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Nzimande denies ANC members will be purged

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SOUTH African Communist Party secretary-general Blade Nzimande yesterday dismissed reports that there was a plan to purge senior ANC members from the party's executive and reaffirmed his confidence in SACP chairman Charles Nqakula, the new minister of safety and security.

"As far as I am concerned Nqakula is a popular choice for national chairman," Nzimande said in an interview ahead of the SACP congress which is to be opened by President Mbeki on Wednesday.

"There is no offensive against government ministers or against anyone who is in government," said Nzimande, responding to a report in the Sunday Times which said that Nqakula would face a challenge

to his leadership position this week.

Nzimande would not be drawn on the future of top Mbeki ally Essop Pahad, Minister in the President's Office, and Public Enterprises Minister Jeff Radebe, who both serve on the SACP executive but are expected to face strong challenges to their positions.

Radebe has borne the brunt of growing hostility between the ANC and its alliance partners over the government's privatisation plans. Both the SACP and Cosatu strongly oppose the ANC government's privatisation plans.

ANC spokesman Smuts Ngonyama said he would be "surprised" if ANC members in the central committee of the SACP were purged as had been widely reported. "It would be very strange," he said.

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IVP-lede haaks oor band met ANC

Adrian Lackay en Jan-Jan Joubert

Ulundi. – Die leierskap van die IVP het gister onder heftige kritiek sy rug gedraai na die wense van etlike duisende afgevaardigdes op sy jaarlikse nasionale kongres deur 'n voorstel te verwerp dat dié party aan die koalisie met die ANC op nasionale vlak onttrek.

Indien 'n IVP-studiegroep se voorstel aanvaar is, sou dit beteken het dat dr. Mangosuthu Buthelezi, IVP-leier, dr. Ben Ngubane, minister van kuns, kultuur, wetenskap en tegnologie, mnr. Ben Skosana, minister van korrektiewe dienste, en twee adjunkministers hul poste in die kabinet prysgee.

Die spanning in die party het eergisteraand laat 'n hoogtepunt bereik toe kongresgangers in die stu-

diegroep van byna 100 partylede die vraagstuk oor die IVP se voortgesette deelname aan die nasionale regering bespreek het. Die groep het voorgestel dat die IVP sy bande met die ANC verbreek.

Dit kom nadat Buthelezi in sy hooftoespraak vroeër die dag dit onomwonde gestel het dat die IVP geensins verder met die ANC in KwaZulu-Natal sal saamwerk indien die ANC voortgaan met pogings om die premierskap van dié provinsie van mnr. Lionel Mtshali, IVP-premier, weg te vat nie.

Die studiegroep, onder leiding van mnr. Mandla Malakoana, IVP-lid van die KwaZulu-Natalse wetgewer, het aangevoer dat:

- die IVP aan dié nasionale koalisie moet onttrek en sy onafhanklike identiteit moet laat herleef;
- die IVP sy rol as opposisiepar-

ty moet uitbou om die ANC se "swakhede en tekortkomings" aan Suid-Afrika bloot te stel;

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ty moet uitbou om die ANC se "swakhede en tekortkomings" aan Suid-Afrika bloot te stel;

• die IVP moet onttrek aan die drie- en 15-per-kant-vredeskomitees wat politieke spanning tussen die partye hanteer;

• die struweling van byna twee jaar tussen Buthelezi as minister en mnr. Billy Masethla, sy voormalige direkteur-generaal, 'n voorbeeld is dat "geen goeie trou" meer tussen die ANC en die IVP op kabinetsvlak bestaan nie; en

• dat die IVP weens die vertrouensbreuk met die ANC ander partye moet nader vir samewerking om beheer van KwaZulu-Natal te verseker.

Die voorstelle, wat die oorweldigende steun van duisende kongresgangers geniet het, het die IVP-leierskap duidelik onkant betrap.

'n Resolusiekomitee het bykans deurnag agter die skerms vergader om die spanning te probeer ontloot deur die voorstelle te wysig.

Gisteroggend, op die laaste dag

van die kongres, wou Buthelezi die gemoedere in toom hou met die verduideliking: "Uit my ondervinding in die politiek is dit baie gevaarlik om die regte stap op die verkeerde tyd te doen."

Volgens hom staan die IVP op die drumpel van 'n skeuring met die ANC en moet die kongres besluit wat die regte tyd is vir só 'n stap.

