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The United Democratic Front: Those who won't participate... what's what on the Indian political front?

Who are the key figures and parties involved?

What role do they play in the current political landscape of India?

How do their ideologies differ from those of the Indian National Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party?

What are the main challenges facing the United Democratic Front?

How effective has the United Democratic Front been in implementing its agenda?

What are the expectations for the future of the United Democratic Front?
For the 40 elected and five nominated seats in the (Indian) House of Delegates

Hendrickse succeeded; Rajbansi failed.
He is a controversial, less than popular politician. But he is able to secure enormous publicity for his party.
His opponents call him a tough bully. His party has not drawn much electoral support until now. A massive boycott of the only SAIC election in November 1981 meant that Rajbansi's party was returned to power with only 30 percent of the vote.
There are indications that the same could happen this time. One thing is certain, however. Rajbansi himself will be going to Parliament.
Hendrickse is engaged in a duel with Solidarity. If Rajbansi wins, it will be the first Indian Cabinet Minister in South Africa.

Solidarity
LEADER J N Reddy, former executive chairman of the SAIC. Other notable leaders are Mr Pat Poovallingam, who resigned from the President's Council in protest at black exclusion from the Constitution, and President's councillors Ismail Kader and Mahmoud Rajab.
The party was formed to raise the level of Indian politicians participating in in-system policies. There has been continuing speculation that the party is receiving government funds although this is strenuously denied.
The formation of the party also has an element of self-interest. A number of President's Councilors who would have lost their jobs in a Rajbansi administration quit ahead of time to campaign for themselves.
It would be regarded as contrast by whites. It aims to interpose itself between self-serving parties on the right and the opposition on the left.
The clash between the NNP and Solidarity will be the major one in the Indian election.
They are both vying for those voters who have decided not to boycott.
But both face the danger that a large stayaway would leave them embarrassingly low percentage polls.

National Democratic Party
LEADER Mohamed Ishaq Khan. Party has only two candidates and is not in the fight.

National Federal Party
ACTING leader is Ram Reddy. Party has three candidates. It believes in the retention of the Group Areas Act because scrapping it would cost Indians millions.

Dissent wants to overthrow apartheid but seeks to make it work to the advantage of Indians. Not really in the fight.

Progressive Independent Party
LEADER Faru Khan. Transvaal-based party, fielding six candidates. Claims similar policies to that of UDF but is participating. May win seat in the Transvaal but isn't really in the fight.
support him and how many will express their dissatisfaction by boycotting.

Indications are that there could be a large boycott.

**The Peoples' Congress Party**

LEADER is the fiery and charismatic Peter Marais who describes himself as a "radical activist or an active radical".

The party has fielded 61 candidates making it the second biggest in the election.

Marais has forged an alliance with the Griqua to give his party a solid ethnic base.

The party has unclear policies, but would probably be regarded as left of centre by whites and centrist by blacks.

Marais seems to be attempting to fight grass roots issues such as rentals rather than concentrating on national political issues as does the Labour Party.

He has some support in the George-Knysna area but his support elsewhere is unknown. Party itself had dubious beginnings. It was formed as Cope, the Congress of the People, by Lofty Adams, a member of the Labour Party who had defected to join the President's Council.

Its original intention was to be a grass roots community service organisation.

Marais is an excellent speaker, with a marvelous turn of phrase.

**The Freedom Party**

LEADER is Arthur Booyzen. The party has put up 25 candidates, but is not really in the fight.

**The Reformed Freedom Party**

LEADER is Mr. Charles Mulles. It has put up 11 candidates, but is not really in the fight.

Regarded by many as the most authentic Indian movement. If NPP and Solidarity fail to get voters to support them at the polls, it will be as a result of NIC campaigning.

**The National Forum**

SIMILAR to the UDF but with a black consciousness flavour. Disagrees with the UDF because of its white membership. Will have nothing whatsoever to do with the present campaigning; refuses even to comment on it.

Some 200 organisations are affiliated to it. Convenor of meetings is Saths Cooper. Draws its membership from organisations like the Azanian Peoples Organisation (Azapo) and radical trade unions.

Major point of difference between it and other organisations on the left is over the Freedom Charter, the ANC manifesto, regarded as too conservative by National Forum who have adopted their own "Manifesto of the Azanian People."
Teacher versus teacher

Staff Reporter
THE Ottery seat for the House of Representatives will be fought by two former schoolteachers.

Mr William "Joe" Pieterse, 94, who is standing for the Labour Party is a retired headmaster and Mr Dennis de la Cruz, 42, of the People's Congress Party was deputy-headmaster of Hillwood Junior School in Lavender Hill until the start of his campaign.

Mr Pieterse, who lives in Lotus River, is a former Coloured Representative Council member and aims to "do everything possible to bring about parity on all spheres in South Africa".

Mr de la Cruz, who specialised in art education is chairman of the Montagu's Gift Ratepayers' Association and a chief secretary of the People's Congress Party.

A total of 13 226 people in the constituency from Parkwood, Fairways, Lansdowne, Wetton, Heathfield, Windsor Park and Elfindale, have been registered as voters.

(Report by T Bam, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)
Meet the candidates for
Grassy Park, Manenberg

Staff Reporter
MR Joseph van den Heever is the Labour Party candidate for the Grassy Park constituency in the election to the House of Representatives on August 22. The constituency includes Grassy Park, Lotus River and Lavender Hill.

Although he does not live in the constituency he represents, Mr Van den Heever says he feels more a part of the Grassy Park community than any other.

For 14 years he taught at the Grassy Park Secondary School during the day and ran classes for working youth there at night until he retired from the teaching profession as school principal last year.

During the student unrest of 1976 and 1980, he distinguished himself by "his bold and imaginative leadership and support for the legitimate demands of the pupil and parent community," according to his manifesto.

Mr Van den Heever was a founding member of the Cape Teachers' Professional Association, of which he was awarded life vice presidency two years ago.

The 63-year-old candidate was chairman of the John Power Children's Holiday Camp for 1981/82, through which 1,000 poor children are taken to the seaside for a week. Money for the venture is raised from public contributions and by selling Christmas cards.

Mr Van den Heever is also chairman of the Christian Education Teachers' Seminars which are held quarterly to guide and assist religious-education teachers at schools.

He is being opposed by Mr Y Deers (PCP) and Mr N Booyson.

Manenberg

The whole of Manenberg should be demolished, says Labour Party candidate for that constituency Mr Richard Lackay.

In the place of existing houses, "decent town houses with Vibacrete fences" should be built.

Money for the new scheme could be found by increasing property owners' rates and taxes.

Mr Lackay would like to see Manenberg transformed into a crime- and poverty-free residential area.

The 56-year-old father of four was co-director of an electrical contracting firm for 30 years. He served on the Grassy Park-Lotus River management committee from 1969 to 1979.

He was also president of the Elfindale Soccer Club in Heathfield and a founding member of the Roma Bur- barny Fund which sponsors university education.

He has opened up an office in Manenberg from which he runs his election campaign, assisted by 15 women canvassing for him. His wife, Jeannette, is his campaign agent and his sons and daughters are his sub-agents.

Mr Lackay is opposed by Mr J Delport (PCP) and Mr J C Samuels (RFP).
THE Evening Post focuses on the Malabar constituency for tomorrow's election for the House of Delegates. There are two candidates, Mr Hassen Noorshib and Mr Raman Bhana. A third candidate, Mr Goolam Habib, withdrew last week.

Political awareness from the age of 25

Mr Raman Bhana
NPP's Malabar candidate

Post Reporter

MR RAMAN BHANA, 53, the National People's Party (NPP) candidate for the Malabar constituency, is chairman of the Port Elizabeth Indian Management Committee.

He is also an executive member of the South African Indian Council, a Commissioner of Oaths, a Justice of the Peace and a Cape leader of the NPP.

Mr Bhana serves on the Luytenberg Hospital Board, the local Road Transportation Board and the Port Elizabeth Indian Welfare Society.

In 1975 he was the chairman of the Port Elizabeth-based South African Organisation for Deputation and was also president of the Pern Club, a service organisation.

Mr Bhana is a former member of the Port Elizabeth Indian Civic Association and a former member of the Reform Party of South Africa. He is married and has three children.

Mr H Noorshib

Noorshib is LP member

Political Correspondent

MR HAASEN NOORSHIB, a so-called Indian South African, last year joined the Labour Party because I believe it is a non-racial party and I do not want to belong to an ethnic Indian Party.

But, because of the Prohibition of Political Interference Act, he is designated an "independent" on the ballot papers for tomorrow's election.

"If we believe in the dismantling of apartheid, I believe we must start in our own backyard by dismantling 'coloured' and 'Indian' parties. The LP accepted my membership in defiance of the Act and this is the beginning of the dismantling of apartheid in my own backyard. I don't the lack of basic community facilities.

Mr Noorshib believes a simplified version of the housing waiting list should be open for inspection to members of the public as the present secret lists "cause a lot of conniving to go on.

Some people, he points out, have been on the waiting list for up to 10 years.

"Eventually there will be one chamber and one Parliament for all. We are not going into the new Parliament to speak on behalf of any particular group - we want to take decisions for the benefit of all South Africans."

(Report by Dirk van Zyl, 10 Baakens Street, Port Elizabeth)

Mr Bhana: NPP's Malabar candidate

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(Report by Raymond Hill, 19 Baakens Street, Port Elizabeth)
just want to pay lip service to this," Mr Noorshill says.

The main difference he sees between the LP — "the party of the future" — and its opponent in Malabar, the National Peoples' Party, is that the "NPP is an ethnic Indian party".

Mr Noorshill's interest in politics started with his election to the Indian Management Committee in 1974, but he believes these committees have now served their purpose — "we must now have some kind of direct representation on local government level".

He feels strongly about the Group Areas Act and the Government's expensive apartheid policy:

"It is the Act that has caused the housing backlog and the Government cannot finance its separate development policy."

He is equally struck by
Consensus politics is yielding fruit.

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People upset by
Party warns of election chaos

Mercury Reporter

The Government was yesterday warned of chaos in the coming elections, particularly for the House of Delegates, because of inadequate and haphazard planning and lack of information.

The warning was given by Dr J N Reddy, the leader of Solidarity, at a meeting of more than 100 Indian and coloured candidates in Durban.

The meeting was also attended by Mr Gert van Zyl, director-general of Internal Affairs and Chief Electoral Officer, who outlined election procedures and several Natal Returns-Officers and senior police officers.

Dr Reddy said the Government had a lot of explaining to do to ensure success of the election.

He said some candidates were being held hostage by the SABC, who were expected to play a major role in the election. He said some were being held hostage by the SABC, who were expected to play a major role in the election.

"As candidates, we have been kept in the dark about new political dispensation would provoke candidates and even the police to attract attention to disrupt the elections."

Solidarity chairman Pat Poovalingam called for anti-police measures on polling days, saying there were dangers that people against the new political dispensation would provoke candidates and even the police to attract attention to disrupt the elections.

Anti-election demonstrations were expected to take place to frighten away voters, he said.

Uniformed police should intensify patrols of Indian and coloured areas as well as polling stations, but National People's Party leader Amichand Rajbansi said voters would see this as a sign that trouble was expected and decide to keep away from the polls.

(Report by N Bassett, 12 Devonshire Place, Durban)
‘New deal’ supporters harass UDF — claim

THE United Democratic Front (UDF) has made further accusations of harassment by supporters of the Government’s “new deal”, and especially the Labour Party, which has denied the allegations.

A statement by the Western Cape Region of the UDF rejected allegations of violence and intimidation levelled against it.

“We firmly believe the people will choose to boycott the forthcoming election not out of fear and harassment, but out of their clear understanding of the inadequacies of the so-called new deal.

“The UDF feels the election campaign should be conducted in an atmosphere free of intimidation, in which all points of view can be freely expressed”.

“INTIMIDATED”

Allegations of intimidation have been made by both main parties and by the UDF.

Latest allegations by the UDF include:

● Threats that pensions and disability grants will be stopped unless people vote.

● A suggestion that Bonteheuwel residents, who have waited for years for a home, have been threatened with removal from the waiting list unless they vote.

● Allegations that Athlone and Elsies River businessmen have been visited by campaigners asking for money for party funds and threatening to withdraw licences of those who failed to vote.

● Anonymous telephone death threats against the UDF Western Cape publicity secretary, Mr Jonathan de Vries.

Mr Fred Peters, national secretary of the Labour Party, said the Cape Town City Council controlled the waiting list in Bonteheuwel and “it could not be tampered with.” He denied the party had threatened to withdraw trading licences.

The Western Cape Traders Association, an affiliate of the UDF, has called on all coloured and Indian traders, and the community to boycott the “apartheid-entrenched inferior status election”.

(Report by D Breier, 122 St George’s Street, Cape Town.)
Validity of TIC statement questioned

By Gary van Staden, Political Staff

An independent candidate for this month's House of Delegates election, Mr. Ismail Mayet, today questioned the validity of a Transvaal Indian Congress statement which claimed no tri-cameral Parliament candidate had a history of community service.

Mr. Mayet, standing in the Central Rand constituency, was reacting to a TIC statement which said the recently nominated candidates for the House of Delegates had a history of working with "puppet" Government fronts. The statement added that none had a history of community service.

"I was deeply hurt by the remarks made by Mr. Cassim Saloojee (TIC press officer). They are untrue and I am best qualified to prove them wrong," Mr. Mayet said.

He pointed out that he was the second-longest serving member of the Indian Social Welfare Society and held an executive position on the organisation's board at the time Mr. Saloojee first joined.

"Mr. Saloojee came to me to intervene on his behalf when he encountered problems with a Government body," Mr. Mayet added.

He said that he was presently a member of the South African Welfare Council and alleged Mr. Saloojee and the TIC were embarking on a campaign to belligerently those who had chosen a different path.

(Trip Up: G. van Staden, 43 Gower Street, Johannesburg) - J..J.

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See jobs.4. Work section.
Rival election parties agree: We think alike

By ANTON HARBER
Political Reporter

THERE are no policy differences between the two main parties fighting for election to the (Indian) House of Delegates.

Mr J N Reddy, the leader of Solidarity, and Mr Amichand Ramji, leader of the National People's Party (NPP), both said yesterday that they had no policy differences.

Mr Reddy said the only difference was that Solidarity had more experience in leading the community, while Mr Ramji said his party took a stronger stand on many issues.

"For example, a Solidarity leader last week praised the Broadband at a public meeting. Need I say more?" he asked.

The NPP is the ruling body in the South African Indian Council (SAIC), while Solidarity was formed specifically to fight this month's elections, although many of its leaders have been members of the SAIC or the President's Council.

Outside these two parties, almost all the other candidates for the 40 seats are standing as Independents. The three other participating parties have put up only a handful of candidates.

Of the 166 candidates, 77 are Independents.

Both Mr Reddy and Mr Ramji said yesterday they could see no role for Independents in the new parliamentary system.

Mr Ramji said he expected some Independents to put up a strong challenge against his candidates. However, they would have no role to play once the parties had settled down in the new Parliament, he said.

Mr Reddy said Independents would have to choose between being lone and powerless voices in Parliament, or crossing the floor to join one of the parties.

He expects a "reasonable" percentage poll in the elections, despite the campaign for a total boycott.

"Our canvassing has shown a good measure of support and there should be a good turnout, provided no major problem arises when voting comes nearer," he said.

Mr Ramji, however, said the parties boycotting the election were spreading "a false fear of trouble" and this was scaring people.

The People's Congress Party's leader in the Transvaal, Mr Les du Preez, yesterday dismissed rumors that some of the candidates in the Indian election were tied to his party in an alliance of Independents.

A number of the Independents are being supported by the Labour Party, which is contesting the coloured elections.

Yesterday, however, neither the party leader, the Rev Allan Hendricks, nor the national secretary, Mr S Peters, could list those supported by their party.

Sapa reports that Mr Boetie Abramjee, Transvaal leader of the NPP, is taking court action to contest the nomination of two of his Rivals in the Lenasia constituency.

He claims that the nomination forms of Mr Ahmed Ismail and Mr Jamall Mohammed were not properly filled in.

Desai's one-man band

Political Reporter

Mr Naushad Ali Desai of Fordsburg is running a one-man campaign as an independent candidate for the House of Delegates, with no campaign workers, no printed pamphlets and no telephone.

However, he is confident of doing better than in the South African Indian Council elections in 1983, when he polled nine votes.

Mr Desai is one of six candidates, including four Independents, in the Central Rand constituency.

He said yesterday that he was running a one-man campaign, although a few of his family members could help him.

He was concentrating on door-to-door campaigning. Asked for a telephone number, he gave the number of his neighbour in Fordsburg.

Mr Desai said yesterday that he was running as an independent because all the parties had chosen other people as candidates.

However, he had no major differences with any of the parties.

He denounced those boycotting the elections, and accused them of offering no alternative but "Marxist chaos".

He said he was confident of doing well because "the people know who is the right man".

Mr Desai has pledged to help get rid of apartheid, to fight military conscription, to get rid of corruption in the allocation of houses and to promote free enterprise.

Mr F W Botha, he said, was "a very broad-minded man with the interests of the man in the street at heart".

(Report by Anton Harber, 171 Main Street, Johannesburg.)
Buthelezi appeals for boycott of elections

Mercury Correspondent
CAPE TOWN—The Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, has called on coloureds and Indians to boycott elections for the new parliament later this month.

In an interview, he said the new constitution was 'an insult to black people', who formed 72 percent of the population.

Chief Buthelezi, who campaigned for a 'No' vote during last year's referendum, said that his position on the boycott of the coloured and Indian elections was similar to that of the United Democratic Front (UDF) and the black consciousness-leaning National Forum (NF).

The support of Chief Buthelezi and his Inkatha movement, which claims almost 1,000,000 voters, has added momentum to the campaign for a boycott of the elections.

To date, no African leader has publicly encouraged coloured and Indian people to go to the polls.

Chief Buthelezi, who said he was pessimistic about the future, particularly because of the white vote in the referendum and the disunity among black people, was perturbed by the belief that the new constitution was positive reform.

He condemned this view both in South Africa and overseas after the State Department in the US and the British embassy had issued statements supporting the Labour Party's decision to participate in the new system.

Chief Buthelezi was also very disappointed that the Press should offer any encouragement of the new constitution.

Blundering

He accepted that some changes would be brought in because of the new constitutional system, but even if they (the coloured and Indian MPs) walked out of the election of the President, they will still go ahead.

