

ment of national unity â\200\234to

govern the country as we

make our way from apart-

heid to democracyâ\200\235.

Mr De Klerk said he

would not be intimidated

hymeANC'sâ\200\234aggressive

demands", and accused

the organisation and its

allies of being spoilers

who were delaying nego-

tiations.

The ANC had â\200\234a long

way to go before it could

be trusted to play a con-

structive role in a demo-

cratic new South Africa",

Mr De Klerk told the

opening of the NPâ\200\231s Cape

Congress.

â\200\234That the leader of the

National Party, which has

misruled South Africa for

over 40 years, and sub-

jected the people of this

country to every manner

of degradation and humil-

iation imaginable,

brought our country into

international disrepute,

and condemned the vast

majority to poverty. hun-

ger and lack of opportu-

nity, has the temerity to

refer to the ANC as

â\200\230spoilers' is only conceiva-

ble in the upside-down

world of apartheid South

Africa,â\200\235 the ANC said.

Commenting on Mr De

Klerkâ\200\230s statement that

nationalisation, non-pay-

ment of international  
loans, and destabilisation  
of industrial peace â\200\224 as  
â\200\231 contemplated, suggested  
and threatened this week  
by leaders of the ANC  
and its trade union feder-  
ation ally, the Congress of  
SA Trade Unions  
threatened the livelihood  
of every township dweller  
and employee, the ANC  
said:

â\200\234We are indeed quite  
touched by State Presi-  
dent De Klerkâ\200\231s newly  
found solicitude for the  
welfare of â\200\230township  
dwellersâ\200\231 and the unem-  
ployed.

â\200\234But we would hasten  
to remind both him and  
the South African people  
that the very notion of a  
â\200\230townshipâ\200\231 or a â\200\230township  
dwellerâ\200\231 as distinct from  
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BUSINESS DAY, Tuesday, October 29 1991  
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UT 3 700 doctors and dentistsiclosed  
tAhgg doors yesterday to protest against the  
imposition of VAT on medical serum.  
National Medical and Dental ASSOCI-  
ation (Namda) director Dr Davnd Green  
said about 3 300 practices around the coun-  
try had been closed on the first of the two-  
day protest, coordinate: by Namda and  
â\200\230ous health organisa 'ons  
vase said thatasfarashe knewnodocors  
in Johannesburgâ\200\231s northern suburbs had  
closed their doors but in Soweto about 80%  
of private doctors and dentists had.  
Many had worked at Sowetos Mofolo  
Clinic and attended to outpatients at Bara-  
gwanath Hospital. Taxis had transported  
patients to the public hospitals free of  
he said.

Chggâ\200\231 reports that about .half of Cape  
Townâ\200\231s private doctors, sewing both black  
and white areas, had jomed the protest  
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about 75% of doctors closed their grac-  
tices, while in Port Shepstone there was a  
100% stayaway from work by doctorÂ§ and  
dentists, Green said. . ,c

The Natal VAT Forum, which comts of  
doctors, pharmacists and physiotherapists,  
said more than 300 doctgsrgdintolgztal would  
their eries cl y. n

l{eglieen smsâ\200\231grgoctors in Middelburrand  
Witbank had been told not to close elr  
practices because alternative treatm , t at  
public hospitals was far away and pa nts  
could have been compromised. y .  
Green said he expected fewer prtcti-  
' nets to take today.

â\200\234one Medical mum of South Ahca  
is not supporting the work stoppageknd  
has urged its members not to take pa as  
4it was â\200\234unethical for doctors to withhold  
â\200\230their servicesâ\200\235 from patients. A;  
other South Africans is  
the direct consequence of  
the racist policies pursued  
by De Klerk and the party  
he leads.

â\200\234It is those policies and  
the fanatical vigour with  
which the National Party  
pursued and enforced  
them that is the root  
cause of mass poverty and  
deprivation among the  
vast majority of South  
Africans.

.â\200\234The ANC requires no  
lessons from De Klerk or  
his colleagues on that  
score. â\200\230

â\200\234The sad and unfortuâ\200\224  
nate reality is that State  
President De Klerk, and  
the party he leads, have  
become accustomed to an  
authoritarian style of govâ\200\224  
ernment in which the or-  
dinary citizenâ\200\231s role is  
humble acceptance of  
government action on  
pain of State harassment,  
detention without trial,  
banning, imprisonment or  
even murder as happened  
recently with Comrade  
Sam Ntuli.â\200\235

â\200\234In spite of the protests  
of millions of South Afri-  
cans, Black and White,  
from every walk of life,  
De Klerk and his govern-  
ment saw fit to impose  
VAT on this country,â\200\231  
the ANC further charged.