'n Jong lid van Nongoma het onder toejuiging aan Buthelezi gevra: "Kom terug en lei ons. Plaas ons op die wenpad. Die IVP gaan agteruit. In 2004 gaan ons verloor. Terwyl jy werk vir die res van Suid-Afrika, verloor ons op die grond."

Nadat Buthelezi gesê het die voorgestelde onttrekking is radikaal, is 'n resoluë aanvaar dat Buthelezi en die IVP se nasionale raad oor deelname aan die regering sal besluit.



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ANC-dae is ná volgende verkiesing getel, sê ACDP-man

Dirk Nel

Mnr. Kenneth Meshoe, ACDP-president, voorspel die ANC sal dalk slegs een verdelre algemene verkiesing oorleef.

Meshoe, wat die naweek in Polokwane tydens 'n ACDP-vergadering gepraat het, het ook sterk te velde getrek teen die ANC, en spesifiek adj.pres. Jacob Zuma, se bevordering van orale seks onder tieners as

'n manier om die verspreiding van vigs teen te werk.

Hy glo die Bybelse beginsel van slegs een seksgesmaat, en dit slegs binne die huwelik, is die enigste antwoord op die vigsprobleem wat besig is om sy tol in die land te eis.

Meshoe hou vol dat die verspreiding van die virus toegeneem het sedert die regerende party sy kondoomveldtog versnel het.

"Die ANC mislei die nasie op verskeie terreine en die kiesers sal hulle nie meer blindelings volg nie, want mense kan mosien wat besig is om te gebeur, die geskiedenis het bewys dat enige regering wat hulle teen die gesag van God verhef nie lank oorleef nie," het Meshoe verduidelik.

"Die land het nie 'n sterker opposisie nodig nie, maar 'n nuwe regering, 'n Christelike regering," het hy onder luide toejuiging bygevoeg.

Volgens Meshoe sal die nuutgestigte Afrika-unie nie daarin slaag om demokrasie op die vasteland te bevorder nie "omdat die meeste Afrikaleiers diktators en Godloënaars is".

Hy meen dit is voorbarig en belaglik dat sulke leiers voorskrifte oor demokrasie durf uitreik.

"Dit is nie vir my belangrik om altyd politiek korrek te wees nie, maar wel om Bybels korrek op te tree," het Meshoe gesê.

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'Ministers besluit oor vigsgeld'

Tessa Kruger

Die voorneme om die R600 miljoen wat KwaZulu-Natal van die Wêreld-fonds vir MIV/vigs, malaria en tuberkulose (WF) ontvang het, eerder onder alle provinsies te verdeel, is die gevolg van 'n gesamentlike besluit van Afrika-ministers van gesondheid.

"Dit was nie Manto wat opgestaan het om KwaZulu-Natal reg te sien nie. Dié ministers van Suid-Afrika het ná die bekendmaking van die WF se toekennings byeengekom en besluit dat nie-regeringsorganisasies wat 'n nasionale regering met hul aansoeke omseil het, hul aansoeke moet terugtrek," het dr. Manto Tshabalala-Msimang, minister van gesondheid, die naweek tydens 'n jeugberaad oor MIV/vigs in Benoni gesê. Sy het gesê dr. Zweli Mkhize, LUR vir gesondheid in KwaZulu-Natal, het die provinsie se aansoek teruggetrek nadat sy die LUR gevra het om "asseblief nie daarmee voort te gaan nie".

"Ek laat dit aan julle oor om te besluit waarom die WF toe nie aan die LUR se versoek voldoen het nie."

Sy het gesê politiek het veroorsaak dat die internasionale gemeenskap aan net twee lande in Suid-Afrika, Suid-Afrika en Zimbabwe, geld toegeken het.

Volgens haar het niemand nog geld van die WF ontvang nie omdat dié fonds tandekry-probleme ondervind.

Vloed eis 3, 5 weg

Vyf mense, onder wie verpleegsters van die Catherine Booth-hospitaal in Amatikulu in KwaZulu-Natal, word steeds vermis nadat hul bakkie deur vloedwater meegesleur is.

Die bestuurder van die Toyota-bakkie waarin sewe verpleegsters was, het 'n bruggie naby Amatikulu probeer oorstek. Die bestuurder het vermoedelik die krag van die water onderskat en die bakkie is meegesleur. Volgens Sapa is drie lyke Saterdagmiddag gevind.