Earlier this year, Chief Buthelezi said in his policy speech in the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly that black South Africa was aware of the fact that Prime Minister P W Botha had bought 'a considerable amount of time for the National Party' through the various steps he had taken, but this was 'blundering around in desperate circumstances within the framework of a new constitution'.

He said then that with this 'experiment in politics', South Africa had moved to 'the brink of a total national disaster'.

In the interview, Chief Buthelezi dismissed speculation that he would meet with the Prime Minister in the near future.

He would wait until after the new constitution had been brought into operation before considering any possible meeting with Mr. Botha, because he did not want to appear to give any legitimacy to the new system.
Election officers ‘will go to hospital’

Staff Reporter

PRESIDING officers for special votes will be going as far as hospital beds to enable people to vote in this month’s tri-cameral parliamentary elections.

Special voting for the House of Representatives election opened this week and will extend until two days before the August 22 elections. It is available for those who cannot attend polling stations on election day.

A spokesman for the Department of Internal Affairs said presiding officers for special votes would make their own arrangements with hospitals and old-age homes to take special votes.

A polling station for special votes would be set up in a convenient place such as a foyer at an agreed time.

Those who could walk or be taken by wheelchair or other means, could then vote at the special polling station. Agents of the political parties may be present in the precinct, as they would at polling stations on election day. Voting is secret as in normal polling.

No speeches

And, as on election day, no political speeches or pamphlets would be allowed in special polling stations.

The spokesman said hospitals and old-age homes preferred presiding officers not to go systematically from bed to bed in the case of bedridden patients as this could disrupt wards.

However, a bedridden patient could complete an application form asking for a presiding officer to go to the bedside to enable the patient to vote.

In such cases, the spokesmen said, political parties were asked not to accompany the presiding officer in order to create the minimum disturbance.

(Report by D Breier, 122 St George’s Street, Cape Town.)
Politics of violence a dangerous game

LEON MARSHALL. Argus Political Editor, looks at the current debate on violence

VIOLENCE at political meetings is nothing new.

One need only listen to the tales of older politicians about the things they used to get up to in former times.

But as with most things political, violence at political meetings apparently is a relative concept.

Breaking a chair over your opponent’s head, throwing the guest speaker off the stage as happened to a certain Mr Van der Merwe of the HNP in a Boland town not so many years ago, throwing stones through windows, wresting the microphone from the legitimate holder, or disrupting proceedings when the party which organised the meeting refuses to allow his opponents to elect an “independent” chairman — all this is one thing.

It could be perfectly justifiable, depending on one’s own political grudge of the day. Judging by the way they talk about it, many politicians even regard it as fun.

Of course, there is a darker extension of it, such as when people in pursuit of their ideals start taking up arms or placing bombs under public facilities.

Astonishingly, even today one finds some perfectly enlightened Nationalists who are utterly condemnatory of violence perpetrated by others but who find justification for such actions perpetrated by their kin during the First and Second World War.

Which serves once more to illustrate what a relative, infinitely complex and undefinable thing this kind of violence is.

Most often it is a matter adjudged politically rather than morally.

In the present coloured political campaign, the question of violence has advanced to the point almost of becoming a central issue.

On the one hand it is demanded, with great emphasis and indignation, that violence be condemned outright by leaders of the non-participation camp, most notably Dr Allan Boesak.

It is done not only by direct opponents in the election, but by all and sundry who are supposed to be sitting in the audience — there not being a few among them who might have a chuckle or two about their own reminiscences of times gone by.

On the other hand, instead of answering challenges, counter-challenges are made about “institutionalised” violence, such as perpetrated under the apartheid and security laws. These, in turn, are met by deafening silence.

It seems everybody is trying to be on the side of the angels when it comes to issuing challenges on this issue. It is a different matter when it comes to answering charges.

Rather than condemning violence per se, it has become a matter laden with political motives.

Disruptive tactics seem to have become very much a part of the strategies of those opposing and those advocating participation in the new scheme. The dividing line between such disruptive tactics and violence is a thin one.

Indeed, it says something about the state of South African politics that it has become so blurred, to the extent of becoming the subject of political controversy.

Rather than seeking condemnation of violence, the purpose seems to be to trap opponents into compromising admissions.

Patrons of the UDF can hardly, in response to the kind of charges being put, condemn violent actions without these being interpreted as compromising admissions that their supporters have been guilty of violence.

Neither can the other side respond sympathetically to the counter-charges of “institutionalised” violence without the implied admission that such violence is indeed being perpetuated.

Some might say it is simply a matter of how politics works. But when a volatile and important issue such as violence becomes a subject for political point-scoring rather than genuine concern, it reflects ominously on the priorities of the participants.
Fewer on roll than for CRC — finding

Staff Reporter

RELATIVELY fewer coloured voters are registered for this month’s parliamentary elections than were registered for the first Coloured Persons’ Representative Council elections in 1969.

This is one of the conclusions reached by Mr Ebrahim Patel, a researcher at the Southern African Labour and Development Research Unit (Saldu) at the University of Cape Town.

Mr Patel found that in 1969 there were 657,337 coloured voters registered, amounting to 75.6 percent of eligible voters.

60 PERCENT

This year the Government reported 997,106 registered voters. According to the State, this is 60 percent of eligible voters, but Mr Patel concluded the true registration percentage was 58 percent.

This was because he believed the State’s estimate of potential voters was between 60,000 and 76,000 below the true figure.

Mr Patel also found that relatively few new voters registered specifically for the August 22 elections.

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He found that only 231,423 new voters registered for the election in addition to those who were previously registered for CRC elections.

This was only 26 percent of registered voters to date and 15 percent of eligible voters, he added.

“A large proportion of the 997,106 registered voters would thus be those who registered without the ‘incentive’ of the new deal clearly in mind.

Mr Patel estimated that 647,000 eligible voters had not registered to vote.

He said that if the State were to claim a mandate from the election, at least 59 percent of eligible coloured people should vote.

(Report by D. Breier, 122 St. George’s Street, Cape Town.)
Indians to spend R1 m on campaigns

Mercury Reporter

CANDIDATES for the House of Delegates were set to pour more than R1 000 000 into campaigns and canvassing, a survey showed yesterday.

It has been estimated it will cost the 167 hopefuls an average of R6 000, including printing of election posters and manifestos and advertising, by the time campaigning ended.

For some, finding the money seems no problem, but for many of the independents it is going to be an uphill battle to keep pace.

Interviews revealed that some might call it a day in frustration before the August 28 polling.

One candidate standing as an independent has had his photographs reproduced in full colour on more than 10 000 glossy pamphlets and 500 glossy posters the size of a broadsheet newspaper page.

Some candidates have already spent more than R1 000 each on postage stamps on their first letters of introduction to voters.

A random selection of manifestos makes varied reading.

An independent candidate says in his election plea to voters:

"Whereas I believe we should be as productive as the earth and as generous as the ocean, and whereas I believe our

good deeds should be permeating on to all humanity as the rays of the sun; now therefore I, conscious of my responsibilit

y before our Creator and dedicated to the preservation of divine values, do hereby seek your kind support for my candidature."

Another independent candidate's family members possess 'high integrity and are clearly of leadership material', says his manifesto.

Greetings

It says the candidate is committed to undivided loyalty to South Africa and, among other things, he will aim to eliminate all forms of unnecessary Government interference which impedes economic development.

Voters in another constituency have been urged in a manifesto to be inspired by the old adage, 'Seek and ye shall find, ask and thou shalt receive, and knock and the door shall open.'

Conveying his 'humble greetings' to voters in his electoral division, an independent candidate says in his opinion it will be a 'serious error' to disregard the new constitu

tion in spite of any shortcomings.

"Let us use it to improve the lifestyle of our community and also to protect the dignity and human rights of all South Africans," he says, adding he has decided to stand for Parliament after taking these things into account.

The new constitution says yet another hopeful, allows for the creation of a South Africa in which Indians will be able to thrive and make the future safe for their children.

Another independent says Indians not only 'wallow in racism' but are also clanish, sectional and class-conscious.

'We are also equal oppressors of the Black man,' he says in his message to voters.

(Report by Ndubiso N. Mzimba, 28/8/84, Durban)
Joint meeting to promote boycott

Staff Reporter

IN a move that could further strengthen the election boycott, rival anti-Government groups have organised a joint public meeting in Cape Town on Monday to promote the boycott campaign.

The move has been kept strictly under wraps for the past few days for fear of antagonising delicate negotiations between the groups, including various independent trade unions.

The most significant development is that the United Democratic Front (UDF) and the Cape Action League (CAL), a member of the National Forum, are participating in the meeting.

As there are still important ideological disputes between the UDF and CAL, their move to organise a joint meeting represents a burying of differences for the sake of promoting their common aim of boycotting the election.

The trade unions have acted as a catalyst to bring the UDF and CAL together. The meeting, while open to the public, will be promoted largely as a workers' meeting to urge a boycott of the tri-cameral Parliament elections later this month.

Trade unions involved include various bodies affiliated to the Federation of South African Trade Unions as well as the General Workers' Union and the Food and Canning Workers' Union.

The differences between the UDF and CAL are far-reaching. The UDF is an alliance of many groups devoted to its ideal of democracy for South Africa, while CAL regards itself as a working-class body.

The meeting is to take place at 7:30 pm at Fun City in Athlone on Monday.

(Report by B Breier, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town.)

Man jailed for killing stepson

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sentence because of a number of extenuating factors.

The judge said there was evidence that Nagel had an immature personality, but was not a life-long criminal. He had made a start on reforming himself and that he had shown remorse.

Nagel had lost his job at a mine because he had been smoking dagga. Thereafter he was unable to keep a job for longer than three months.

The judge said Nagel was unemployed when the child was murdered.

To run away from his problems, Nagel sought refuge in alcohol and a cough mixture which had a drug-like effect on him. This habit played a role in the building up of the tension leading to the murder.

"The punishment is too lenient. He deserves a longer sentence," said a tearful Mrs Terry Nagel, Byron's mother.

Mrs Nagel, who did not attend the final hearing, but waited nervously outside the court room this morning, said she blamed herself for not having been at home on that fateful afternoon in November last year.

"I feel so guilty — almost as though I killed Byron myself," the attractive brown-eyed mother said.

"I never noticed any bruises on his little body because the maid bathed and dressed him and I always saw Byron wearing clothes.

"I am also left with the thought that had I been at home at the time all this may never have happened.

"Initially I felt sorry for Corrie, but when I found out during the trial that he had beaten the child then calmly brushed his teeth and made a cup of tea before returning to bash him, I felt sick.

"What sort of a man does that for eight months? I was in the dark about what happened because Corrie never told me the truth."
'No differences between Labour, Nats' — PCP

By DAVID BREIER
Staff Reporter

THERE were no differences between the Labour Party and the National Party. Mr Peter Marais, leader of the People's Congress Party, told a rowdy PCP meeting in Atlantis.

Mr Marais said the communications company Communist had advised both the LP and the NP, "Can there be any differences between them?" he asked last night.

He said white people who contributed to LP funds wanted something in return.

"What has Allan Hendrickse got to sell but you?" he asked the audience.

The PCP was "the poor man's party" and used its own money.

Mr Marais said the time had come for coloured people to "stop laughing" and to become a fighting people.

"Instead of playing sport, young children must learn to become politicians so that they know right from wrong.

"Give us equal opportunities and we will prove there is no race or nation we need to fear and we can fetch for.

Replied to people who asked him a racist be said: "I am the product of a mixed marriage myself. How can I be a racist?"

Supporters of the People's Congress Party applaud a speaker at last night's noisy meeting in Atlantis.

Black people called themselves Africans and whites called themselves Afrikaners. "We are the only South Africans," he said.

Mr Marais said it was necessary to change white attitudes and laws.

"If they open the beaches so that you can swim with him, the white man will get in to his car and go away — which will be an insult to you.

"If you sit on a bench next to him he will get up and leave. He will look at you like something the dog brought in."

"White man, you must change or you will lose everything you have in the end," he said.

He said the white man in Parliament might have his feet "on the brakes and on the petrol, but my hand will be on the steering wheel. I will make sure that he goes in the direction away from apartheid."

Referring to his controversial stance on the Mixed Marriages Act and Section 16 of the Immorality Act, he said the Group Areas and Separate Amenities Acts had to be repealed first.

Only then could mixed couples live in the same house and enjoy the same amenities.

Mr Abe Croutz, PCP candidate in Mamel, which includes the Atlantis area, said that housing subsidies for civil servants should be abolished. This would teach them what it was like to pay rent. He said civil servants earned more than enough.

(Report by D Breier, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)

Chaos as hecklers disrupt election meeting

Staff Reporter
SUPPORTERS of the Labour Party and the United Democratic Front disrupted an election meeting of the People's Congress Party in Atlantis last night.

PCP leader Mr Peter Marais, speaking without the aid of a microphone, struggled to be heard above the uproar created by LP and UDF supporters. The meeting was attended by about 100 people.

As the pandemonium grew worse Mr Marais cut short his speech to accommodate questions.

But with PCP, LP and UDF supporters bellowing at each other, it became almost impossible to hear questions or answers, and the meeting ended in chaos.

Even the closing prayer by Mr J Delport, PCP candidate in Manenberg, was interrupted by hecklers.

There was, however, no violence at the meeting and police did not appear.

The PCP made no attempt to restrict attendance at the meeting, unlike last week's chaotic LP meeting in Bishop Lavis when the LP tried to keep out demonstrators.

Mr Marais described the behaviour of those disrupting his meeting as "vandalism". He blamed the LP primarily.

Mr Marais arrived an hour late for the meeting, which was supposed to have started at 8pm.

(Report by D Breier, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)
Boycott lobby also at odds

UNDERSTANDING this month’s tri-cameral parliament elections is simple, as any SABC TV viewer knows. On one side there are the parties standing for election, and on the other, the United Democratic Front boycotting the election. Right?

Wrong. Nothing in South Africa is ever so simple.

Not only is there intrigue and dissent among parties taking part in the system; there are differences between those boycotting the election.

The only thing the election candidates seem to agree on is that they want everybody to vote — for them. The only thing the boycotters can reach full agreement on is that they want nobody to vote.

The dissension in the “far left” rivals the split in Afrikanerdom. If Nationalists, Conservatives and Hereditaries can squabble among themselves, why can’t UDF, the Cape Action League (CAL) and Azapo?

But last year’s white referendum united the verkrampies. This month’s elections could weld the various factions on the left into a united boycott movement. They have gone so far as to organise a joint meeting next week.

One of the by-products of the new constitution seems to be the marshalling of forces both to the left and right of the Government.

Government flak against the boycott is aimed at the UDF for the good reason that it is the biggest.

The UDF adopts no hardline ideology. It welcomes anybody who is prepared to struggle against apartheid and who stands for democracy in the form of one-man-one-vote in a unitary state.

CAL, on the other hand, excludes “liberal organisations”. It takes a hardline “working class” stand. It is avowedly non-racial.

The Azanian People’s Organisation (Azapo) still upholds black consciousness. This is necessary to free blacks from a slave mentality, it believes.

Both CAL and Azapo take part in the National Forum, the rival grouping to the UDF.

Then there are the independent trade unions which belong to none of these groupings but which also urge a boycott.

So you think all this is complicated? Wait until some Einstein comes along to explain why the Labour Party, the People’s Congress Party, the Freedom Party and the Reformed Freedom Party hate each other. Not to mention the five Indian parties.

Some fish get away

Special voting for the House of Representatives elections has begun, and for some more energetic election candidates, this represents open season for voters. The latter are being hauled in by the hundreds as parties bid to take an early election lead.

Special votes are only for those who cannot make it to the polls on election day. But, as is the way of South African politics, some parties have been known to become carried away.

The other day a man noticed a group of people outside the magistrate court. He found they had been roped in by a certain political party to cast special votes.

They looked neither too old nor too ill to make it to the polls under their own steam on August 22. Being an organiser for a rival party, he pointed this out to the presiding officer for special votes who agreed and disqualified the special vote applications.

Maybe those fish got away. But there are plenty more in the ocean.

(Report by D Breier, 122 St George’s Street, Cape Town.)
By ANTON HARBER
Political Reporter

The Transvaal Indian Congress, campaigning for a boycott of the August elections, has accused the South African Police of trying to intimidate people into staying away from its meetings.

This follows the arrival of eight vanloads of policemen at a hall in Laudium where a small TIC meeting was to be held on Wednesday night.

Mr. Cassim Saloojee, a TIC spokesman, said scores of policemen surrounded the hall in White Block, Laudium.

The meeting was cancelled because of the "massive" police presence.

Mr. Saloojee said the TIC viewed the police presence as a blatant attempt to intimidate people and force them to stay away from the TIC.

It showed that the Government was not prepared to tolerate the true voice of opposition in South Africa.

The Government had shown once again that the only answer they had to democratic opposition was police repression.

They dared not allow free debate on the new constitution because they knew "our people will see through the farce," Mr. Saloojee said.

The public relations division of the SAP said on Thursday police attended such meetings to protect democratic organisations.

Police would take the necessary steps to ensure that no infringement of the law took place at meetings.

"People who want to disrupt lawful meetings through intimidation or violence will suffer the consequences. "The SAP will not tolerate such behaviour and will take the necessary steps to ensure that law-abiding citizens are free to exercise their democratic rights at meetings," it said.

[Report by Anton Harper, 171 Main Street, Johannesburg]
To boycott or spoil ballots?

ANTI-New Deal groups are calling for a boycott of elections for the new three-chamber parliament — but what will a boycott prove?

With "intimidation" and "violence" being blamed in advance for scaring people from supporting the New Deal, it's quite likely that this could be used as an excuse if few people turn up.

But what is a few? Ten percent of the voters? 30 percent? 50 percent? And what will it prove anyway?

"We've got nothing to prove," says one of the leading anti-New Deal campaigners, Dr Allan Boesak. There was growing support for the anti-election movement anyway, he added, pointing to the way the "anti" organisation like the United Democratic Front keeps growing.

RESISTANCE

But it was crucial to the Government, he said, to prove that they have a large enough body of people behind them.

"This parliament will only work if we as a community will let it work.

"But I don't think the Government foresaw the extent of resistance to it.

"We are hoping that enough people will stay away that even the Government will have to admit it does not have the backing of the majority."

In an intriguing alternative to the boycott call, a candidate for the Indian House of Delegates has suggested the spoilt ballot.

Mr Ismail Mayet, an independent candidate, says that the UDF, the National Forum and the trade unions have to prove the boycott support they claimed actually existed.