â\200\234The voteless and dis-  
enfranchised who wish to  
â\200\230 bring to the attention of  
government and the  
people of the country at  
large the strength of their  
opposition to these meas-  
ures are denounced as  
spoilers.

â\200\234In, the teeth of com-  
pelling circumstantial and  
concrete evidence of  
State sponsorship of dirty  
tricks â\200\224 including viol-  
ence â\200\224to destabilise its  
opponents, De Klerk has â\200\230  
taken no steps to uncover  
the perpetrators of these  
crimes.

â\200\234Those who take action  
to bring to the attention  
of the South African pub-  
lic the urgency of the situ-  
ation are called spoilers."



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 boat, says Viljoen  
 By Bob Tlley  
 Star Foreign Service  
 FRANKFURT â\200\224 Minister  
 of Constitutional Develop-  
 ment Dr Gerrit Viljoen  
 has accused the ANC of  
 â\200\234destabilisingâ\200\235 efforts to  
 work out a viable consti-  
 tution by sticking to its  
 â\200\234unfortunateâ\200\235 economic  
 policy.  
 At a press conference also  
 attended by ANC secretary  
 for international affairs  
 Thabo Mbeki and Inkatha  
 Freedom Party chairman Drâ\200\231  
 Frank Mdlalose, Dr Viljoen  
 yesterday claimed the ANC  
 was sticking to its economic  
 policy demands â\200\234in order to  
 strengthen their negotiating  
 positionâ\200\235.  
 Mr Mbeki did not respond  
 to the charge, but he stressed  
 the ANC position that a fairer  
 distribution of wealth had to  
 occur in any new South Afri-  
 ca and that nationalisation  
 must remain one of the op-  
 tions to be examined in work-  
 'ing out an acceptable eco-  
 nomic policy.  
 ' Mr Mbeki also warned the  
 SA Government not to negoti-  
 ate any new loans or other  
 forms of credit during â\200\234this  
 transitional phaseâ\200\235; Such  
 agreements would have to be  
 renegotiated by a new, demo- .  
 gatic government, he insist-  
 Earlier, at a plenary ses-  
 sion of an economic confer-  
 ence attended by internation-  
 al businessmen and finan-  
 ciers, Mr Mbeki challenged  
 Dr Viljoenâ\200\231s rosy view of the  
 South African economy.  
 Dr Viljoen said a â\200\234sound,  
 modern economyâ\200\235 had been  
 built despite the â\200\234handicap of  
 apartheidâ\200\235.  
 He told his inĩ-\202uential audi-  
 ence â\200\224 which included execu-  
 tives of several leading Ger-  
 man banks and large firms â\200\224â\200\224  
 that South Africa was now  
 . fully recognised  
 Dr Gerrlt Vlljoen . . . rosy  
 vlew of SA economy.  
 Thabo Mbekl . . . national-  
 lsatlon must be an optlon.  
 â\200\234open for businessâ\200\235.  
 He declared: â\200\234Our economy  
 has been wounded but not  
 destroyed by the season of

sanctions. It rests upon impeccable foundations, an impressive infrastructure, and is raring to go.â\200\235  
The present Government  
' that a â\200\234dire  
needâ\200\235 would remain for â\200\234the  
priority channelling of Goy-  
ernment funds to pro-  
grammes directed at the sup-  
port and stabilisation of the  
poor and disadvantaged seg-  
ments of our societyâ\200\235.

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But he added: â\200\234We will, however, not be a party to the slaughtering of the goosa that lays the golden eggs. We believe in redistribution through growth, not in the bi-  
zarre concept of growth through redistribution. â\200\235  
Mr Mbeki, however, said distribution of the wealth now in white hands was essential for political stability in South Africa. No government could hope to survive â\200\234if we donâ\200\231t address the problems of social and economic imbalanceâ\200\235 .

He told his international audience that â\200\234something is still radically wrongâ\200\235 in South Africa when half the population lived below the poverty line.

Pressed to state specifically how the ANC stood on the question of nationalisation, Mr Mbeki said: â\200\234There is a whole series of political issues to be discussed. One of them is what do we do about the issue of this over-distribution of wealth. ,

â\200\234One of the options we have to look at is nationalisation. But privatisation is also an option,â\200\235 he said.

Op position to nationalisation<sup>9</sup> was also spelt out by IFP president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi in a written address read to the conference by Dr Mdlalose.

Chief Buthelezi said: â\200\234We are very, very fortunate that our day of liberation is coming at a time in which there is international recognition that State ownership of all the means of production spells out disaster.â\200\235

He agreed with Mr Mbeki that â\200\234if we do not redistribute wealth, no government will stand for any length of timeâ\200\235. But he pointed out the â\200\234political reality" that there was just not enough wealth in the

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haves and to give to the have-  
nots to make them satisfied.