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● KZN moet aanhou om onder Mtshali vigsstryd te lei – Leon

Opposisie flikflooi by IVP, kap ANC

Jan-Jan Joubert en Adrian Lackay

Ulundi. – Opposisieleiers het die naweek toegestaan om duisende IVP-ondersteuners tydens die party se nasionale kongres van hul welwillendheid te oortuig tydens 'n geleentheid waarop die onderwerpe baie sterk deur die oorloopwetgewing betrek is.

“Die ANC in KwaZulu-Natal het die eertydse onderdrukker bo die IVP verkies sonder om die IVP eers te raadpleeg. Is dit hoe belangrik die ANC vrede ag?” het hy gevra.

Hy het gesê die DA het ook 'n fout gemaak deur die oorloopwette te steun, maar minstens het die party dit besef.

Mnr. Renier Schoeman, NNP-leier in KwaZulu-Natal, het nie op Holo-

leiers van die PAC, UDM, NNP en DA het die kongres toegesprek, terwyl die ANC nie op die uitnodiging gereageer het nie.

Mnr. Thami ka Plaatjie, sekretaris-generaal van die PAC, het klem gelê op die belangrikheid van tradisionele leiers en die afwenteling van mag van die staat na die bevolking.

Mnr. Bantu Holomisa, UDM-leier, se aankoms is met soveel applous en

misa se aanvalle gereageer nie, maar eerder Buthelezi lof toegeswaai. In 'n kort toespraak het hy die NNP weer verbind tot deelnemende regering met die ANC.

Mnr. Tony Leon, DA-leier, het geen geheim gemaak daarvan dat sy party die ANC wil vervang as die IVP se provinsiale koalisievennoot nie – 'n versoek wat later tydens die kongres deur baie IVP-lede verwel-

oeloeiering begroet dat mnr. Mangosuthu Buthelezi, IVP-leier, hom as die “geur van die maand” beskryf het na aanleiding van sy party se besluit om oorloperij in die konstitusionele hof te betwis.

Holomisa het gesê die ANC beoog 'n eenpartystaat waarna hy verwys het as 'n “kleptokrasie” waar alles, tot stemme, van die bevolking gesteel word.

kom is.

Leon het in 'n vegterstoespraak gesê KwaZulu-Natal moet onder die premierskap van mnr. Lionel Mtshali voortgaan om die stryd teen MIV/vigs te lei.

Ekonomiese ontwikkeling is al hoe mense se hoop omgeskep kan word in geleenthede.

“Sonder goeie opposisie kan niemand wen nie. Sonder Orlando Pi-

rates kan Kaizer Chiefs nie goed wees nie en so ook nie Brasilië sonder Duitsland nie,” het hy aangevoer.

Onder groot toejuiging het hy gesê KwaZulu-Natal se besluite kan nie in Johannesburg of Pretoria geneem word nie en dat “diegene wat nie hier is nie” (verwysend na die ANC) nouliks kan voorskryf hoe 'n Afrika-demokrasie moet lyk.

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IFP 'won't accept' ANC-led KZN govt

SANDILE MDADANE
and PULE MOLEBELEDI

THE IFP yesterday categorically stated, during its national congress held in Ulundi at the weekend, that it will never participate in an ANC-led government in the province.

At the closure of the congress, which started on Friday at Mandlen-Matlang Youth Camp, the IFP said people of KwaZulu-Natal "have shown numerous times that they favour the IFP".

IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi said any other means to install a new

premier for the province without any consultations with the voters will never be accepted.

His view was supported by DA leader Tony Leon, who was one of the guests at the conference. Leon also said the installation of a premier

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IFP national conference reveals tough stance on the ANC

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without public participation through voting will never be accepted, and that his party will fight this move by all means.

The congress was expected to take a decision to sever all ties between the IFP and the ANC at a national and provincial government level, but this did not receive a majority support, as many IFP members at the congress suggested a continued working arrangement despite sour relations.

Other political guests at the congress were UDM leader Bantu Holomisa and the PAC's Thami ka Plaatzje. It is believed that the ANC was also invited, but there were no representatives of the party at the congress.

In his speech, Buthelezi recounted the history of the IFP and ANC, dating back to when he was a member of its youth movement, until the formation of the IFP.