Now some may recall the editor of Frontline magazine, Denis Beckett, making a similar suggestion at the time of the white referendum last year.

ABSTAINING

This option is something like abstaining when a vote is called for. The question, posed in the referendum — along the lines of "Do you support the Government's New Deal?" — was so vague that a straight Yes or No wouldn't necessarily express an opinion.

Yes could have been interpreted as "yes, go on with the reform process" or "yes, I support apartheid" and No could have been interpreted as "no, I don't support apartheid" or "no, stop this reform."

Now in any election, ballot papers are spilt by mistake — people making two crosses instead of one, perhaps.

But it was argued that a significant number of spoilt papers, more than the average, would mean that people were actually making a statement: that they disagreed with whatever choices were presented.
THE NG Sendingkerk (NGSK) has recommended that members be guided by their "consciences and prayer" in deciding whether or not to vote in the elections for the House of Representatives on August 22.

The NGSK is a sister church of the white NG Kerk, and the recommendation to members comes despite a decision by the Church's General Synodical Commission in March last year to reject the proposed constitution.

The church's neutral position is seen as a compromise between two factions in the leadership, which is split down the middle on the new constitution.

The moderator of the Church, Rev. J. L. A. Ment, a conservative, has echoed the white NGK viewpoint — as demonstrated in the referendum last year — that the church should not give explicit guidance to its members on whether or which way to vote.

He is opposed by the Asessor of the NGSK, Dr. Allan Boesak, and the actuary of the Church, Rev. N. A. Appol, who believe church members should boycott the elections.

STATEMENT

In a statement last week, the Moderamen (executive committee) of the church said: "We request church members to ask for God's guidance with regard to the elections on August 22.

You are requested to make your own choice through your conscience and through your prayers, when you decide to vote or not.

"We also urge you to bear in mind the decision of the General Synodical Commission in March 1983 that the new constitution should be rejected."

The Belyende Kring — a non-racial movement within the NG churches, has also declared its opposition to the new constitutional proposals.

Allan Boesak — doesn't support the New Deal.
Solidarity lashes poll boycott policy

Mercury Reporter

SOLIDARITY yesterday lashed out at the Natal Indian Congress, predicting its campaign for boycott of elections for the House of Delegates later this month would not only fail, but would also bring its downfall.

Lawyer Ismail Omar, chairman of Solidarity's membership and organisations committee, said his party was convinced the percentage poll on August 28 would be so high that many congress campaigners would hang their heads in shame.

Approached for comment last night, NIC president George Sewpaul said campaigns and canvassing showed the congress was growing stronger and he had no doubt there would be a massive stayaway.

The Indian community is not going to be misled into believing the tri-cameral parliament is going to solve any problems by candidates who want to become politicians in the light of the R4 000 a month salary MPs will be getting.

'Solidarity has yet to explain why it has not pressed for a referendum among Indians so that the community's views would have been first tested on the called new constitution,' he said.

Mr Omar said in a statement released yesterday: 'The way the NIC is scratching the bottom of the barrel in order to denigrate Solidarity is an indication it is fighting a losing battle in its campaign for boycott.

'It is evident by the viciousness with which it attacks Solidarity and the way it attacks the National People's Party -- which is also taking part in the elections -- with kid gloves, it regards Solidarity as the real threat to becoming the true representatives of the Indian people,' he said.

Extinct

'I stand by my predictions made publicly in Stanger that polls in the coming elections will be substantially higher than the South African Indian Council's eight percent poll in 1981,' Mr Omar said.

'I also predict the NIC will become extinct as an organisation in the same way as the Congress Alliance and Unity Movement of bygone days which had also adopted the boycott strategy.'

He added: 'The NIC, a self-appointed body, has no mandate from the people nor does it have the guts to go to them to test its support. Solidarity is going direct to the people in the polls on August 28.'

(Report by N Bissetty, 12 Devonshire Place, Durban)
Soccer chief snubs Labour man

Soccer "exile" and Parliamentary candidate Harold Ross was snubbed by the Western Province's Football Board chief, Abe Adams, on Saturday - because of his management committee and Labour Party connections.

Ross's family has been linked with the Western Province Football Association (affiliated to the WP Board) for more than 40 years, and Ross himself was a life member of the association until recently.

But he is also the chairman of the Kensington Management Committee and is Labour candidate for Rietvlei in the upcoming elections.

Because of this involvement, the Western Province Board recently ordered the Kensington union to cancel Ross's membership - and told his club, Manchester United, to wipe his name off their letterheads.

On Saturday, Ross - still sporting his union's life membership badge and tie, was at the Royal Road grounds in Kensington to join in the union's 80th anniversary celebrations, when WP Board chairman Abe Adams refused to acknowledge his welcoming handshake.

DEBATE

When Adams addressed the crowd later, he issued a challenge to Ross: "I am prepared to meet Ross on any public platform to debate his political views."

While there was applause for Adams, a section of the crowd jeered.

Ross commented: "When we had problems getting playing fields in the '70s, and saw many of our members removed through the Group Areas Act, I stuck out my neck by joining the Management Committee to fight our battles."

"Since then, everybody has been saying how happy they are with my efforts."

"That's why I said to Adams on Saturday: 'You come to the field we have worked for - yet you won't take my hand.'"

"So they say I can't be a life member of my union. I've played soccer for the union. I helped to start up Manchester United, and I've been a senior referee."

Mr Ross's mother and father were officials of the Manchester United club too.

"I haven't brought the game into disrepute," he said.

Yet along come people who haven't ever played soccer and they can tell me what to do."

(News by A J Dunae at 122 St George's Street, Cape Town.)

HAROLD Ross ... snubbed by Board chairman Adams.

ABE Adams - "I'll fight you on a public platform anytime."
Coloureds a political football — Booyisen

IN the Freedom Party's first major appearance since nomination day, Mr. Arthur Booyisen, the party leader, said that the coloured population of South Africa is the 'playground of black and white leaders who use the community to further their own political ambitions'.

Mr. Booyisen, House of Representatives candidate, advocating a boycott of the Bosmont constituency in this month's coloured elections, opened his party's campaign at a public meeting attended by about 45 people — including 10 journalists and two policemen.

Included in the count were about 15 United Democratic Front National Forum supporters. Booyisen added that his party was not going to take part in the new system to break apartheid down or force changes from within.

"We are going into Parliament to give it a try," he said.

"You have a vote," he told the meeting. "Use it, because if the intimidators who kept so many people away from this hall today have their way, it will lead to chaos and bloodshed!"

He said that the Labour Party's one-man, one-vote policy would not work either. (Report by G. van Staden, Pretoria.)
Six years ago Dr Connie Mulder, former Minister of Information and contender for the Prime Ministership, lost the battle for power against Mr P W Botha. It started a dramatic political battle for control, with the President’s Council and maybe next year to Parliament...

Connie Mulder
7-year itch

By FRANS ESTHERHUYSE,
Weekend Argus Political Staff

IT has been a rough and lonely road for Dr Connie Mulder to come to the conclusion of his imminent return to the mainstream of politics promises to be but the start of a new era in his turbulent political career.

His nomination by the Conservative Party to the new President’s Council may prove to be a stepping-stone towards a direct confrontation with his accusers and political executioners.

Dr Mulder made it clear in an interview this week that he is still itching to get back to Parliament.

He said Parliament was his first choice and if a suitable vacancy occurred he would go for it — even if it meant resigning from the President’s Council.

He was not worried about threats of Parliamentary action against him for his doings at the time of the Information affair. He would welcome a select committee investigation as called for by the official Opposition at that time.

“It would give me an opportunity to give the real facts and to clarify the position of a few other people.”

Past actions

Dr Mulder said, however, he believed no Parliamentary action could take against him if elected to Parliament in the future.

In that event he would be elected by an electorate which would take all the circumstances into account and still elect him. Any Parliamentary action for his past actions would not be valid.

During this week’s interview Dr Mulder was enthusiastic about his new role after his nomination for the President’s Council. He said he was glad to get back into active politics — even though he believed the new constitutional system could not work.

On the march

He believed rightwing politics was on the march in South Africa. This had been shown by the recent Rosettenville and Potgietersrus provincial by-elections and was borne out by conversations he had with prominent Nationalist politicians who were disenchanted with the Government, Dr Mulder said.

The former Minister of Information has come a long way since his fall from political grace.

He has made his way against the full blast of the National Party’s formidable propaganda machine run by his former political colleagues in that party.

He has faced scorn, ridicule and denial from those who once hailed him as the crown prince of Nationalist politics.

This was the price he had to pay for his failure at the crucial moment of the premiership election in September 1978 to seize the reins of power.

He missed becoming Prime Minister by only a few votes — six to be exact.

From that fateful moment Dr Mulder’s political downfall was swift and dramatic. He lost his Cabinet position, his powerful Transvaal Nationalist leadership position, and his seat in Parliament.

Finally he had to relinquish his membership of the National Party, the very vehicle which had brought him so close to the heights of power.

Rejected and alone

After that Dr Mulder was rejected and alone. He had virtually been driven into the political wilderness.

Ironically, the request to Dr Mulder to resign his seat in Parliament came from his former Cabinet colleague and triumphant opponent in the 1978 premiership election — Mr P W Botha.

In a courteously-worded letter starting with “Dear friend”, Prime Minister Botha wrote: “But you will have to accept that your continued presence as a member of Parliament is not in the best interests of yourself, of the party, or of South Africa.”

Nasty reminders

It was the Information scandal which had thrown Dr Mulder’s political career into turmoil — and even today he labour under continuing reprisals and nasty reminders of the affair.

Not long after his rejection by the Government and the NP, Dr Mulder began picking up the pieces of his shattered political career.

He launched a right-wing National Conservative Party which later joined forces with Dr Andries Treurnicht in the present Conservative Party.

(Report by F S Esterhuyse, 122 St George’s Street, Cape Town)
The parties speak out

Some say: The new deal will lead to violence. Others say: It will solve our problems.

AUGUST ELECTIONS: The men and issues at the heart of the coloured and Indian political fight.

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A Recipe for Change

Only
The page contains comic-style illustrations and text, making it difficult to accurately transcribe. However, some key points can be discerned:

- The text mentions a situation where a boy encounters a problem and decides to use a non-violent approach.
- There is a reference to a local community meeting to address an issue.
- A statement about supporting local business and boycotting non-local products is present.
- The text also discusses voting and the importance of peaceful change.

Due to the nature of the content, a precise transcription is not possible.
It is clear that the prospects of success as is evidenced by the signatories of the accord have been compromised by the fact that the new committee that has been established has not made a serious effort to address the concerns of the community.

The NNP believes that its decision to try to negotiate a new constitutional settlement is the best way to ensure that the process of reconciliation and the restoration of democracy will not be undermined by the lack of a clear path forward. It also believes that the new committee's failure to address the concerns of the community is a major obstacle to the success of the accord.

The NNP is convinced that the only way to ensure the success of the accord is to hold talks with all stakeholders, including the new committee, to ensure that the concerns of the community are addressed. It believes that without the participation of the community, the prospects of success will be diminished.
SA’s future in my hands — claim

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Acting Magistrate Nel banned 13 other organisations called by the UDF and 13 other organisations for 48 hours last week.

By BENITO PHILLIPS

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Mr Hendricks said people should be allowed to make up their own minds about the election.

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Report by Mono Badea, 62 Eloff Street Extension, Johannesburg
WHO'S FOOLING WHOM?

Labour's dilemma:

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Personal affairs.""
Issues dividing coloured parties
LP is cocking a snook at Act

Coloured MPs may live in white suburb

By Brian Potter
Do not turn oppressor, TIC warns meeting

By Gary van Staden, Political Staff

People who do not vote in the tricameral elections this month will not be prosecuted, a Johannesburg attorney Mrs Priscilla Jana told about 200 people at a Coronationville meeting yesterday.

She said it was a democratic right to stay away from polling booths and no one could be proscribed. Many people have not understood that there is no difference between registration, which is compulsory, and voting, which is not.

Mrs Jana told the Transvaal Anti-President's Council meeting that, although conscription was not yet law, "it is the inevitable price our children (will) pay for the implementation of the new constitution".

The World Alliance of Reformed Churches leader, the Rev Allan Boesak, said the constitution would work "only if we give it our co-operation. But it does not mean our obedience and our loyalty".

He said the Government had the money, the military power and the ability to manipulate the media to put the constitution into effect, "but one thing it does not have is our co-operation".

And the chairman of Muslims Against Oppression, Mr M F Esack, said Muslim leadership across the country had agreed that participation in the elections, whether by standing as a candidate or voting, was an act of "haraam" which was something prohibited by the Muslim faith.

(Report by M Tisong, 47 Sauer Street, Johannesburg.)

People don't support the constitution'

By Gary van Staden, Political Staff

The new constitution did not have the support of the people; Transvaal Indian Congress president Mr Essop Jassat said yesterday.

Mr Jassat was one of the speakers at an anti-tricameral election meeting in Lenasia called by the TIC to help generate support for their boycott campaign.

He told about 500 people in Lenasia that the new constitution was "totally racist" and an attempt by the Government to now discard among Indians and coloureds.

"The National Party controlled President's Council dreamt up this constitution and it was approved by the white electorate in a referendum. At no stage were we consulted so it can't possibly have the support of the people,"

Mr Jassat said said that those people who claimed they were going to participate in order to dismantle apartheid were not telling the truth.

"Before they take their seats in the new tricameral Parliament they have to swear an oath to protect the South African Republic and its constitution. How can they take such an oath and then expect us to believe they are going to dismantle apartheid?"

Mr Jassat said that participating candidates demanded an alternative to participation.

"The alternative is the Freedom Charter," he said.

(Report by G van Staden, 47 Sauer Street, Johannesburg.)

Nusas sides with boycott

By G van Staden, Political Staff

The National Union of South African Students (Nusas) has expressed solidarity with the groups fighting for a boycott of this month's elections for the tricameral Parliament.

A student yesterday read out a statement from Nusas at an anti-election meeting in Lenasia.

"We wish to express our solidarity with your fight against the bogus new constitution," the statement said. "We reject as absurd any notion that the new constitution and the tricameral Parliament can advance the cause of coloureds and Indians," the speaker added.

(Report by G van Staden, 47 Sauer Street, Johannesburg.)
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Mamre: LP v PCP in grudge fight

MAMRE is the scene of a grudge fight between the Labour Party and a former party member now standing for the People's Congress Party.

The LP candidate is Mr Abe Williams, 42, secretary of the SA Rugby Federation, who was a school principal.

Although he lives outside the Mamre constituency, he was born in Saldanha, which falls in the constituency, and owns property there. He is chairman of the local Swartland Rugby Union.

He was nominated by the LP to fight the seat, much to the consternation of local party man Mr Abe Croutz, 41, a personnel administrator.

Mr Croutz left the LP and is standing for the PCP in a straight fight with the LP.

He is a past chairman of the Atlantis Management Committee and a former deputy chairman of the Wesfleur Hospital board.

There are 15,233 registered voters and the population ranges from the urbanised working class communities of Atlantis and historic Mamre, to fishing and rural communities. It includes Darling, Hopefield, Vredenburg, Langebaan, Paternoster and Saldanha.

(Report by D Breurz, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town.)
PCP man 'wrongfully dismissed' — manager

Staff Reporter

MR John Kennedy, national organiser of the People's Congress Party, had been "wrongly dismissed" and would be reinstated, the joint manager of Lewis Stores, Mr AJ Smart, said today.

Last week a hand-written note dismissing Mr Kennedy, a salesman at the Wynberg branch of Lewis Stores, was delivered to his home.

Mr Kennedy is standing for the house of representatives in Mitchell's Plain and, he said, he was under the impression he was being sacked because of his political activities.

But today Mr Smart gave an assurance that Mr Kennedy's involvement in politics was not at issue.

"Mr Kennedy is a top salesman and I heard about his dismissal only on Friday. It is very embarrassing," said Mr Smart.

"I can honestly say that Mr Kennedy's political activities had nothing to do with his dismissal."

"He was dismissed by a relatively junior person whose only consideration was the fact that he had not been to work for 20 days in July.

"I could not reach Mr Kennedy by telephone on Friday, but sent a telegram to his home."

Mr Kennedy said the telegram read: "Would you kindly ring me at your convenience regarding re-employment at Lewis?"

Mr Smart said Mr Kennedy would not be told 'to choose between politics and being a salesman'.

"What Mr Kennedy does in his spare time has nothing to do with us," he said.

Mr Kennedy said today that he had arranged to meet Mr Smart on Wednesday.

"I am party national organiser and a candidate; I can't campaign and work at the same time and will apply for leave when I go back to work," he said.

(Report by H Ludski, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)
Candidate's social concern

Staff Reporter

KENSINGTON businessman Mr Cecil Britain, 53, is standing as an independent candidate for the Riebeek constituency in the elections for the House of Representatives.

Mr Britain has lived in Kensington since 1950 and says he is well known in the area, particularly because of his intensive community work and his spell on the Kensington Management Committee from 1979 to 1983.

He and his wife have three daughters, aged 17, 22 and 26. He has over the past 20 years had a transport business and a printing works and at present has a car and truck sales business.

His community work includes being a church youth leader, and often he has young people drifting in and out of his home. With his wife, he takes them on hikes, mountaineering and camping.

First-aid and home nursing

Making his vehicles available for soup kitchens, meals on wheels and outings for the elderly is also part of his social concern.

Mr Britain's involvement in community life and upliftment started when he was a young man and took up first-aid and home nursing. He used to give first-aid at hospitals and police stations. He was also a part-time ambulance driver.

He believes that from his experience in obtaining some facilities for Kensington ratepayers, through the Management Committee, he can achieve even more for people of colour through negotiation within the framework of the new tricameral system.

Better housing, better wages and social upliftment are key words in the programme he would like to achieve through the House of Representatives.

Mr Britain will be opposed by Mr H F Ross (LP), Mr S A W Fester (PCP) and Mr B F J Sitmons (Ind).

(Report by Noel Bruyns, 77 Burg Street, Cape Town.)
Dispensation slammed

SOWETAN REPORTER

THE new constitutional dispensation was an attempt by the Government to entrench further the policy of separate development in South Africa.

This was said by speakers at a rally organised by the Northern Transvaal region of the Azanian People’s Organisation (Azapo) at Phodisaditshaba Lutheran Church, Soshago township at the weekend.

The rally was aimed at urging the coloureds and Indians not to vote in the forthcoming elections.

