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CAPE TOWN -â\200\224 Pressure Is mount-
log on the Alrican National
Congress (ANC) and the New Na-
tional Party (NNP) to clinch a deal
on co-operative governance as the
deadline for the election of the
Waestern Cape premier nears.

Fallure to reach agreement be-
fore December 12 would force the
dissolution of the legislature and
elections would have to be held.

A deal could sce the NNP han-
ing on to 70 of the 107 Demacratc
Allance (DA) councillors,

Yesterday the provincial legisla-

ture had to call off it sitting lter
both the ANC and NNP chief whips
sald they needed more time to fl-
nalise the talks. LegislaturÂ¢ secre-
tary Pieter I'retorius sald the pow-

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er-sharing negotiations between the

two partles would determine
whel heâ\200\230f'\â\200\234{'ew premier would be

_elÃ©cled beltre the deadline date.
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get an Indication from the political
parties ... It Is difficult to say what Is
going to happen,â\200\235 Pretorius sald.

â\200\234The two parlies are very wary
ol averlooking significant constitu-
tional and leï¬\201al aspects of the deal,
which could lead to hotd-ups (and)
lengthy Constitutional Court de-
lays," sald a source.

The source sald the NNP was
confident that the ANC would settle

for the position of Cape Town mayor, giving the premiership of West-

, -â€œrn Capelotho NNP'.

â\200\234Right now there is a lot of recruitment going on in the municipal council chambers ... we want to ensure that all our supporters are on

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board when the * entidefection .
clause is lifted early next year.â\200\235 '

More than 300 members of the!
SA Municipal Workers' Union
(Samwu) staged a sit-in at the municipal offices protesting against the alleged unilateral appointments by the City's management.

Samwu spokesman Majidie
Abrahams accused management of making political appointments in an attempt to â\200\234desperately shore up its

power in Cape Town ahead of its likely political oustingâ\200\235.
He claimed the city recently appointed 12 senior managers. Ten of these were white, while two of them were coloured. \

Kylie Hatton, spokeswoman for acting mayor Belinda Walker, dismissed Abrahams's claims, saying that the appointments were â\200\230strictly administrativeâ\200\235. />0 |

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DOCTORS, nurses scientists, trade union-
ists and religious leaders Who attended a
recent Treatment Action Campaign seminar on AIDS were adamant over-
nment had no legal ethical, scientific or financial grounds for refusing to provide
free antiretroviral drugs

This follows President Thabo Mbeki's most recent attempt to explain his curious stance on the issue, in which he used selective quote to claim that official US guidelines are as dangerous as the threat they are supposed to treat

However, judging from Finance Minister Trevor Manuel's response to a parliamentary question shortly before the session came to an end, if Mbeki was going to misquote anyone, it should have been former President John Kennedy

We ought to get something like Ask not what the treatment can do for you, ask what the treatment can do for our country

be most appropriate

and Manuel's contribution to the debate

There is no evidence anywhere that our guests, except within their armaments

compunctious that the administration of
international relations in the 21st century is
sought by many who : y
HIV/AIDS is a code of ethics : :
posed free distribution of 18 beneficial to the economy. As
major impediment to the development of our country : :

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antiretrovirals to persuade this government that there is a benefit to be found in
saving the lives of the unborn children by 2001

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in Parliament to 100 not out

INKATHA Freedom Party chief whip Koos
van der Merwe was one of only a handful of
MPs who observed the parliamentary "tra-
dition" of wearing a hat during the ses-
sion this year, :
Whether this was out of nostalgia or
flamboyance is unclear, but his throwing
gloves was a party game. 5
Saying farewell on behalf of Inkatha
before the morning for the summer recess,
Van der Merwe said this had been his 24th -
consecutive year in Parliament in 2002 and he
hopes to go out another 24, o
. By then he would be about 100 years
old, Van der Merwe mused, but it was
his fervent hope that Parliament
would have approved the much-rewritten
Immigration Bill before then. C o y
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his boss, Inkatha leader and ome Al- !
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Speaker Frene Giniewski also kind]
enough to respond ~ by offering her sin- [
cere condolences to whoever is the Gl
siding officer when Van' der , M |
achieves his century, . g o

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