He also told the gathered crowd of an offer of the country's deputy presidency, with conditions that the IFP relinquish power in the KwaZulu-Natal government.

"I thought that the people who were making this offer to me were either belittling me if they were thinking that I would fail for their offer, or that this was being done deliberately to ensure that I will never occupy the deputy presidency, which was promised me without any conditions well before the national election," said Buthelezi.

This year's congress had to be relocated to a hall inside the camp, as the marquee which is used annually collapsed on Friday. Scores of people attended the event despite plummeting temperatures and pouring rains.

Buthelezi announced that the IFP is to unveil steps to purge itself of

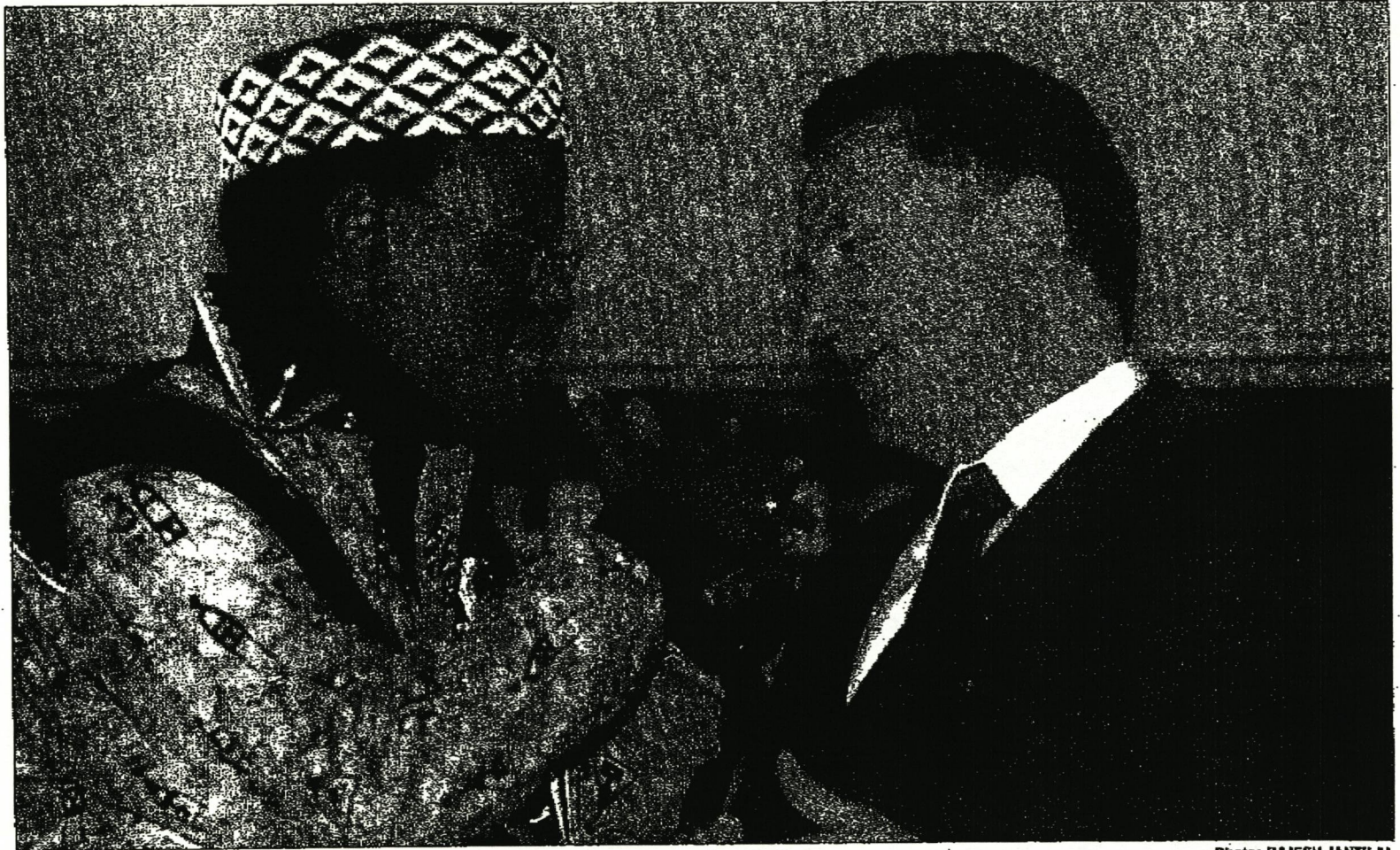


Photo: RAJESH JANTILAL

IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi and the DP's Tony Leon share a moment at the Emandleni Camp in Ulundi during the three day IFP National Conference over the weekend. In attendance were UDM leader Bantu Holomisa, the PAC's Thammie ka Plaatzje and NNP's Reneir Schoeman.