Guest speaker, Mr L T D Molala, a former political detainee, citing starvation wages, rent increases and poverty in the rural areas as forms of covert violence.

Mr Muntu Myeza, Azapo’s publicity secretary, said that determination, dedication and commitment are the key words towards the realisation of “our goal of liberation”.

Community

“There is always some exceptions in the white community who are committed to the cause of liberation struggle, but exception always tests the rule and it is then that you will prove that those exceptions can only fight within their own community,” Mr Myeza said.

Poet, Don Mattera, said that the black consciousness philosophy “cleans our souls, by doing it, it is instilling a sense of self-reliance and confidence.”

He further said: “We must be free of fear and be on our own as a black community.”

Mr Mattera also staged a drama and read poems.

The branches represented at the rally were Phalaborwa, Tzaneen and Mahwelieng. The Azanian Students’ Movement was also represented, mostly by Turffloop University students.

The emotionally-charged meeting was often punctuated by chanting of slogans and freedom songs.

News by J Phala, Soshago, Pretoria.
Unions call for boycott

SEVERAL black unregistered trade unions have called on Indian and coloured workers throughout the country to boycott the forthcoming elections.

In a statement read out at a Press conference in Johannesburg, the Joint Union Committee announced that it has called rallies in Hillbrow and Mamelodi on August 11, to mobilise the rejection of the tri-cameral parliamentary system.

The unions are: South African Workers' Union, South African Railways and Harbours Workers' Union, Municipalities and General Workers' Union, the South African Scooter Drivers' and Allied Workers' Union, South African Mine Workers' Union, General and Allied Workers' Union, Routine and Allied Workers' Union, National and General Workers' Union, South African Domestic Workers' Union, African Allied Workers' Union, Amalgamated Black Workers' Union, General Workers' Union of South Africa and Motor Assemblies Companies Workers' Union of South Africa.

The statement reads: "These unions feel that the voice of the workers should be heard for they will again be the ones to bear the brunt of unjust laws. No one has bothered to ask or seek the views of the workers on whom the minority will seek to impose its will and on who, in turn, form the economic backbone of this country.

"We reject this new attempt to crystallise apartheid; with the bantustans even more firmly entrenched on one hand, and the three houses — tri-cameral Parliament — based on colour and ethnicity on the other hand."
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Picture: CHRIS MATUSZEK, The Argus

Mr Patrick Lekota, United Democratic Front publicity secretary, addresses a lively anti-election rally in Athlone.
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Mr Ntetie Gantara, Cape chairman of the National Automobile and Allied Workers Union, a Patau member, said the new deal was "racist, anti-worker and undemocratic".

Mr Able Fortuin, deputy-president of the Federation of Cape Civic Associations, said: "We reject the collaborationists who take part in this constitution."

City advocate Mr A M Omar, who chaired the meeting, said the new deal was a "slave deal" and the new constitution a "slave constitution."

The Rev Allan Hendrickse, the Labour Party leader, wore a priest's collar. "But he wants to put a slave collar on you," he added.

(Report by D Breier, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town.)
Archie Poole contests Belhar for Labour

Staff Reporter

THE Labour Party candidate for Belhar, Mr Archie Poole, was one of only two trade unionists to witness the signing of the Nkomati Accord.

He also monitored labour legislation introduced by Mr Fanie Botha in Parliament in 1979—an exercise which lent him insight into parliamentary procedure.

Mr Poole was general secretary of the Engineering Industrial Workers' Union of South Africa until he was nominated last month to contest the Belhar seat in the election to the House of Representatives.

He intends specialising in trade unionism and workers' rights if he is elected, he says.

At present he is a member of the National Executive of the Trade Union Council of South Africa (Tucsa), is on the Cape Town Harbour Advisory Board, and is vice-chairman of the Belville Trade Training Centre.

He is a member of both the Protevill Technical College Advisory Board and the National Manpower Training Committee for the Metal Industries, and vice-president of the International Metalworkers' Federation SA Council.

Mr Poole, 61, was a founder-member and vice-chairman of the Belhar Ratepayers and Tenants Association.

He is being opposed by two independent candidates, Mr F J Sellidon and Mr S E Wesso.

(Report by Noel Bruyns, 77 Burg Street, Cape Town.)
TIC may act against police

By ANTON HABER
Political Reporter

THE Transvaal Indian Congress (TIC) is considering taking legal action to prevent alleged police intimidation and harassment in Laudium, Pretoria.

They have also accused Mr. Boetie Abramjee, the National People's Party candidate in Laudium, of working with the Security Police in this alleged harassment.

This follows an incident on Sunday night when 14 TIC activists were held briefly for questioning by police in Laudium.

And, according to a TIC spokesman, one of Mr. Abramjee's sons visited the house of a TIC activist on Saturday with two men believed to be local Security Policemen.

On Friday, the house of a young TIC member in Laudium was raided and he was held briefly.

Mr. Abramjee has alleged that many of his posters have been destroyed or defaced, but the TIC has denied any connection with these incidents.

Yesterday, Mr. Abramjee called on the TIC to prove their allegation that he was working hand in hand with the police.

"I am prepared to deny any such allegation. "I have certain interests I have to protect through the assistance of the police, but I have nothing to do with intimidation," he said.

He added that he knew nothing about his son visiting a TIC member with the Security Police.

A police spokesman yesterday said the SAP repudiated the TIC's allegations "as the police do not harass people."

"We do however have certain functions to fulfill and malicious accusations of this nature will not deter us," the spokesman said.

(Report by Anton Haber, 171 Main Street, Johannesburg)
PFP wants coloured members

BY ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

Under the new constitution the Progressive Federal Party would fight for the abolition of legislation which prevented people of colour from becoming members of the party. Dr Van Zyl Slabbert promised his Claremont constituents last night.

The only reason the PFP did not have people of colour as members of the party was the existence of the Political Interference Act — a law the government had hinted it might scrap. The Leader of the Official Opposition told an enthusiastic audience at his annual report-back meeting.

"If this law is scrapped, it is part of the constitution of the PFP that any member of any race is entitled to be a member of the party," he said.

Shared goals

Dr Slabbert also indicated that the PFP would be prepared to collaborate with parties in the coloured and Indian houses that shared his party's goals of a "non-racial and democratic South Africa".

Referring specifically to the Labour Party, Dr Slabbert said it held similar attitudes to the PFP on issues like the scrapping of the Improper Political Interference Act and other laws that upheld racial discrimination.

He emphasized that it would be improper for the PFP to prescribe how the Labour Party should act under the new deal, but indicated that "there is no reason why the PFP should not co-operate with the Labour Party".

Dr Slabbert said the PFP was "excited" that laws like the Improper Political Interference Act, the Immorality Act and the Prohibition of Mixed Marriages Act might be scrapped under the new tricameral system.

Parent law

"But you don't need a new constitution in South Africa to change obnoxious laws," he said.

Furthermore, while the PFP would welcome the scrapping of these laws, their demise would not "shake the foundations of South Africa because their parent law — the Population Registration Act — remains a cornerstone of the new constitution".

Turning to what he termed "the desperate situation of the economy", Dr Slabbert said the government owed citizens answers to two questions:

"First, is it fair for the government to expect consumers to discipline themselves within a domestic budget when it refuses to discipline itself within a national budget.

"Second, is it fair for the government to ask the consumer not to waste personal money on spending sprees when the government is doing precisely the same with public money."
POLICE fired tear-smoke canisters and set dogs on a singing crowd in front of Parkside Hall in East London, where a United Democratic Front rally was being held on Sunday. The incident occurred as people were leaving the hall after the rally organised by the East London Friends of UDF to campaign against the forthcoming elections for the new tri-camera Parliament.

Hundreds of singing and chanting UDF supporters were met by police who dispersed them in front of the hall. "As we were leaving the hall, the police were already waiting outside. They started firing tear-smoke into the crowd and unleashed three dogs. One youngster near me was bitten before we fled," an eyewitness said. — Sapa.
Do not defend apartheid - UDF

PEOPLE who voted in the forthcoming coloured and Indian elections for the new tri-cameral parliament would be helping to defend the apartheid system, United Democratic Front speakers told an anti-election rally in Parkside, East London, yesterday.

The President of the border branch of the UDF, Mr Steve Tshwete, told the 400 to 500 people present the new constitutional deal was "a ploy to recruit soldiers from the ranks of the oppressed to defend apartheid."

Mr Joseph Marks, of the Western Cape branch, said voting in the elections would be saying "yes" to apartheid and inequality. The UDF stood for the building up of South Africa by all its people on the basis of freedom and equality.

The national publicity secretary of the UDF, Mr "Terror" Lekota, said people who wanted to become part of the government were marching against the trend.

He said power would still remain in white hands and those coloureds and Indians who participated would be made responsible for apartheid laws.

Anger

Professor I Mohammed, a member of the UDF executive in the Transvaal, said there was growing anger among people about living conditions, unequal education, increasing prices and inadequate salaries.

He said "waves" of anger were being formed and these waves were "rolling more and more in unity against oppression and exploitation."

Professor Mohammed said those who ruled the country realised they could not continue to rule without extending the basis of their support. This was why they were creating "backyard parliaments" where the participants would always be outvoted. (Report by A Jordan, 33 Caxton Street, East London).
606 cast special votes

Staff Reporter

MORE than 600 Western Cape people have already voted for the House of Representatives election.

Mr Henric Notthoagel, regional representative for the Department of Internal Affairs, said today that in the first week of special voting 606 people had cast special votes. The area covers 43 constituencies.

There is intense activity to collect special votes in urban seats like Bishop Lavis, contested by People's Congress Party leader, Mr Peter Marais, and Mr Nick Isaac, the Labour Party's Peninsula secretary.

(Report by D Breier, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)
**For SA person**

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Drop this nonsensical pretence.

Walter de la Rea, University of London
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Cape Town—The Cape Town Daily News reported that Mr. Peter Marais, leader of the Cape Town Daily News, had called on the government to provide evidence to support its allegations that voters' rolls were being tampered with. The newspaper also reported that a University of Cape Town research team had found that the government's allegations were not supported by evidence. The research team found that the government's allegations were not supported by evidence. The research team found that the government's allegations were not supported by evidence. The research team found that the government's allegations were not supported by evidence.
Election for House of Representatives

A four-way fight

Staff Reporter

IT WILL be a four-way fight with two independent candidates challenging the Labour Party and People's Congress Party in the Rietvlei constituency in the August 22 elections for the House of Representatives.

The number of voters on the voters' roll for the constituency is reported to be 9,518.

The constituency includes Kensington, Factreton, Milnerton, Brooklyn, Paarden Eiland, a small part of Woodstock and Salt River, Ndaseni and Maitland.

Standing for the Labour Party is retired businessman and former factory worker, Mr Harold Phillip Ross, 52, who is serving his third year as chairman of the Kensington Management Committee which he has been involved in since 1978.

Mr Ross, who is married with three children and five grandchildren, successfully stood for Ward 9 in the City Council elections in 1963.

Researcher

The PCP candidate is a Kensington market researcher for management and retail outlets, Mr SAW "Solly" Fester, 51.

Mr Fester, who has two grown-up sons, began his political career 20 years ago as an organiser for candidates in the City Council elections.

He was also a Labour Party organiser in the Coloured Representative Council elections 15 years ago.

The two independent candidates are Mr B J F Simons, 53, and Mr Cecil Britain, 53.

Mr Simons, who is married with five daughters, lives in Kensington and owns a restaurant and hairdressing salon in Maitland.

Mr Simons has been active in "social issues" for the past 10 years.

Transport

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(Report by M C Rowley, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town.)

Map shows the Rietvlei constituency.

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Political Staff
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(Report by F S Esterhayse, 122 St George’s Street, Cape Town).
As the time for the new dispensation approaches...

Housing the politicians is causing a few headaches

By Frans Esterhuysen, Political Staff

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(Report by F E Esterhuysen, 123 St George's Street, Cape Town)

Labour Party expected to control 2 chambers

By Gary van Staden, Political Staff

The Labour Party stands to win control of both new Houses in the tricameral Parliament after this month's elections, the Transvaal leader of the party, Mr Jac Rabie, said yesterday.

Registered as a "coloured" political party but with a "totally non-racial constitution", Labour is the only party with a full list of candidates for the House of Representatives election on August 22.

Its nearest rival, the People's Congress Party, has only 39. A Labour victory is inevitable.

The party also has nine "independents" standing for election to the House of Delegates on August 28 with indications that more "independents" will cross the floor once they have been elected.

"We have nine official Labour Party candidates standing for election on August 28 and others have told me they will join us in Parliament," Mr Rabie said.

With Solidarity and the National People's Party the main rivals for the House of Delegates, it is not inconceivable that Labour "independents" will hold the balance of power in the House.

These "independents" will be able to form an alliance with one of the larger parties on Labour terms.

This would give them effective control of the new Houses in Parliament.

(Report by G van Staden, 123 St George's Street, Johannesburg)
Guards protect posters

Solidarity Party candidate Mr Dinkie Pillay has hired two nightwatchmen to protect his election posters in the Lenasia East constituency where 27 have already been damaged.

Mr Pillay first put up 25 posters, and all but one were pulled down by the next day. He replaced them, but another three have been defaced. This prompted Mr Pillay to hire two men to cruise around Lenasia streets at night and ensure nothing else goes wrong.

"My men have instructions to take to the police anyone they find tampering with my posters and I will lay charges," he said.

"The police are already checking the registration number of a car which was at the scene of the latest act of vandalism," Mr Pillay added.

He is convinced the "poster bandits" are from anti-election groups and not rival candidates.

Another Lenasia East candidate, Mr Faiz Khan, leader of the Progressive Independent Party, said that he had not yet put up any posters.

"These 'poster wars' are part and parcel of any election, and you just have to live with it," he said.

"The trick is to make enough posters so you can just keep replacing those the opposition tears down. This happens all the time in white elections, why should we be any different?"

"Overnight change impossible"

Any candidate who claimed to be going to the tricameral Parliament to change it overnight was flying a kite, Mr Faiz Khan, leader of the Progressive Independent Party, said today.

Mr Khan was reacting to claims by opposition candidates for the House of Delegates election this month that they intended to alter the basic framework of the racial policies.

"This cannot and will not be done overnight. It is going to be a slow process, but one which my party will support all the way," Mr Khan said.

He added that his party was not going to Parliament to speak for blacks. "We have no mandate to speak on their behalf. What we will be doing is listening to the broad interests of all South Africans — blacks, Indians, coloureds and even the whites.

"And to those who say the alternative to participation is the Freedom Charter, I urge them to look at my party's policy. It contains all the Freedom Charter does — and more!"

Mr Khan said the poor attendance at his meeting in Lenasia on Saturday had made him decide not to hold another meeting on a Saturday evening.

"There is TV and, a host of other attractions, so from now on we will go for a weekday, or a Sunday afternoon."

Mr Khan is a candidate for the Lenasia East constituency, where Solidarity's Mr Dinkie Pillay is his main rival.

(Note by G van Staden, 47 Sauer Street, Johannesburg.)
Sacos may face rival

Staff Reporter

A RIVAL sports body could be formed to counter the South African Council on Sport (Sacos) which has expelled members involved in Government institutions.

Mr John Delport, assistant secretary of the Western Province Tennis Union, which is affiliated to Sacos, has resigned from the union, warning that he will form a rival body.

Mr Delport, the People's Congress Party candidate in the Manenberg parliamentary seat, said he would start a new non-racial tennis union which could be part of a new non-racial sports body in opposition to Sacos.

He said he endorsed the Sacos policy of desegregation, but criticised its methods. He asked whether Sacos would use sports facilities provided by the tri-cameral Parliament or municipalities.

Mr Delport said if Sacos expelled election candidates, it should spell out its policy on members who voted in the election.

He believed in "aggressive negotiation and non-violent participation" in shaping a new democracy.

The Sacos policy of non-participation led to a "negative process of conditioning" and a new strategy was needed. He gave as an example Sacos insistence that an African tennis club refuse a donation from the Urban Foundation.

 Asked whether he would consider joining the "establishment" SA Tennis Union, he said he would first have to sort out differences.

"No witch-hunt"

Mr Colin Clarke, internal secretary of Sacos, said it was a standing resolution that no person who was a member of any government body could also belong to Sacos or its affiliates. Mr Delport would therefore be automatically expelled from both his union and club.

Sacos would not conduct a witch-hunt of members who voted in the elections.

Among other election candidates expelled from Sacos clubs is Mr Lawrence Henderson, the PCP candidate in Macassar, manager of the St Augustus soccer club.

(Report by D Breier, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town.)
Anti-PC group hits out

Political Reporter

The Transvaal Anti-President's Council Committee, an affiliate of the United Democratic Front campaigning for a boycott of this month's elections, has accused the State in a statement released yesterday of harassing its campaigners.

This follows a Security Police search of the surgery of a Newclare dentist and member of the committee, Dr I S M Rawam, on Monday.

"Activists conducting our door-to-door campaign, calling on people not to vote, were followed around by Security Police.

"Posters advertising a mass meeting were ripped off minutes after being pasted on walls in Boumont, Newclare and Coronationville. The posters were dumped in a sticky, greasy bundle on the doorstep of the house of Prof Ismail Mohammed, the chairperson of the committee.

"The committee feels the State is denying us the democratic right to protest against implementation of the new constitution," it said.

(Report by Aeon, Pretoria, 17th Minute Street, Joburg)
INSIDE MAIL

WITH less than two weeks to go until the "coloured" election a clear dilemma for many voters has emerged.

The poll on August 22 is being billed by some politicians as a foot in the door of power and a chance to destroy apartheid.

But supporters of abstention see in the co-option of coloureds by the Nationalists to bolster the opposition of blacks.

Whether the poll is high or not, 300,000 coloureds will be elected to their racially separate House of Representatives in the new Parliament.

There is little doubt the Labour Party, headed by the Rev Alan Hendrickse, will win an overwhelming majority.

The Labour Party has 39 candidates. Four were re-elected. Its main election rival, the People's Congress Party, has 59 candidates. The Freedom Party, with a Freedom Party splinter group, the Reformed Freedom Party, 11. There are 22 independent candidates.

It is difficult to assess how many seats each of the parties will win. The people for whom coloureds will possibly not win any, and the Freedom Party perhaps only a couple.

The People's Congress Party could win six and independent candidates might take a few.

But the Labour Party will likely have at least 60 seats, probably more.

The main policy differences between the parties are likely to be in the campaign, and the other three in another.

The Labour Party is calling for an end to apartheid and the restoration of a unity state.

Again, it is ironic that these are also the aims of the anti-participation groups, but the strategies are completely different.

Speeches by Labour Party leaders are at times radical and militant. They have called for nationalisation of industries, redistribution of national wealth.

The Labour Party rejects the new Constitution and believes it can use it to lever more concessions from the Nationalists and thereby destroy apartheid.

The other parties believe to varying degrees in coloured nationalism and lesser power bases. They are not in favour of majoritarian rule but do not support apartheid.

The Labour Party is well organised, well financed (it claims its money comes from supporters and coloured businessmen) and has the services of a political consultancy run by senior Nationalists.

The other parties rely mainly on local support and are not well organised or well financed.

When judging by crowds at public meetings, the Labour Party has the greatest support. At its recent meeting in its Eastern Cape stronghold, Mr Hendrickse drew about 1,600 supporters.

Poor attendances have been blamed by the Labour Party on fear of intimidation by anti-participation groups and the cold weather.

Perhaps a surprising aspect of the campaign has been the relative lack of violence. Where there were indications at the start that nearly all public meetings would be disrupted.

Although there have been a number of clashes between "pro" and "anti" supporters in which police have intervened, most meetings have been peaceful.

However, there has been a number of areas — particularly in the Cape Peninsula — where the Labour Party has not held meetings due to fear of disruption.

Ranged against participation are a number of non-racial political groupings which appear to have widespread support.

Probably the most significant is the United Democratic Front, to which about 600 trade unions, cultural, sports and community organisations are affiliated.

A UDF and like-minded groupings in Cape Town drew an estimated 4,000 people.

Other opponents of participation are the non-racial Natal and Transvaal Indian Congresses. A crowd of about 750 attended a recent TIC meeting in Lenasia, near Johannesburg.

Another opponent of participation is the black consciousness-oriented National Forum. There have been calls for abstention by a number of trade unions and religious organisations.

Some of the "anti" groupings have alleged intimidation by the authorities. The recent banning of two UDF meetings in the Eastern Cape has been cited as an example.

The groupings have denied links with the African National Congress or involvement in petrol bombings of the houses of "participatory" politicians and other black working within Government created institutions.

TIC president Dr Esmop Jassat suggested at a recent meeting that the bombings may be deliberate attempts to strain the "anti" groupings and generate support for the participants.

As an alternative to voting, some of the "anti" groupings have called for continued pressure through workers' and cultural organisations to force the Nationalists to offer something more substantial than the new Constitution.

The exclusion of blacks from the new system and the retention of what are regarded as the most unpalatable aspects of apartheid are cited as the main reasons for non-participation.

It seems calls for abstention have strong support in urban constituencies, particularly in Cape Town, Durban and Johannesburg.

In summary, rally of the TIC that the Labour Party will win nearly all the House of Representatives seats, but the percentage poll will be relatively low.

CHRIS FREIMOND
Political Correspondent

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By comparison, by November last year, 89.4% of potential white voters based on the 1980 census were in possession of Books of Life on which their votes will be compiled in future.

The figures mean that the percentage polls in the "coloured" and "Indian" elections later this month will have to be substantial if it is to be claimed that the outcomes are representative of the will of the majority of the two groups.

A 50% official poll in the "coloured" election will mean a 32.4% actual poll, based on the 1980 census figures, and an even lower poll if based on the estimated 1.5 million potential "coloured" voters.

In the "Indian" election, a 50% official poll will mean a 44.3% poll, based on the 1980 census figures, and possibly an even lower poll based on research estimates.

(Report by Chris Freimond, 121 Main Street, Johannesburg).
Housing for 3m, surely not daunting?

By FIAN DE VILJIES

The Cape Times, Thursday, August 9, 1984
Hundreds of workers are out on strike

By JOSHUA RABOROKO
SEVERAL hundred black workers were reported to be on strike demanding pay increases and trade union recognition at Witwatersrand and Pietersburg yesterday.

About 300 workers at Industrial Leadworks in Jeppe, Johannesburg, yesterday downed tools after their leaders had reached a deadlock with management over wages.

A spokesman for the General and Allied Workers' Union said management had refused to meet the workers' demands, while a management spokesman said they were negotiating with workers on the issue.

Scores of workers at Marjon Auto Electrical in Industria yesterday went on strike over wages. Management has declined to comment on the demands.

* More than 1,700 workers at two Tempest International plants in Seshgo and Pietersburg yesterday entered their third day of labour unrest following wage demands and the recognition of the Black Electronics and Electrical Workers' Union.

The workers, who are demanding a 50 percent wage increase across the board, yesterday held a joint meeting at the Lutheran Church in Seshgo where they decided not to work until their demands are met. They claimed that the lowest paid worker earned R18 per week.

Workers' complaints include the "unfair dismissal" of pregnant women.

Rally against 'new deal'

THE civic associations and representatives of rural and resettlement areas are to hold a rally at the Roman Catholic Church in Phiri, Soweto, on Sunday starting at 11 am.

According to the association's executive member, Mr. Tom Manthata, the conference will deal with the stance of blacks on the coloured and Indian elections and the new Constitution.

He said the rally's aim was to listen to the plight of those affected by the "bantustan system" and the Black Local Authorities Act, which formed the basis of the new Constitution.

**Message**

"The aim is to register a message that participating in these elections is accepting and endorsing the pain and suffering of the oppressed majority in the country. "We want to make a decision as to what we should do with the Hendrikes's and the Rajabiet's who claim that they are going to represent Africans in the new system," he said.

For further information on the rally contact Reverend Frank Chiene at (011) 339-2513.

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Poster war was aimed at Labour Party

Mercury Reporter

THE poster war between the Labour Party and the People's Congress Party in Newlands East this week was 'carefully orchestrated' to discredit the Labour Party and its candidates in the coming election, Mr Albie Stokman, the party's Natal leader, said yesterday.

He was commenting on a report that a shot was fired when supporters of a Labour Party candidate for Newlands East, Mr Cecil Kippen, were putting up posters outside the home of Mr Peter Marcus, who is the PCP candidate in the constituency.

Mr Stowman said the complaint lodged by Mr Marcus that Labour Party workers had allegedly defaced his posters was without foundation.

Commenting on a reported statement by Mr Morris Fynn, Natal leader of the PCP, that he (Mr Stowman) had managed to secure a priority housing allocation for a member of his family was also 'totally without foundation', Mr Stowman said:

'I am willing to refund the deposit which Mr Fynn will lose in the August 22 election if he can substantiate the allegation,' he said.

Mr Fynn could not be contacted yesterday as he was busy canvassing voters.

(Report by M Vergis, 72 Devonshire Place, Durban)
Validity of voters rolls challenged

By Gary van Staden, Political Staff

Two anti-election organisations are to challenge, in the Supreme Court, the validity of voters rolls.

The organisations aim to force the Government to postpone this month's elections for both the new Houses in the tricameral Parliament.

The United Democratic Front said yesterday it was taking legal advice on challenging the Reiger Park voters roll, which it described as "a fake".

Another anti-election organisation, Azapo, told The Star that it would follow suit in other constituencies.

The electoral officer for the Reiger Park constituency, Mr P S Wolmarans, has admitted that the voters roll contained "many errors".

If the Supreme Court declares even one voters roll invalid, the validity of every roll in the coloured and Indian communities will be questioned.

REGISTRATION

Professor Willem Kleynhans, head of the political studies department at the University of South Africa, said that without valid and up-to-date voters rolls the elections would be a farce.

The UDF's national vice-president, Mr George Kenrich du Plessis, said that his organisation had spent almost a week going through the voters roll for Reiger Park, a House of Representatives constituency, and had encountered "massive errors".

He said the UDF first noticed something was amiss when a roll containing about 9 000 names was given to candidates.

The UDF had been told only days before registration closed that only 2 000 people had registered in Reiger Park.

"So we obtained a voters roll and went through it name by name, scratching off those we knew for certain were dead, no longer in the area or appeared more than once," Mr du Plessis said.

DUPLICATION

Mr Wolmarans said that if any candidates or political parties found an error on the roll, they should report it to his office and it would receive his attention.

He said that duplication had occurred because people registered twice, once with their old ID cards and then again when they obtained a Book of Life.

He could not explain how the names of people who had never registered appeared on the roll.

(Report by G van Staden, 47 Swan Street, Johannesburg.)

See Page 11, World section.
"Nat policy projects’ of R3-bn"

Political Staff

THE government planned to spend more than R3-billion in the current financial year on projects directly or indirectly aimed at furthering aspects of National Party policy, the Progressive Federal Party MP for Houghton, Mrs Helen Suzman, said last night.

Addressing a report-back meeting in her constituency, Mrs Suzman said the figure included more than R1.4-billion to assist “self-governing states like KwaNdebele and QwaQwa towards independence”.

There were also plans to spend more than R250-million on incentives for industrial decentralization “to the detriment of existing metropolitan areas”, R66-million to administer influx control and more than R1.8-billion in direct and indirect assistance to “the so-called independent homelands”.

‘Anybody’s guess’

“What the implementation of the new constitutional structure will cost is anybody’s guess—many millions of rand to be sure,” she said.

The new constitution was being implemented “at the worst possible time” as far as the economy was concerned.

Although the government was not responsible for all the country’s financial difficulties, excessive spending over the years “on Namibia and on ideological projects such as consolidation and decentralization, and on the expansion of a vast bureaucracy employed all too often on totally unproductive activities had undoubtedly been a major cause of inflation,” Mrs Suzman said.

The new Minister of Finance, Mr Barend du Plessis, had inherited “an extremely unhealthy” portfolio.

She said Mr Du Plessis had claimed on television recently that the latest stringent financial curbs had been successful when applied under similar circumstances by President Ronald Reagan of the United States and Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the British Prime Minister.

“Such measures had he admitted, increased unemployment in those countries. But the minister forgot to tell his TV audience one important fact, and that is that in those two countries there is very comprehensive social security in the form of unemployment insurance, and no-one starves as a result of not being able to get a job in the US or the UK,” Mrs Suzman said.

In South Africa, the unemployment fund was of very limited application, and there was already “a massive unemployment problem”. In Johannesburg alone it was estimated that there were about 400,000 unemployed blacks.

Crime rate

“Inevitably as job opportunities recede, the crime rate will go up and race relations will deteriorate further,” she said.

Mrs Suzman defended the FPJ’s decision to participate in the new parliament in spite of having advocated a “no” vote in last year’s referendum.

To stay out would have meant an abdication of the FPJ’s responsibilities and would have left a vacuum which would have been filled by “a bunch of gormless people” with no real alternatives to the National Party, or by “far-right fundamentalist” MPs opposing any alleviation of apartheid, she said.
3-cornered contest for Manenberg

Staff Reporter

THE Manenberg seat will be hotly contested by three seasoned campaigners — Mr Richard Lackay of the Labour Party, Mr John Delport of the People's Congress Party and Mr James Samuels of the Reformed Freedom Party.

Mr Lackay, a 56-year-old businessman from Lotus River, is a former member of the Coloured Representative Council for the Labour Party and a former member of the Grassy Park Management Committee. His manifesto is simply to “oppose apartheid.”

Mr Delport, 57, of Primrose Park, is an insurance consultant and financial advisor and is better known in his area as “Uncle D.

Student

Although never an active member of any particular party he has always been politically involved since taking up studies as a theology student at the University of the Western Cape in 1974.

He also served as chairman of the Alexander Sinton High School Committee and on the executive of the Association of Christian Students. He is currently on the executive of the Excelsior Tennis Club and has twice served on the executive of the Western Province Tennis Union.

Mr Delport is perhaps known to most as the founder of the Homestead Activity Centre in Cape Town for young children. At present he is working with the Mustard Seed Mission to find homes for these children.

Sport

Mr “Jan” Samuels, 53, was a founder member of the Federal Party in 1965 and a year later helped to form the Republican Party.

He stood for the CRC in 1969 and has continued his political work in the background since then. At first he joined with the PCP but changed to stand with the RFP.

While both Mr Samuels and Mr Delport are pushing for improved living conditions for all, they agree strongly that sport and religion should not be mixed with politics.

(Report by T Ban, 122 St George’s Street, Cape Town.)

‘Labour trying to stop PCP meetings’

Staff Reporter

THE People’s Congress Party leader, Mr Peter Marais, has accused the Labour Party of trying to prevent PCP meetings in the Swartkops constituency being contested by the Labour Party leader, the Rev Allan Hendriksz.

Mr Marais said the Uitenhage Management Committee, of which Mr Hendriksz is chairman, had decided on a deposit of R5 000 for the hire of the new civic centre. He said the PCP could ill-afford this sum.

He said the Labour Party was not affected by this because it used the hall of the Congregational Church of which Mr Hendriksz was a minister.

The PCP’s Eastern Cape leader, Mr Abdul Tyrie, is challenging Mr Hendriksz in the seat.

“ALL PARTIES AFFECTED”

But Mr Hendriksz said all parties were affected by the R5 000 deposit for the civic centre.

The Labour Party held a meeting in the centre last night and had lodged its R5 000 deposit with a bank.

Mr Hendriksz said the Uitenhage Town Council, which built the hall, had at first wanted a deposit of R8 000 for political meetings, but the management committee had reduced this to R5 000.

He said the purpose of the deposit was to provide security in the event of damage to the new complex which cost R1,5-million.

(Report by D Breier, 122 St George’s Street, Cape Town.)
Solidarity vow to fight for jobs

Mercury Reporter

SOLIDARITY leader Jayaram ‘J N Reddy said last night that trade sanctions, boycotts and overseas disinvestments called for by the Natal Indian Congress and the United Democratic Front would hit Indians and other black workers harder through increased unemployment.

He told a Solidarity meeting in Umzinto that the party recognised the need to keep unemployment as low as possible and was committed to creating a climate for peace and stability.

This would serve as an inducement for potential overseas and local investors to participate in the industrial and commercial development of South Africa and help to create work opportunities at all levels.

‘By participating in elections for the new dispensation and working for peaceful reform, Solidarity is satisfied its presence in parliament will afford it an opportunity to promote the economic growth and development of the country by all South Africans,’ he said.

‘This can be done by removing constraints and impediments which presently preclude the full participation of blacks, coloureds and Indians in the economic life of the country.’

‘By participating, we can also ensure that the need for small business will be recognised and its growth and development could be a priority of the new parliament.

‘Small business provides the larger percentage of work opportunities in many countries, including Japan and the United States, and the giants of commerce and industry all emerge from small beginnings,’ he said.

Mr Reddy said the NIC and the UDF posed the question whether those opting for participation in the new dispensation could keep unemployment down and find answers to problems facing the community in regard to housing.

‘One needs to ask the question: How real is their concern?’

‘These are the very people who are hell-bent to bring South Africa to its knees by a concerted campaign for trade boycotts, sanctions and disinvestments,’ he said.

(Report by N Biselley, 12 Devonshire Place, Durban.)
OVER R3-billion was allocated to projects directly or indirectly aimed at furthering ideological aspects of Government policy during the 1984/85 financial year, Mrs Helen Suzman, Progressive Federal Party MP for Houghton, said last night.

Addressing a report-back meeting in Johannesburg, Mrs Suzman said although the reduced price of gold and fall of the rand against the dollar was not the Government's fault — the "profligate manner in which the Government has been spending over the years on Namibia and ideological projects ... has undoubtedly been a major cause of inflation".

She said over R1,4-million would go to assisting self-governing states like KwaNdebele and QwaQwa towards independence.

**Influx**

More than R250-million will provide incentives for industrial decentralisation — to the detriment of existing metropolitan areas. R96-million is the estimated cost of administering influx control, and over R1,3-billion will be spent in direct and indirect assistance to the independent homeland.

"What the implementation of the new constitutional structure will cost is anybody's guess."
Poor voters rolls turning coloured and Indian elections into farce — Kleyhans

The voters rolls which coloured and Indian political parties have to use in the forthcoming elections for the non-white Houses in the tricameral Parliament were nothing short of a "political crime".

This is the view of Professor Willem Kleyhans.

Voters rolls have been the centre of controversy since the election campaigns began with reports of error, omission and duplications. These have threatened to turn the elections into a farce.

CONDEMN

Professor Kleyhans, head of political studies at the University of South Africa, said the voters rolls were in a state of chaos.

"In the Eerstewerf constituency, 75 percent of names on the roll cannot be traced," he said.

"There is no language strong enough to condemn this. How are coloured and Indian candidates, with little or no election experience, expected to contest an election when their most important tool — the voters roll — is in a terrible state. It is a disgrace."

Professor Kleyhans said some candidates for the Houses had received a copy of the voters roll for their constituency only four to five weeks before polling day.

"That is not nearly enough time to do any canvassing," he said. "And on top of that, the lists they received were out of date.

"Can you imagine the frustration of these people. They go walking from house to house only to find that the voters whose names appear on the roll no longer live at that address, and the new occupant is neither registered nor able to say where the previous owner is," Professor Kleyhans said.

REQUIRED

He said most candidates had neither the funds nor the machinery required to trace missing voters.

"Voters are required by law to provide change of addresses but they never do and no South African Government has ever prosecuted anyone for failing to do so."

Professor Kleyhans added that when the delimitation commission sat to draw the boundaries of the constituencies for the forthcoming elections they used the population register to do so.

"But for reasons already explained that register was invalid. People have moved away, died and got married, very few are at the same address.

"The old coloured voters roll was used as a starting point but that too is hopelessly out of date. It was compiled at the time of the last CRC elections," he said.

DELIMITATION

"If these elections had been properly organised the delimitation committees would have sat for at least six months during which time all the voters rolls could have been updated.

"Then the (new) lists should have been made available to political parties three months in advance of an election date. That is the way these elections should have been handled," he said.

"But the coloureds and Indians allowed themselves to be rushed into it by (Minister Chris) Heunis and (Minister F W) de Klerk with the result that the whole thing is a shambles."

(Report by G van Staden, 47 Sauer Street, Johannesburg)
LP is losing its hold on voters, says Borraine

Post Reporter

THE strong turnout at rural rallies being organised by the United Democratic Front (UDF) urging people to stay away from the August election for the new tricameral Parliament indicated that the Labour Party was losing its popularity in many areas, a UDF executive committee member, Mr Andrew Borraine, said in Port Elizabeth today.

He was commenting on the success of a meeting in Graaff-Reinet last night, which more than 3000 people attended.

At the meeting, organised jointly by the UDF and the Graaff-Reinet Youth Congress, Dr Allan Boesak, a patron of the UDF, called on South Africans to stay away from the election for the House of Representatives.