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prepared to contest the 2004 elections as party leader.

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consider equipped better than I am to pilot this IFP ship ... that as long as you consider me to be your best instrument in leading you, I will be available."

A disgraceful aspect of rural life in KZN

MARY de Haas (*Witness*, July 18) has lifted the lid on what is one of the most disgraceful aspects of our rural life in KZN. Commercial farmers and especially those who are small farmers and not well organised, come under huge pressure, not only from criminals, but from greedy, lawless communities and *amakhosi* who rationalise their actions on spurious racist and tribalist arguments.

Fence-cutting, driving cattle on to privately-owned grazing and crop land, intimidating farm workers, burning crops and grazing, leaving threatening anonymous letters and telephone messages are things which many commercial farmers, small and large, black, white, Indian and coloured, have experienced at one time or another. I certainly have.

Happily, only a few *amakhosi* and communities do so and to the credit of Nkosi Nyanga Ngubane, Minister of Traditional Affairs and Local Government, he will have no truck with this kind of law-breaking by land invasion because he understands that abandoning the rule of law leads to the jungle.

Mary de Haas knows that *amakhosi* traditionally have expanded their territory only by acquiring extra *izigodi* (wards) through intimidation and violence. Johnny Clegg, of Juluka and Savuka fame, has published a study of that and its impact on so called "faction fighting" in the Msinga district.

Commercial farmers see land for production, profit, prosperity, development and job creation but many traditional leaders see land as only a means for settling more people to gain more power and patronage and not about sustainable development. No wonder that conflicts can be created. But commercial farmers are pragmatic problem-solvers and prefer to address such issues by negotiation and through their agricultural organisations and without publicity. Mary de Haas has given welcome publicity to this unacceptable state of affairs.

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'IFP will not share KZN'

Party refuses junior partnership and casts doubts on healing rift with ANC

By Ido Lekota
Political Editor

THE Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday cast strong doubts on the future of the KwaZulu-Natal power-sharing deal with the African National Congress when it ruled out the possibility of being a junior partner to an ANC-led KwaZulu-Natal Cabinet.

After its national conference the IFP also passed resolutions that sharply criticised ANC policies, such as its handling of the HIV-Aids epidemic, and called for more powers for the provinces.

It said it "will not serve under any condition in an ANC-led KwaZulu-Natal Cabinet which usurps the mandate which the IFP received from the people".

This calls into question whether the IFP is determined to heal its rift with the ANC that has widened in the past few months.

Tension was heightened when two IFP MPLs crossed the floor to the ANC, followed by two Democratic Alliance members and one from the United Democratic Movement.

This saw the ANC obtain 37 seats, leaving the IFP with only 32 before the recent floor-crossing law was put on hold by a court interdict brought by the UDM.

Last week relations deteriorated further when IFP national chairman and KwaZulu-Natal premier Lionel Mtshali suspended all weekly cabinet meetings. The IFP justified the move, which paralysed government in the province, by saying it was in line with the Constitutional Court ruling.

It said further meetings would have

worsened the conflict between parties.

Yesterday the ANC in KwaZulu-Natal accused the IFP of political opportunism by refusing to work with the ANC in the province while continuing to participate in the national government.

"We respect the IFP's prerogative to choose not to work with the ANC in KwaZulu-Natal... but it is ironic that the very same IFP wants to continue working with the ANC at national level. This smacks of political opportunism," said ANC spokesman Mphahlele Mthimkhulu.

The IFP described yesterday the floor-crossing legislation as political machinations that the ANC is using to create a one-party state. "We deplore the timing of the ANC's decision which is clearly aimed at enticing members to cross the floor to secure its political control of KwaZulu-Natal and the Western Cape," the IFP said.

It also confirmed its intention to expel the two MPLs who defected to the ANC.

However, the IFP toned down its rhetoric, saying in one of its resolutions that it continued to be "committed to non-violence and negotiations under all circumstances".