Last night, Mr Borraine challenged the Labour Party to come out and openly state their political standpoint.

Mr Borraine told the Evening Post today that, judging by the large turnout at the UDF meeting at Oudtshorn a few weeks ago and the big attendance at last night's meeting, the Labour Party would be hard pressed to get any votes at all.

Mr Borraine asked: "How can the Labour Party represent people if the people have not voted for them?"

He said that traditionally the rural areas had been Labour Party strongholds - "but clearly not anymore".

(Report by C Schnell, 19 Baskervale Street, Port Elizabeth.)
NIC wants probe of special votes

Mercury Reporters

THE Natal Indian Congress said last night it would press for an investigation into special votes now being cast in the elections for the House of Delegates.

'It is clear to us that many people, particularly in Chatsworth, are being misled and used by candidates to gain votes.

'We have reason to believe some people who have cast special votes do not qualify for such votes,' an angry Mewa Ramgobin, NIC executive member, said.

The NIC has urged a boycott of the elections on August 28.

Mr Ramgobin said some voters were brought to polling stations under false pretences, and some pensioners were coerced into voting by threats that they would lose their pensions or State grants if they did not vote.

'What is shocking is that people whose special votes are being so desperately sought are not told by candidates that such votes are applicable only in certain circumstances,' he said.

Elderly Chatsworth residents had alleged they had been forced to go with party canvassers and apply for special votes.

Yesterday it was established that mini-buses from various political parties had been criss-crossing Chatsworth with canvassers who approached elderly people and told them to apply for special votes.

None of the people spoken to by a Mercury team had actually put their crosses on paper, but they said they had been asked to fill in special vote application forms.

A widow, Mrs Muama Pillay, said she had been approached and told that if she did not go with men in a mini-bus, she would 'be in trouble'.

She said she did not understand why she had to go along and nothing had been explained to her.

'I didn't sign because I can't write, so a young chap signed for me.'

While Mrs Pillay was explaining her plight, a mini-bus drove past and unloaded elderly people who said they had been taken to fill in documents.

(Report by N Basetty and G Pearce, both of 12 Devonshire Place, Durban)
Boycotts ‘are futile dreams of grandeur’

Mercury Reporter

A SOLIDARITY candidate in the House of Delegates elections, Mr. Mahmoud Rajab, dismissed boycotts yesterday as ‘futile dreams of grandeur’.

In a hard-hitting letter to the Natal Indian Congress, which is urging a boycott of the elections, he said that the congress not to rely on voter apathy to claim ‘unjustly’ that everyone who did not vote was one of its supporters.

He said he had been challenged by the NIC to attend one of its meetings, but he was too busy consulting every voter in his constituency to accept it.

Mr. Rajab dismissed the NIC as representing its ‘travelling audiences’ of a few hundred members who have no grass-roots support.

Because of its boycott policy, the NIC would remain a small, unrepresentative body, he said.

Solidarity was following in the path of the ‘proud history of the Congress Alliance’ of the early years, he said.

NIC executive member Farook Meer said last night that unlike the congress founder, Mahatma Gandhi, who was a leader who rose from the community, Mr. Rajab and his ilk were state-created leaders paid by the State.

Both Gandhi and Nehru, India’s renowned freedom fighter and first prime minister, had a history of selfless struggle and sacrifice, having a mandate from the people to take up challenges.

Mr. Rajab and Solidarity had no history of struggle or sacrifice, nor were they, he added, working for the people.

Even on the question of a referendum among Indians, Solidarity ‘colluded’ with the Government in opposing a test of the will of the Indian people, he said.

As Gandhi would not have accepted a British constitution, for India which provided privileges only to Gujeratis, to the exclusion of the Hindu majority, Indians in this country would not accept a National Party constitution for South Africa which excluded blacks.

(Report by N. Sheehy, 12 December Place, Durban)
SABC’s poll plans get Opposition rap

By ANTON HARBER
Political Reporter

The SABC has drawn up a detailed plan for massive coverage of this month’s Indian and coloured elections at least part of which is intended to show potential voters “the advantages of the new dispensation.”

The plan has been revealed in an SABC internal document leaked to the Mail this week.

And, according to sources within the SABC, the plan is being coordinated by a special working committee which meets regularly to discuss the election coverage.

Yesterday Mr. Rian Elssteen, SABC director-general, denied that the corporation had formed any working committee to coordinate activities in its three directorates.

According to sources in the SABC, the special working committee that meets regularly to discuss election coverage is led by Mr. Karel van der Merwe, editor of radio news.

The planned coverage has led to accusations by Mr. Dave Dalling, Opposition spokesman on the media, that the SABC appeared to be overstepping the mark of objective journalism by actively promoting a high poll in the elections.

The leaked document gives details of the extensive coverage planned for the election on television, Afrikaans and English radio, and Radio Lotus.

It will include a broadcast of “Verslag” intended to show “the advantages of the new system for coloureds” and a radio programme aimed at coloureds entitled “How will my people profit from participation in the new system?”

It includes two interviews with Mr. Amichand Rajabhai and one with Mr. Pat Poovallingam, who are candidates in the election, but has only one interview with a supporter of the boycott campaign, Mrs. Fatima Meer.

Mrs. Meer has turned down the request for the interview.

The document is signed by Mr. Sakkie Burgers, newly promoted director of public affairs at the SABC, and headed “Public affairs: Coverage of the Indian and Coloured elections”.

Mr. Elssteen said yesterday that the “Verslag” programme was intended to be a discussion of the merits and demerits of the new system, despite its working title, “The advantages of the new system for coloureds.”

He said the document in the hands of the Mail referred to ideas generated in the various sections of the public affairs directorate and did not represent planning from the top or even finalised ideas.

However, the document clearly states that it contains “details of the sort of coverage of the coming Indian and coloured elections” and was sent by the public affairs directorate to a small group of heads of department in SABC.

It has also emerged that a member of the SABC team working on the election coverage, Mr. Yuri Tambrin, was himself an aspirant candidate for the Labour Party who withdrew on the eve of nomination day.

Mr. Dalling said yesterday that nobody would take offence at the media giving coverage to an election campaign.

“Yet the SABC appears to be overstepping the mark in that instead of reflecting the news and the wide range of views, it is taking for itself the role of promoting a high poll and promoting the concept of ethnic elections.”

“Once it does this, the SABC loses the mantle of being a news disseminator and dons the guise of a propagandist,” he said.

Mr. Elssteen said in a statement that the SABC regarded it as its primary function to contribute towards an informed public opinion on matters of national importance.

“In its coverage of the coloured and Indian elections, therefore, the emphasis is on the provision of information on the new constitution and related matters rather than on the political in-fighting between the parties that are involved in the debate.”

“If or how people vote isn’t the SABC’s concern.”

“The SABC’s responsibility is to provide voters with the relevant facts.”

“An informed public opinion will be able to decide for itself how to deal with the issues involved.”
2,000 WUC students oppose new constitution

Face of apartheid: Bosarok
Government must get rid

By DAVID BRETZ

Elections - 1984
A roaring trade with some legal hitches

And valiant attempts are made from an unexpected quarter to keep Afrikaans alive in the campaign

THE hunt for special votes is on and to some people this might become a convenient way of voting without being seen at the polls on election day.

But, of course, nobody is going to admit this.

The voters and the parties standing for election cannot admit it because they would be admitting breaking the Electoral Act. For only voters who genuinely cannot reach the polls on election day may cast a special vote in advance.

Groups urging an election boycott cannot admit it. They would be admitting that voters fear some form of intimidation. And intimidation is, of course, illegal.

Meanwhile parties do a roaring trade in special votes. The other day a candidate — let him remain nameless — was boasting of a great sacrifice he had made.

He had spent an afternoon at a meeting held to arrange milk deliveries in part of his area, making it easier for local families to buy milk.

What made this public-spirited act a great sacrifice for him, he believed, was that he could have spent the afternoon collecting at least 20 special votes. That's selfishness for you.

A strange ring

The Federasie van Afrikaanse Kultuursverenigings (FAK) and other defenders of the Afrikaans language should have been present at the Athlone rally. They would have been delighted at the exertions of UDF publicity secretary, Mr Patrick “Tororo” Lekota, in defence of the Taal.

Mr Lekota began his speech in Afrikaans. But unfortunately the interpreter doing a simultaneous translation into Xhosa could not understand Afrikaans. So Mr Lekota had to switch to English.

Later in the evening a trade union speaker had the same problem. He began his speech in Afrikaans, which the interpreter failed to understand.

Ever anxious to spring to the defence of Afrikaans, Mr Lekota took over as interpreter, enabling the trade unionist to complete his speech in Afrikaans.

Even the FAK should approve. But informed sources believe that at this stage there is no truth in the rumour that the FAK will join the UDF or that Mr Lekota will be appointed to the President's Council.

The same sources also deny any links between the Herstigte Nasionale Party and some of the more outspoken members of the boycott movement.

One speaker in Athlone rounded off a speech in ringing tones with Afrikaans slogans which can be translated as "the struggle continues", "forward with the struggle" and "one land, one nation".

To someone from the Transvaal, this sounded strangely familiar. One has heard these slogans many times at political meetings and seen them emblazoned on political banners.

At leftwing meetings? No. Actually at HNP, Conservative Party and Afrikaner Weerstands beweging meetings. And in the old days, at National Party meetings.

Victory ball

Labour Party organisers in Swartkops, the seat contested by their leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, are already organising a post-election victory ball.

There is little doubt that the ball will be held. But what is less certain is whether Mr Hendrickse will dance at it. His leg, which he injured at an election meeting, is still in plaster, and the MP for Swartkops might be forced to be a wallflower at his own party.

(By D Breier, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town.)
Students vote to reject new constitution

Education Reporter

A MASS meeting of about 2,000 University of the Western Cape students yesterday voted to “actively oppose the new apartheid constitution” and to support all anti-election and anti-constitution forces.

In a unanimous vote, the lunchtime meeting resolved to reject “the puppet leaders who are betraying our people” by participating in the tricameral parliament.

The students also resolved to refuse to be conscripted “into Botha’s army”, on the grounds that fighting in the army would mean defending apartheid, that it would mean being party to “the suppression of our people in the fight against apartheid”.

The students also noted that during the 1976 and 1980 school boycotts the army had been called in.

The new members of the UWC Students' Representative Council were announced at the meeting.

More than 2,000 students voted in a 40 percent poll this week — the highest ever recorded at UWC.

SRC disbanded at start of this year

The last SRC to be elected at UWC took office in 1982. After two unsuccessful attempts to gain a poll of more than 25 percent in elections held at the end of last year, the 1982 SRC (of which seven members were still students at UWC) was given permission by the university senate to continue functioning.

At the start of this year, however, the SRC was disbanded because more members had finished their studies.

An ad hoc committee was elected to take the place of an SRC temporarily.

The new 11-member SRC will elect its president at its first meeting next week.

SRC members are first-year Social Work student Mr Russell McGregor, fourth-year BTheology student Mr Calvin Smith, first-year BA student Mr Leslie Masendorp, second-year BA student Mr Howard Adams, B Theology Honours student Mr Willem Engelbrecht, first-year BA student Mr Amien Ahmed, third-year student Mr Alexander Fisher and second-year Social Work student Mr Charles Phillips.

A former SRC member, third-year B Juris student Mr Shaun Byneveldt, and two brothers, first-year BA Economics student Mr Gregory Macmaster and fourth-year theology student Mr Llewelyn Macmaster, were also elected.

(Report by M Barker, 77 Burg Street, Cape Town.)
Some boycott and vote at the same time, but it's unmentionable.

Cafe Owen
Intense feelings under surface

An uneasy Peninsula calm in the ‘odd elections’

Weekend Argus Reporter

INTENSE feelings about this month’s coloured and Indian parliamentary elections are building up beneath the surface. But there is little obvious sign of election activity in the run-up to the August 22 and 28 polling days.

Elections are normally surrounded by a carnival atmosphere. However observers have noted an uneasy calm, especially in the Peninsula, in these “odd elections”.

Election time is usually poster time with party posters festooning trees and lamp poles. But hardly any have been in evidence — except for those advertising election boycott meetings.

Most elections are marked by regular public meetings. But the political parties have held few meetings in the Peninsula. The handful that have been held have mostly been seriously disrupted. Candidates have had to resort to house meetings.

Successful election meetings have taken place in other parts of the country, but in the Peninsula only meetings urging a boycott have been orderly and well-attended.

Vandals

Mr Fred Peters, the Labour Party’s national secretary and the party’s candidate in Silvertown, said posters would be put up three or four days before the election.

This would be done to reduce the time available to vandals to destroy them, he said.

The LP is making a strong effort to bring some normality to the election. It has posted manifesto and pamphlets to doing likewise, intimidating people not to vote.

Mr Isaacs said the People’s Congress Party, the LP’s main election rival, had used “dirty tactics” although he declined to elaborate.

A large proportion of political effort is being spent on collecting special votes, although technically only people unable to attend the polls on election day may cast a special vote.

The PCP leader, Mr Peter Marais, who is standing against Mr Isaacs in Bishop Lavis, has accused the LP of dirty tactics. He said the party was promising the people they could buy their houses for R1 000 and would have their homes electrified for only R100.

False hopes

“They are raising false hopes. When people do not get what they are promised, they will blame the tri-cameral parliament,” he said.

Mr Marais said that election were intimidating
Low-key campaigns in Eastern Cape

Weekend Argus Bureau
PORT ELIZABETH. — The run-up to the House of Representatives election in the Eastern Cape has been quiet and low key.

The leaders of the three main parties in the area confirm that their strategies in the widespread constituencies have revolved around small house-meetings and door-to-door canvassing.

The leader of the Labour Party, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, said the few meetings in the Eastern Cape had been quiet and well-attended.

"Meetings have been made more difficult, however, because the Directorate of Coloured Education has decreed that no school rooms may be used for political meetings.

"In many areas there are no halls so this has put an effective block on large campaign gatherings."

He said the United Democratic Front was "not a factor" in the Eastern Cape campaign.

The Eastern Cape leader of the People's Congress Party, Mr A W Tiry, who is opposing Mr Hendrickse in the Swartkops constituency, held his first public meeting only this week.

Mr Tiry said his party was also concentrating on door-to-door canvassing rather than expensive public meetings.

(Report by K Vervoorn, ABC Standard Bank building, Main Street, Port Elizabeth.)
Threat of court action over votes

Mercury Reporter

IN THE wake of a new scramble for Indian special votes yesterday, the Natal Indian Congress said it was considering making an urgent application to the Supreme Court to stop alleged intimidation of voters by some candidates and agents.

Mr Mewa Ramgobin, NIC vice-president, said the chief electoral officer in Pretoria, Mr Gert van Zyl, was being approached to meet an urgent NIC delegation on special votes as the local officer in Durban, Mr W W Blomorus, had been unwilling to meet them.

The first count of the number of special votes recorded since Monday for the House of Delegates elections would be taken by returning officers today, but it was yesterday estimated that more than 3000 such votes had been cast so far.

There was a flurry of activity — and also anger — by candidates and their agents and NIC supporters again yesterday, the fourth day since the casting of special votes opened.

The NIC, which has urged a boycott of the elections, was 'very concerned', Mr Ramgobin said.

'From our investigations we are satisfied that special votes are being abused in many cases as voters are misled into believing they would not be called in their trouble by not voting, he said.

The NIC, he said, planned to use a provision in the Electoral Act to inspect applications for special votes with a view to satisfying itself that applicants were entitled to a special vote.

Mr Blomorus could not be reached yesterday for comment.

Meanwhile, Solidarity, at a special Press briefing yesterday, warned its candidates would be expelled from the party if they were found guilty of obtaining special votes in any irregular way.

The party was 'totally against' any such behavior, chairman Mr Pat Poovalingam said at the briefing, which was also attended by party leader Mr J N Reddy, secretary Mr Mahmoud Rajab, treasurer Mr Ismail Kathrada, and executive officials Mr Ismail Omar and Dr D S Rajab.

(Report by N Bisetty, 12 Devonshire Place, Durban)
ROBIN FRIEDLAND

A skewed franchise

The Coloured and Indian election campaigns are now in full swing, and form — naturally enough — the current focus of political attention. But I would like to return to an issue that has been only temporarily overshadowed — that of white politics and the composition of the House of Assembly.

The fairly recent by-elections at Potgietersrus and Rosettenville produced results which ought to have been more than disquieting for the NP. I interpret the strong showing by the CP as suggestive, to say the least, that the governing party is beginning to suffer significant erosion of the voting base reflected in the referendum results.

No South African with any sense of history — least of all the NP itself — should be surprised by the trend now emerging. All historical experience shows that the Afrikaner Right, especially in the north, is stubborn in its views and unforgiving of leaders regarded as having grown soft in office and of betraying the true faith.

Experience also teaches us that each time the schism to the Right re-emerges, the new Rightist Afrikaner leaders require time to mobilise the entire constituency to which they can lay claim on the grounds of ideological affinity. At the beginning, the "brand loyalty" to the party in power to which the mass of Afrikaners adhere, still commands support, sentimental if you like, but which takes time to wear down.

So it was after the elder Hertzog broke with Smuts and Botha in 1912 and once again when Malan broke with Hertzog and Smuts in 1934. In each case, a period of 10 to 15 years was required to define the new alignments and to unseat the incumbents.

It is true that there are pitfalls in reasoning by way of historical analogy, and the present SA political situation differs in major respects from the two earlier contexts. There has been the rise of the urban Afrikaner business and middle class, the end of the British Empire as a symbolic local factor, and last, but certainly not least, the emergence of black nationalism as a serious power factor.

So the bloc of Afrikaners circularly committed to the new political system is surely a substantial proportion of the whole, whether it represents 40% or 45% or 50%. But notwithstanding these constraints, there must still be many marginal NP supporters profoundly susceptible to Treurnicht's emotive arguments.

A notable proportion of these marginal supporters is to be found in rural and working class urban seats in the Transvaal, as well as the rural Orange Free State and even the Cape.

Although the referendum vote showed, notwithstanding, that a powerful centrist bloc exists within the white electorate, not much analysis is required to demonstrate that English speakers are powerfully represented within it.

Yet the NP has yet to show in any substantial way that it accepts the political implications inherent in the inevitability of further erosion of Afrikaner support to the Right and the strengthening of English speaking sympathies at the centre. Time — and not too much time at that — will show up the short-sightedness of present timidity in the NP on this score.