It also gave its leader Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi the mandate to assess the ongoing political change in the country and decide on its continued participation in the national government.

The IFP called for more autonomy for provinces. It cited recent threats by Health Minister Manto Tshabalala-Msimang to stop direct funding to KwaZulu-Natal as an example of centralisation that undermined local decision-making.

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IFP resolves to leave coalition intact

Pule Motebeledi

Political Editor

ULUNDI — Several elected Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) representatives serving within Cabinet and in the coalition KwaZulu-Natal government received a stay of execution yesterday when the party's national conference overruled a proposal that the IFP should end relations with the African National Congress (ANC).

If this proposal had been supported, it would have meant the end of a two-and-a-half-year-old fractious relationship between the ANC and the IFP, both in KwaZulu-Natal and in central government.

The IFP has three ministers

and two deputies serving in President Thabo Mbeki's cabinet, while it holds the KwaZulu-Natal premiership and six portfolios.

The collapse of the relationship was temporarily averted by party elders, who appealed to the "emotional" young leaders to withdraw the motion. The plea was successfully executed after much wrangling. The conference resolved to leave the future of the relationship in the hands of party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi and the IFP national council.

A group of congress delegates, called the Group Five, was tasked with discussing the volatile relations between the IFP and the ANC and asked to propose a way forward.

Although relations are soured at provincial level between the two parties, delegates did not distinguish between central and provincial ties.

They wanted Buthelezi, whom they felt had been "humiliated" by the ANC, to come back to the province and help bolster the party ahead of the 2004 elections. Another reason for the decision was the perception of "back stabbing" within the ANC/IFP marriage.

This is in view of the defection legislation, which could give the KwaZulu-Natal premiership to the ANC once a few IFP, Democratic Alliance and United Democratic Movement leaders defect to the ruling party. Although the group was divided, it was more in

favour of withdrawing Buthelezi from central government.

The group, whose deliberations were said to have been heated, also proposed that the IFP pull out of a coalition agreement in KwaZulu-Natal and play the role of an opposition party. It wanted the party to pull out of the peace committees formed with the ANC because they were ineffective.

Buthelezi, who steered the discussions, left his seat on several occasions to explain the advisability of staying in the coalition.

He also told the conference that had the committees not been formed the country would have been plunged into a bloodbath.

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ANC rejects claims its members will lose SACP posts

Sanchia Temkin

THE African National Congress (ANC) has dismissed speculation that its top members are likely to lose their positions on the SA Communist Party's (SACP) central committee at the party's national congress this week.

ANC spokesman Smuts Ngonyama said yesterday that such speculation was "false and lacking in substance". The ANC wished the SACP a successful national congress this week, he said.

The ANC's message arose in the light of weekend reports about strain within the tripartite alliance. The SACP's deputy general secretary, Jeremy Cronin, who claims to have been marginalised by President Thabo Mbeki's leadership, is expected to retain his position on Wednesday.

Reports at the weekend alleged that the conflict between the ANC, the SACP and the Congress of SA Trade Unions would come to a head when Mbeki opened the congress.

It was also said that ANC members were likely to lose their positions on the SACP's central committee.

Ngonyama dismissed the reports, saying there was no basis for conflict. He said the election process for the central committee was a "democratic one".

Cronin, together with party secretary Blade Nzimande and chairman Charles Nqakula are the sole candidates nominated for their positions by all regions.

The party is expected to have a new deputy chairman, Dipuo Mvelase, to replace Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi, who will not stand for the election.

The congress is expected to discuss the recent attacks on Cronin by the ANC.

The ANC publicly rebuked Cronin last week for claiming that he was marginalised by Mbeki's leadership. Cronin stated that the reported "marginalisation" was not against him personally as an individual, but directed at the left wing and socialist ideas within the liberation movement.

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Buthelezi intends to introduce radical reforms that aim to eliminate 'dead wood' in two months

A purge of hangers-on is looming within IFP

Pule Molebeledi

Political Editor

THE Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) is to unveil steps to purge itself of "hangers-on" within its ranks when its leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi introduces "radical reforms" targeted at eliminating "dead wood" in two months' time.

Addressing thousands of IFP supporters at the party's annual meeting, Buthelezi, who has headed the organisation since 1975, also scoffed at suggestions of his imminent retirement, saying: "I may have become older, but I have not aged."