There are many ways in which the NP could demonstrate more effectively that it is moving to the centre of the political spectrum in SA. But the first and most important aspect — and one which is going to acquire the characteristic of a necessity sooner or later — is to restructure the present outmoded and unfair basis on which members of the white House of Assembly are elected.

Rural support

The party which stands to gain most from the present lopsided delimitation is the CP, with its rock-solid rural support — particularly if its election pact with the HNP holds up. It is the urban middle and business classes — Afrikaans as well as English speaking — who are the victims of parliamentary under-representation, despite the resources they contribute to the development of the country.

An early end to this state of affairs will ensure that a CP-HNP alliance does not acquire parliamentary representation out of proportion to the percentage strength it commands within the white electorate. And a new and fair delimitation is no less than English speakers in particular deserve for the way that they helped the government to its decisive victory in the constitutional referendum.
Inaccurate voters rolls 'here to stay'

By Gary van Staden, Political Staff

The coloured and Indian communities are stuck with the voters rolls compiled for this month's elections — no matter how inaccurate they may be — says Professor Willem Kleynhans, head of the political studies department at the University of South Africa.

An amendment to the Electoral Act, slipped through Parliament during March this year, means that not even the Supreme Court can declare the rolls invalid.

The professor says that the Electoral Amendment Act of 1984, approved by Parliament on March 30, means that the United Democratic Front and Azande bid to challenge voters rolls in the Supreme Court is nullified.

The electoral officer for the Reiger Park constituency, Mr P S Wolmarans said he was aware of the law. "The Act says that no voters roll can be invalidated. That is the law, there is nothing I can do about that."

The section says no error, omission or inaccuracy shall cause a voters roll to be invalidated.

Mr Jac Rabie, Labour Party candidate in the Reiger Park constituency where the UDF is taking legal advice on the voters roll, said that he had found very little wrong with the list.

Professor Kleynhans said it was amazing that the Amendment Act had caused so little reaction.

"How the Official Opposition (the Progressive Federal Party) in Parliament could possibly have allowed it to go through unchallenged is a mystery," he added.

The Department of Community Development is now updating voters rolls and a new list for each constituency is expected to reach candidates seven days before the August 22 polling day for the 'coloured House of Representatives.'

Professor Kleynhans said in a report published in The Star yesterday that with so little time to conduct a campaign the elections were in danger of becoming a farce.

Candidates have already reported difficulties.

Mr Ismail Mayet, an independent candidate for the Central Rand constituency, said he had encountered duplication and voters registered at the wrong addresses.

"There are also 500 voters on the roll who were moved out of Pageview and have vanished without trace," Mr Mayet said.

The Solidarity Party candidate for Lenasia East, Mr Dinkie Pillay, said that there were names on his voters roll that shouldn't be there as they had moved to other constituencies.

Mr Pillay's rival in the Lenasia East constituency, Progressive Independent Party leader Mr Faiz Khan, said he had found nothing wrong with the roll.

(Report by G van Staden, 47 Sauer Street, Johannesburg)
Poll gives thumbs-down to boycotts

An HSRC poll on attitudes to the 1981 coloured and Indian boycotts has found that 67 percent of Indian respondents and 52 percent of coloured respondents rejected boycotts as a form of protest action.

However, strong feelings of political alienation were found in both groups of respondents and there was significant support for school boycotts among those in the leadership categories of both groups.

Researchers have pointed out that the groundwork for their study, which was released in Pretoria this week, was completed in 1981 before the new constitutional framework was announced. Figures in the study therefore did not necessarily reflect current attitudes to boycotts.

Altogether 1,029 Indians and 741 coloureds were questioned to determine the level of support for the boycotts in these two communities. The largest single proportion of Indian respondents had a positive attitude towards the actions of the police, teachers and others during the school boycotts.

About half rejected the statement that the authorities were most to blame for the boycotts while 42 percent agreed with this assertion.

About 47 percent said they felt the authorities' actions, including expulsion of boycotting students and the banning of meetings, had gone a long way towards ending the boycotts. But 62 percent were found to be politically alienated from the authorities.

The picture presented by coloured respondents was much more grim, with 62 percent putting the blame for the boycotts firmly at the door of the education authorities who were not mainly to blame for the unrest.

Just over 38 percent said action taken by the authorities had little to do with ending the boycotts while 28 percent said these measures had not helped at all. Nearly 70 percent were found to be politically alienated.

The majority of both groups of respondents felt that stricter action should have been taken against the leaders of school boycotts and most respondents indicated they felt the boycotts had not achieved much.
LP seems to be set for a landslide election win

By DIRK VAN ZYL
Political Correspondent

LP attendances at public meetings is any yardstick, the Labour Party (LP) is heading for a landslide victory over its chief opponent, the People's Congress Party (PCP), in the House of Representatives elections on August 22.

The situation is less clear in the House of Delegates' elections (August 20) where the chief antagonists are the National People's Party and Solidarity, and where religious affiliations come very much into the reckoning.

The leader of the LP, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, said in an interview today he had no doubt his party would win all 80 House of Representatives seats, as well as a number of House of Delegates' constituencies where its candidates are forced by Government racial legislation to stand as independents.

The only area where the LP may do less well could be the Cape Peninsula, where a concerted and well-organised United Democratic Front "boycott" campaign could cause low percentage polls.

But even under these circumstances, he expected the LP to take all 20 seats, Mr Hendrickse said.

"The rest of the country was virtually sown up", he added.

Mr Hendrickse said the present hearing aspect of his party's campaign so far had been the willingness of people to do voluntary work. "The message has come through that we are becoming part of Parliament and that constitutional...

**Mr A Hendrickse** is better than before," he said.

The PCP leader, Mr Peter Marais, could not be reached for comment.

The party is running a slick, professional campaign, with the organisation of its public meetings reminding some observers of the formidable Cape National Party organisation at its prime.

All the tried and tested organisational formulae are there: busloads of people are brought in to ensure packed halls and the crowd is stirred by organisers leading the singing of party songs.

Even the pinning of rosettes on the lapels of the platform party, by pretty young girls before the first speaker is introduced, is similar.

A groundswell of popular support for the LP cannot be denied by even the most biased observer.

Of the parties participating in the new constitution (discounting such groups as the United Democratic Front and the National Forum, urging a boycott), the LP consistently draws by far the biggest audiences.

This is particularly so in the Eastern Cape, where two LP meetings in the past two weeks have drawn crowds of at least 2 000.

Against this, the People's Congress Party drew a paucity of 150 at its biggest Eastern Cape meeting so far.

PCP spokesmen claim, however, that their candidates are concentrating on door-to-door canvassing rather than on public rallies.

Other parties and independent candidates hardly come into the picture.

As far as the House of Delegates is concerned, the fight between the National People's Party and Solidarity is reportedly much closer in the province with the vast majority of seats.

Natal, than is the case with the parties fighting House of Representatives constituencies.

Independent candidates, backed by the LP, could also win in a number of seats, especially in the Transvaal, according to Mr Hendrickse.

These will, however, constitute a minority compared with the two big parties.

(Report by D C W van Zyl, 19 Baskens Street, Port Elizabeth)
Praise for UDF from PCP chief.

Staff Reporter

The leader of the People's Congress Party, Mr Peter Marais, has praised the behaviour of United Democratic Front supporters at recent PCP election meetings.

This follows violence and incidents at other election meetings.

The UDF is among the parties advocating a boycott of the election.

Mr Marais, who returned to Cape Town after addressing two meetings in Natal, said that UDF supporters who had attended his meetings had given him a fair hearing and had questioned him extensively during question time. There had been no incidents during the meetings.

"I prefer it when UDF people attend my meetings because they are politically-conscious and do not ask nonsensical questions. I do not want only to preach to the converted," he said.

Four people, including PCP supporters, were ejected from a Labour Party meeting at Wentworth in Durban at the weekend.

At a Labour Party meeting in Bishop Lavis last week, police cleared election boycotters from the hall after the meeting was disrupted.

- A Southern Cape regional branch of the UDF has been formed in Oudtshoorn.

*(Report by D Breier, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town.)*
P W's 'special sympathy for coloureds'

Mercury Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG—The Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, has a special sympathy for coloured people because his mother's life was saved by a coloured man, says a newly released biography of him, entitled P W.

His mother, Hendrina, was knocked unconscious on the family farm by a marauding black soldier during the Anglo-Boer War, but she was saved by the intervention of the gardener, Jantjie, say Mr Botha's biographers, Dirk and Johanna de Villiers.

Jantjie later hid Hendrina and her children from British soldiers in a cave near the Botha home town of Paul Roux in the Free State. He cared for them until they were discovered by British troops and taken to a concentration camp.

The humanity and loyalty of Jantjie, a brown man from the Cape Colony, left an indelible mark on Mr Botha — although he was not born at the time — and accounts for his sympathy for coloured people, the authors say. But the veteran MP, Mrs Helen Suzman, yesterday questioned the contention that Mr Botha had a special sympathy for coloureds.

She recalled that Mr Botha as organiser of the Cape National Party in the fifties and later as a Cabinet minister had played a key role in first removing coloured voters in the Cape from the common roll and then in abolishing the four special parliamentary seats for the same coloured voters.

To her these actions did not tally with his sympathy for coloureds.

Mr Botha's biographers, however, quote him as saying he was not really in favour of the removal of four coloured representatives and had merely fallen in line with the decision of the then Prime Minister, Mr John Vorster, that they should be removed.

Mr Botha is quoted as saying: "My point of departure again was: a good party man follows his Prime Minister."
Candidates to stay away

Mercury Reporter
OPPOSING candidates for the House of Delegates Glenview seat, Mr J N Reddy and Mr R Panday, yesterday changed their minds about attending a public meeting planned for tomorrow to present them to the constituency's voters.

We are very disappointed as a lot of arrangements had already been made and more than 10 000 printed handbills announcing the meeting had been distributed throughout the constituency.

But we will go on with the meeting, with or without the candidates attending," Mr Bala Govender, a joint convenor with Mr I E Soni, said yesterday.

Mr Govender said although there had not been any pre-conditions set by the candidates initially, the convenors were still willing to put these pre-conditions to voters at the start of the meeting for acceptance or rejection.

In a joint statement, Mr Reddy, Solidarity's leader and candidate, and Mr Panday, candidate for the National Peoples Party, said they had now found out that 'certain details' given to them earlier had been misrepresented.

'We believe one candidate is being played against the other and the convenors are unable to offer us an explanation.'

'As the convenors and the two candidates have not come to an agreement on rules of procedure for such debate we have decided to arrange our own meeting to address Glenview constituency voters,' they said.

Two House of Delegates candidates, Mr S S R Singh and Mr V V Kooeir, who this week attended two public meetings called by the Natal Indian Congress, yesterday rejected NIC calls to quit the coming elections and join in the rejection of the new tricameral Parliament.

'No ways,' said Mr Kooeir, independent candidate for Springfield, who faced more than 700 people who packed Springfield's David Landau Community Centre for the NIC meeting on Wednesday night.

The NIC had invited all nine Springfield candidates to attend, but only Mr Kooeir pitched up.

(Report by N Bassetty, 12 Devonshire Place, Durban.)

Doctors' opposition

Mercury Reporter
A GROUP of doctors have come out strongly against Indian participation in the coming House of Delegates elections.

The Durban South Doctors Guild voted unanimously at a special meeting this week at Chatsworth's Sol Namara Hotel, attended by 69 doctors, to reject the tricameral Parliament.

A strongly worded resolution said it did not satisfy the political aspirations of all South Africans in a democratic way.

And for the first time Indians and coloureds would become oppressors of fellow blacks regardless of any argument politicians wishing to participate in the new dispensation may advance, the resolution said.

(Report by N Bassetty, 12 Devonshire Place, Durban.)
PM: We allowed time to slip by

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, regards the National Party's failure to take sufficiently rapid steps to improve the quality of life of all the country's citizens as one of the major faults of his party since 1948.

This is disclosed in a book, published in Cape Town yesterday by Tafelberg-Uitgewers, which covers many of the highlights of the Prime Minister's controversial political career.

The authors are Dirk and Johanna de Villiers, both former journalists of the Nasionale Pers press group on whose board Mr Botha once sat.

At one point in the book, Mr Botha concedes: "We (the NP) have allowed too much time to slip by.

"There was a time when we could have given much more attention to housing, social upliftment and development."

"I don't know for one or another reason we dawdled, with the result that time has overtaken us."

The book, however, portrays Mr Botha as a loyal party man who would oppose reforms he felt were needed, in the interests of party unity.

Cases in point were his strong public opposition to representation for coloured people in Parliament during the Verwoerd and Vorster eras despite his personal conviction that this was necessary.

"I abided by the decision of my leader. This is not to say that I did not feel otherwise."

"But I said that as a good party man I had to stand by my leader," he is quoted as saying.

"But today, as leader of the ruling party, Mr Botha takes a less ambiguous stand on coloured advancement and participation in the political process."

"I realize today that there are tens of thousands and hundreds of thousands of coloured people that are better in all respects that the worst whites."

"This is one of the burning questions of our people."

"We must give these people a voice and a greater share of the country — in the administration of the country, in State officials, in many other posts that you cannot today fill with your bad (swak) whites..."

"In other words, we must accommodate the respectable coloured person."

"If we do not do this, then we are causing our own downfall."

"A handful of whites cannot do all the work."
Mr. J.J. Mbuyi, a National Party candidate in the 1981 South African Indian National Assembly election, has been a member of the National Party since 1977.

In 1981, he polled 693 votes to become the first member of the National Party to be elected to the South African Indian National Assembly. The National Party won a total of 69 seats in the election.

Mr. Mbuyi served four years in government before being dismissed from his position. He was then re-elected to the National Assembly in 1985.

In 1986, he was dismissed from the National Party for violating party discipline. He continued to serve in the National Assembly as an independent member.
Adapting Apartheid Really Is}

By Jean Le May

[Image of a newspaper page with text and images]
Yes, South Africa is still the great untouchable...

STANLEY UYS in London

IN A series of otherwise perceptive articles in the Washington Post, Glenn Frankel writes that “the Afrikaner no longer appears at all in the words of South African novelist Andre Brink, ‘a stench in the nostrils of the world.’” I can find no evidence to support this claim. My experience — after living and working in Western Europe for almost seven years — is that the stench is still there, in some ways even more pungent than before.

Professor Hermann Gilliomee is so right when he says the Afrikaners are “politically the loneliest people in the world.” In New Zealand, South Africa has just had to close down its Consulate. In the United States the campaign for disinvestment is more effective than it has ever been, and we were not at the Olympic Games, except through the surrogacy of Zola Budd. So where is the world’s acceptance?

Mr Frankel reports that Afrikaner leaders, buoyed by their recent successes, now “believe they have achieved what once seemed impossible: regaining international respectability without making radical changes in apartheid.”

If this, in fact, is what Afrikaner leaders believe, they need their heads read. I am not suggesting that world opinion about South Africa is monolithic. It is polarized between those who unreservedly pro-South African views on one side and implacably hostile views on the other, with a whole range of attitudes in between. But — and this is the point — a kind of international anti-apartheid norm has been established, a threshold affinity which no one except a handful of Pretoria’s most select admirers dare cross.

Pretoia has many sympathetic listeners around the world, but they all have to preface expressions of their sympathy with mandatory breast-beating and hand-washing over their abhorrence of apartheid. This has become the inescapable international ritual. Before any international leader or personality dare find merit in recent changes in South Africa, or in the new Pax Pretoria, he is obliged — formally and ritualistically — to dissociate himself from apartheid.

In this sense, South Africa is still the great untouchable. The only way in which international opinion-makers can justify any sympathy for what Mr P W Botha is doing is by claiming that it will lead to the dismantling of apartheid. For apartheid itself, there are no important defenders and no sympathisers.

The anti-apartheid movement around the world (with the unintended assistance of the Pretoria regime and its politicians) can claim credit for this. One by one, they have squeezed South Africa out of international organisations. They have perfected this to an art.

Now they need only despatch a courier, or send a Telex message, to be able to block almost every South African attempt to slip back into the international community through a loophole.

This is a remarkable achievement when one considers that many Western and other governments are basically moderate, that they do not believe in isolation and boycotts, that their whole style is to keep Pretoria within the ambit of rational dialogue, that they approve of Nkomati-like accords and that they realize that Mr Botha is caught between the scylla of black aspirations and the charybdis of white reaction.

Take Britain as an example.

The government is conservative (with both a capital and a small c). It believes in evolutionary change and regards many anti-apartheid activists as a lot of weirdos.

It approves, too, of the developments that have taken place in South Africa — better jobs for blacks, more money for black education, multiracialization in many walks of life, recognition of black trade unions, the possibility of the Mixed Marriages and Immorality Acts being repealed, the timing of banning orders and so forth.

Yet Mrs Thatcher’s government has an attitude toward South Africa that is not only unchangeable.

Quite apart from its own moral stance, it cannot afford to be seen — by the Commonwealth, its trading partners, the United Nations, etc. — not to be “soft” on apartheid. It cannot even lift the sports ban or the arms embargo.

This is the price the National Party (and South Africa) are paying for three-and-a-half decades of apartheid rule. The damage has been done, and it is not going to be easy to undo.

Mr Botha was received in European capitals in June not because anyone was enthusiastic about his visit, but because it was felt that, after Nkomati, he deserved encouragement.

But — and Pretoria should note this point — the propaganda potential of the Nkomati accord probably has been maximised now.

Every ounce of publicity value has been squeezed out of it. Now, before there can be another round of propaganda, there will have to be another example of liberalising action.

Even if some aspects of apartheid are changing, there are other elements — the constituents of grand apartheid — which will continue to ensure South Africa’s untouchability. These include the “Homelands” policy, the exclusion of blacks from the new Constitution, influx control and pass laws, forced removals, rigid separation in residential areas, schools, hospitals, amenities and so on, and much of the security apparatus.

If, as the Washington Post article claims, Afrikaner leaders believe that South Africa can leave all this intact, and at the same time work its passage back into the international community, then clearly it has failed to perceive that, drawn right across the globe, is that anti-apartheid norm labelled: “Thou shalt not cross.”

In a recent address, also quoted in the Washington Post articles, Mr Botha told Afrikaners to “come out of the laager.”

Continued isolation, he said, would subject white South Africa to a future of “so many boycotts, lack of goods, will and so much resentment that it will choke in its loneliness. I do not believe this is the right path to take.”

Bravely spoken, but ironic.

Who has kept the Afrikaners in isolation for 36 years if it has not been the Afrikaners themselves, including (in his day) Mr Botha?”