That implied he might still be prepared to contest the 2004 elections as party leader.

"At the last elections, I made it clear that you are free to elect anyone you consider equipped, better than I am, to pilot this IFP ship I stated that as long as you consider me to be your best instrument in leading you to accomplish that mission, I will be available. I thank God that I am in such good health and that I have not yet buckled under the enormous burden of leading your organisation."

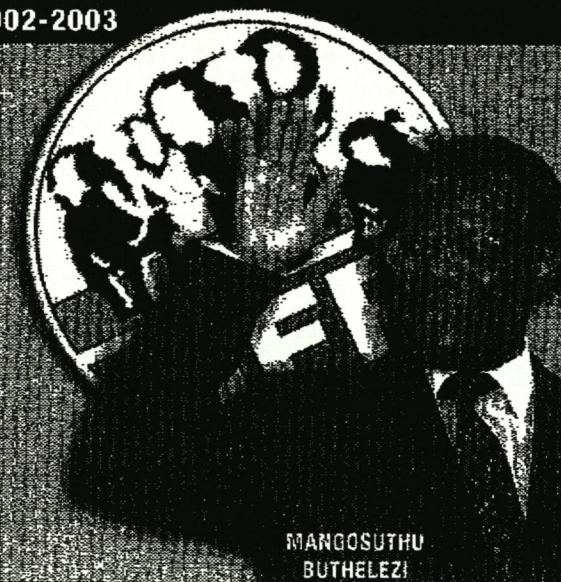
Buthelezi indicated that he was personally going to drive moves to fully democratise the party ahead of the 2004 elections.

IFP KwaZulu-Natal chairman Musa Zondi announced the reorganisation of the party, which will

IFP PROGRAMME OF ACTION 2002-2003

- Spearhead party development and expansion
- Mobilise people against poverty
- Ensure good governance and delivery at local government level
- Mobilise members on HIV/AIDS
- Establish a fund raising task team
- Establish an institute to provide necessary training, orientation and development of IFP leadership
- Organise a roadshow to take the IFP message across the country

Graphic: KAREN TAILORIN - Source: IFP



MANGOSUTHU BUTHELEZI

now have seven directorates to serve the people.

One of the directorates, the leadership development institute, will train IFP leaders, particularly its "aspirant" public representatives. The local government directorate will, among others, look into the performance of councillors, including perceptions and corruption allegations.

Other directorates will look into fundraising matters, organise goodwill concerts, deal with HIV/AIDS issues, drive the party's expansion programmes and mo-

bilise people against poverty while focussing on development.

In a speech Buthelezi said was a "mirror of the party", he detailed the hardships he endured since starting the organisation.

Almost sensing the ominous atmosphere surrounding the conference, especially those aggrieved by the souring marriage with the ANC, Buthelezi tried to prepare the delegates for taking "expedient decisions".

He cited the numerous difficult decisions he took against the armed struggle and the sanctions

campaign initiated by the ANC against the apartheid government. "We rejected violence and military insurrection not because it was the easy thing to do but because it was the hard, but right thing to do."

He also reminded the delegates that he turned the offer to become the country's deputy president after he refused to hand over the IFP premiership to the ANC. "It was no easy to remain in government after this initial problem, but it was the right thing to do to agree to remain in

the cabinet." Buthelezi also denounced perceptions that the IFP might resort to violence if it lost KwaZulu-Natal to the ANC.

On organisational matters, Buthelezi decried the fact the organisation's constitution, adopted at last year's annual general conference, had not fully been implemented.

That had given rise to concerns that many of the party leaders had not received "sufficient internal sanction" through the processes of the constitution.

Buthelezi pledged to reveal the details of his plan publicly during the annual conference of the party's youth brigade in September.

Diverting his rebuke to leaders preparing themselves to defect from his party, Buthelezi said it was "bad enough to carry dead-wood in a party, but worse of course to carry even venomous snakes, such as the turn coats who defected from our party to the ANC in KwaZulu-Natal".

The defection of the IFP leaders, together with those of the Democratic Alliance (DA) and United Democratic Movement (UDM), was likely to give the ANC the premiership of the province to the ANC.

This issue saw the IFP, DA, UDM and the PAC — all invited to the congress — sharing the stage. However, the parties said they were not in Ulundi to negotiate an alliance.