Who indoctrinated them, over this lengthy period, in the ideology of apartheid with such thoroughness that they no longer know where they will find the courage to go out of the laager and to treat everybody else, including their fellow, English-speaking whites, as enemies of Apartheid? And this was not only in the Fifties and Sixties.

Yet much of the criticism that was voiced by liberals in the Fifties and Sixties — of petty apartheid, the Mixed Marriages and Immorality Acts, segregation in sport, non-recognition of black trade unions, and so forth — is today Nationalist orthodoxy.

So, too, today’s “liberal” criticism of the “total onslaught” of censorship, of the whole elaborate apparatus to filter out new ideas, will become tomorrow’s orthodoxy.

This is how political evolution works, of course, but it’s a question of tempo.

The slower the evolution, the slower will be South Africa’s readmission to the international community, as Helen Suzman calculated this week. Mr Botha’s Government has allocated R3 600-million for the current financial year to further its ideological aims.

Mr Botha and his apartheid pioneers (as not only he, but so many) have a long way to go before they will be able to stop the world and climb on board again.
I refuse to share the responsibility

By Hassan Howa

WHETHER to boycott or spoil papers?

Such are the kind of thoughts which beset some people when they think about the forthcoming elections. I believe that the whole matter should be viewed from a holistic angle, rather than the (deliberate?) confusion of ideologies and propaganda which is being spread by those who wish to make a new career in politics under the new dispensation.

Firstly, it will be necessary to accept that the population register is an acceptable yardstick by which the South African nation can be separated for purposes of living together in our country (together here is used loosely and with due consideration of the Group Areas Act).

REFUSE

This then means that so-called whites, coloureds and Indians will in future share responsibility for all those who cannot participate under the new constitution for starters. I refuse absolutely to accept responsibility for the plight of people in squatter camps and the break up of "black" family life. Did I hear those nominations for the House of delegates and the House of representatives say that they will go in to destroy from within?

DREAMS

I would like to refer those people to their manifestoes when the CRC was formed. Today the M.D Arendse and Sonny Leon make statements which are almost a repeat of their statements then, and claims that they will now have executive powers are pipe dreams. The minority powers built into the Cabinet, the Minister's Councils, The President's Council, etc., only serve to find a new way of perpetuating separate development this time with the participation of "our own people" (guilt shared?) How could you, who will participate, remove the State President under the new constitution?

REMOVING

Let's examine a law relating to bringing about equal education, or removing the Group Areas Act, which is passed by the House of Delegates and the House of Representatives. It will then have to go to three other bodies before it comes to the State President and can be annulled by the built-in majority of the Nationalist Party (they have already stated that those two laws among others are non-negotiable).

To bring about a change therefore means the change will have to be approved by the provincial congress of the Nationalist Party and then up the line to the caucus of the Party. Why then go to all the trouble of all these elections, the expenses of the millions of rands for payment of the whole meaningless discussion when the real method of government in our country will not change one iota except for alienating the goodwill of 70% of the population?

HONORARY

I wonder how many candidates there would have been if the positions on these bodies were honorary?

Perhaps somebody will explain the reason for their participation in this new parliamentary system and point out my error in thought (I know that it is possible to have a non-Nationalist Party President under the new constitution, but I wish to state that it is highly improbable.) Is it possible that those of us who have suffered the humiliation of being governed by paternalism can be partners in exercising that paternalism on 70% of the population of our country?

I await comment with impatience and interest.

(To: C. Howa, 1 Eighth Street, Edendale.)
**Voters’ roll errors ‘human’**


By EERAHMU MOOSA

THE serious errors in the voters’ rolls for the coloured elections last month were “human errors” and the elections “must be declared a success”, says Chief Electoral Officer, Mr Gerrie van Zyl, said yesterday.

This emerged after the Cape Times reported yesterday that it was learnt that approximately 1,000 “ghost” District Six residents still appeared on the voters’ roll for the Cape Town constituency. The constituency only has 5,600 registered voters.

A spokesman for the Bo-Kaap Youth Movement, which pointed out the error, said that those people were still listed under addresses in Muir, Constitution, Stutterheim, Chippendale and Slijkirk streets, Bloemfontein and Stirling flats and other areas of the now-demolished District Six from where people moved more than 20 years ago.

Mr Van Zyl said that people were supposed to re-register after they moved. “It is only fair to take people off the voters’ list — it will be disenfranchising the voter.”

**Challenge discounted**

Meanwhile, anti-election organisations such as the United Democratic Front (UDF) and the Asian People’s Organisation (AZAPO) intended to challenge the validity of the voters’ rolls in the Supreme Court.

Mr Van Zyl discounted the challenge, as in terms of the Electoral Act “if through accident, inadvertence, or oversight, anything required by law is done, the voters’ list or thenominationofthevoters’listiserroneouslydone,thetovoters’

list shall not be invalidated thereby”. The Chief Electoral Officer was able to rectify such errors under the Act, he said.

He asked political parties, candidates and voters to submit such errors.

Earlier this week several participants had complained against the inaccuracies occurring on the voters’ rolls.

Mr Fred Peters, the Labour Party national secretary, yesterday said: “We are taking it just as it is and will see to it after the elections.”

Applications from people who had applied for registration as a voter in 1969 in respect of the old Coloured Representative Council were also included on the current voters’ list, he said.

Mr Van Zyl attributed the errors to the fact that many dead people were not struck off the Population Register since the cause of their deaths had not been investigated; or because their date of births and middle names on separate applications differed and hence the duplication.

**Discrepancies**

Mr Ebrahim Patel, a researcher at the South African Labour and Development Research Unit (Sadoro) at the University of Cape Town, yesterday said that discrepancies on the Ottery voters’ rolls had also been reported.

One voter had two votes because her address in one instance had the number where the street name as in English and in the other after the street name as in Afrikaans, while all other information remained the same, including the date of birth.

A Labour Party candidate in Lautium, Pretoria, Mr Ismail Mohamed, was put out of the election following a Pretoria Superior Court order yesterday.

Mr Justice Moll, who granted the leave, setting aside Mr Mohamed’s nomination for being improper said that “nothing could be gained in allowing his nomination to stand”.

**Indicated sequence**

The order was made after Mr Boetie Ambramjee, the National Peoples Party candidate, made an urgent application.

Mr Mohamed’s nomination was invalid, since his nomination form had not been signed by his proposers. He was orally proposed at the nomination court.

Mr Justice Moll said that the Nominations Act clearly indicated the sequence in which a candidate must be proposed and seconded.

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**Killer seeks votes**

The boy had supplied him with “white pipes”, mixtures of dagga and mandrax, he claimed.

Mr Duran said the truth of this had a bearing on the seriousness of Vorster’s offence.

A probation officer from the Department of Health said Vorster had been addicted to drugs. Vorster said he and three friends smoked “three to five white pipes every single night”.

He had sold the mandrax tablet and dagga to exactly the same price that he bought them, R7 and R1 respectively.

The case was adjourned to August 24 and Vorster’s bail was extended.

Mr R A Duran, the magistrate, Mr M Stowe appeared for the State. Mr N Snitcher appeared for Vorster.

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**The Cape Times, Saturday, August 11, 1984**
BOOBS' SHOCKS, ROLE: DEATHS, EMBARRASSMENTS, MEAN ON MEN: THE LIST

REGISTRATED

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Simon's Town removals will influence election

By Gary van Dyk

The residents of Ocean View have not forgotten how they were booted out of Simon's Town by Group Areas legislation. This came out clearly during a United Democratic Front blitz of the area on Sunday. And it could lead to a massive stayaway of potential voters for the August 22 coloured elections.

Mr. Coelan Abobaker, who co-ordinated the volunteers, said this was not the first time the UDF had canvassed the area. "So most of the people were well-informed about this so-called New Deal," he said.

"They know there is a lot of unemployment in the area and they feel the New Deal won't solve this problem. Most of the householders visited expressed disgust at the forthcoming elections and promised they would not vote. About one out of every 80 householders said they would vote, but even some of them changed their minds when we explained what the "New Deal" had in store for them," said Mr. Abobaker.

Mr. Albert Thomas, resident of Ocean View and UDF stalwart in the area, said the people of Ocean View knew that PW Botha was responsible for having them moved out of Simon's Town. "This will never be forgotten," he said.

"They know that if they vote, they will be voting for apartheid and many are asking 'who is this Carter Ebrahim who is supposed to be our representative?'"

At least one of the volunteers visited a household who was confused about the issue. The man was wearing a T-shirt bearing the motto "Mind the SWAPO" but said he was a strong supporter of the UDF. However, he felt that conscription was necessary for all. "I have two sons in the SADF," he said proudly.

The UDF will be holding a rally at the Capri cinema in Ocean View on Sunday, August 12. Speakers will include Hester Benjamin, vice-chairman of CAHAC, and Albert Thomas and Ursula Oliver of the UDF's Ocean View Sub-Committee. The meeting starts at 3 pm.
Catherine’s brave bid for the corridors of power...

CATHERINE Seefort is so determined to make it to the House of Representatives that when the Freedom Party chose Mr B J Anthony as its candidate instead of her, she left the party and decided to go it alone.

Now she is standing as an independent for Klipspruit West, although the ambitious primary school principal lives in Noordgesig, Johannesburg.

At 31 Ms Seefort is not only one of the youngest candidates in the Transvaal, but also the only woman. There are, however, five women standing in the Cape.

Mention her age and she’s instantly on the defensive: “I don’t think I’m too young... anyway young people are usually a lot more flexible and should have the chance to give it a go.”

Ms Seefort’s age is a factor her rivals love to stab at most, and tend to use it rather than her sex to notch up bitchy campaign points against her.

Shortcomings

But she believes in using both to her advantage when she canvasses votes each night from a brand-new electorate that is not so sure it wants to be one under the circumstances.

Riding on the ‘equality and justice for all’ ticket, Ms Seefort is nevertheless quick to point out how aware she is of the new constitution’s shortcomings.

While not thinking for a moment that the House of Representatives will come anywhere near satisfying the needs of the people, she still believes “you have to have a starting point and I think this is it”.

She also hopes to lure more women into the new political arena because “women have an insight into the community that men don’t have”.

“Women,” she said, “have to live with many more daily frustrations, being more exposed to the home and community front which deepens their outlook.”

Anxious to avoid incensing potential male voters’ feelings she added: “I am not saying that men are incapable.”

The entire Seefort family (Catherine is one of seven children) — and especially her mother — is involved in the campaign to propel her to Parliament on August 22.

(Report by C Baker, 171 Meln St, Johannesburg)
COLOURED and Indian candidates in the Transvaal are waging a tough and surprisingly open campaign in their bid to win seats in the new tricameral Parliament.

The contesting parties - although facing strong boycott lobbies - have been able to hold relatively peaceful public meetings on a large scale than the disruption-plagued Western Cape and the almost subterranean campaigning by many of the Indian candidates in Natal.

By polling day the Labour Party would have more than 40 public meetings under the belt and the smaller parties a couple of dozen. Thus far only one of the meetings has been severely disrupted.

Paradoxically, it is the Transvaal region that has seen the biggest number of firebombings of candidates' houses.

Most victims, however, tend to take a fairly phlegmatic view of the incidents.

The sprawling Transvaal constituencies - 10 for the House of Representatives and five for the House of Delegates - have been the site of rich, sometimes paradoxical and often fierce campaigning.

A dominating factor in the province - as elsewhere - is the Labour Party. It is contesting all 16 coloured seats. And it is fighting five out of the eight Indian constituencies through "independents" - the largest number of Indian Labour Party members in any province.

It is a mix of Indian and coloured Labour Party campaigning that has more than anything seen the nail in the coffin of the Political Interference Act.

At public meetings throughout the campaign the Labour Party has put both Indian and coloured candidates on the same stage.

The Labour Party's Transvaal element is a small, but active, group under leadership of the feisty Mr. S. N. K. Mathe, a gravel-voiced veteran politician with a line in almost evangelical fervour at political meetings.

Another Transvaal veteran is party deputy chairman, Mr. M. C. G. de la Rey, a gruff, gravel-voiced veteran politician with a line in almost evangelical fervour at political meetings.

The party is fighting for nine of the 16 seats, but if public attendance is anything to go by they are likely to take a knock on August 19.

A splinter group - the Reformed Freedom Party - have one man in the Transvaal whose profile is remarkable only for its absence.

The People's Congress Party - largely a Cape-based party with close links to the Greens - have put up six candidates.

Public meetings have not been very successful and Labour Party spokesmen are sure they will be able to take all 16 seats.

The 35 Indian candidates in the Transvaal - eight National People's Party, eight Solidarity, two People's Independence Party, five Labour Party "independents" and 11 other independents - show little indication of open campaigning.

Guees

Few observers are prepared to hazard any guesses on the outcome of the elections although there is a belief that the NP may hold the edge in grassroots organisation while Solidarity wins in terms of prestige candidates.

Two things are obvious: the Transvaal coloured and Indian campaigning from other areas; more open campaigning - Transvaal candidates are sometimes仿真ing about the reluctance of their Western Cape counterparts to hold public meetings - and, secondly, a deeper concern about the future of blacks in the political system.

Report by BRIAN POTTINGER

Guard to save his posters

By BOETIE ESHAK

SECURITY guards have been employed by a candidate in the House of Delegates elections to ensure that his posters are not tampered with.

Mr. Diey Pillay, the Transvaal leader of the Solidarity Party, was offered a number of his election posters and banners torn down.

"Politics is certainly not a cheap affair," he said, "it is costing me a small fortune to get my message across."

'Fortune'

Last week Mr. Pillay put up 20 posters at the main entrance of Lenasia, and after four days he found all had been torn down.

"I really something like that was happening, and have employed two part-time security guards."

(Report by Boetie Eshak, 171 Main Street, Johannesburg)

Muslims expel a candidate

By BOETIE ESHAK

THE influential Islamic Council of South Africa (Iosa) has expelled one of its board members because he has decided to take part in the tricameral elections.

Mr. Hassen Noorshah of Pretoria was a member of the House of Delegates as an independent.

Disturbed

In a statement issued this week, the secretary-general of Iosa, Mr. Ismail Kalla, said the decision to kick out Mr. Noorshah was taken by the executive on Monday evening.

"Iosa is deeply disturbed that a member of the board has put himself forward as a candidate for the forthcoming elections," the statement said.

"Mr. Noorshah was fully aware of the policy and reasons of our council in regard to participation."

(Report by Boetie Eshak, 171 Main Street, Johannesburg)
Call to picnic instead of vote

BY NORMAN WEST
MASIVUZE anti-election rallies are being organized to persuade voters to stay away from the polls.

There are just nine days to go before the August 22 elections for the coloured House of Representatives and 16 days before elections for the Indian House of Delegates on August 28.

The rallies are part of the nationwide election boycott campaign being mounted by trade unions, sports bodies, community-based organizations and political movements like the National Forum Committee (NFC) and the United Democratic Front (UDF) to ensure a stay-away from the polls.

At the same time plans for a nationwide boycotting of lessons are scheduled to begin this week at universities, colleges and high schools.

The boycotts are being planned to climax in a total stayaway from campuses on the two election days.

This plan dovetails with the call from the chief patron of the UDF, Dr Alan Boesak, for people to pack their boktas and go for a picnic rather than go to the polls.

Intimidation

Spokesman for political parties said this week the planned boycotts formed part of a covert intimidation campaign in which students would be used to dissuade parents and other eligible voters from casting their votes.

UDF's national publicity director Mr Alan Hendrikse said their parties have held "reasonably" trouble-free meetings recently.

"There has been a drastic change in attitudes of people since the disruption of Labour's first meeting in Bishop Lavis two weeks ago by anti-election forces. I think people are getting sick and tired of bad elements in the community who are hell-bent on violent disruption of meetings and the intimidation, harassment and victimization of people who want to participate in the elections," said Mr Hendrikse.

Mr Lekota said this week that the UDF was "totally against any form of intimidation" and also made it clear that UDF was "in no way involved with school boycotts".

Trouble-free

But the prospective careers politicians in the coloured and Indian political parties registered to fight the contest 80 seats for the House of Representatives and 40 for the House of Delegates remain optimistic.

The leader of the Labour Party, the Rev Alan Hendrikse and the leader of the People's Congress Party, Mr Peter Marais, have both said their parties have held "reasonably" trouble-free meetings recently.

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Obstructive

Some candidates in the Cape Province have reported that they have been denied access to venues for meetings and have been forced to hold meetings in public parks and open spaces.

The national secretary of the Labour Party, Mr Fred Peters, said yesterday that anti-election forces were "terror-strocker" and "would not risk coming to public meetings in Western Cape metropolitan areas."

The small, Reformist Freedom Party of Mr Charles Julius, which is fielding 12 candidates for the 80 contested seats, has told its candidates to hold meetings in public parks and open spaces.

"Because of the fear of violence and because of the uncertainty surrounding the safety of our supporters, we will be Cairnhouse any public meetings. We rely on pamphleteering and personal contact," he said.

The other main coloured political party, the People's Congress Party (PCP) of Mr Peter Marais, has made no effort to hold a public meeting in the Peninsula but Mr Marais has appeared on platforms in rural towns with
Labour Party furious over hall snub

By JEREMY BROOKS

COLOUREDs elected to the highest institution in South Africa — the tricameral Parliament — will find it cuts no ice in Boksburg.

The town clerk, Mr Leon Ferreira, has refused to allow Mr Jac Rabie of the Labour Party use of the Boksburg City Hall.

Campaign organisers had wanted to hire the hall on the Saturday after the August 22 House of Representatives election to introduce coloured MPs to party supporters.

They have now approached a neighbouring municipality for a hall.

Commenting on the refusal, Boksburg's Deputy Town Clerk, Mr Johan Coetzee, said: "All applications for use of the hall by non-whites are considered by Mr Ferreira, who has the authority, vested in him by council, to either accept or reject them."

"In this case we learnt that there is quite a decent hall in Reiger Park which they could use. When alternative facilities are available we do not grant permission."

A furious Mr Rabie said the request was refused "out of hand, without any reason being given at all."

"The alternative facilities were hopelessly inadequate. If this is to be the manner in which we apply the new dispensation, I can only see a great deal of bitterness ahead."

(Report: Jeremy Brooks, 171 Main Street, Johannesburg.)
THE Chief Minister of KwaZulu and president of Inkatha, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, yesterday said it is arrogant of Indians and coloureds to run after whites into their constitutional laager without consulting Africans.

Chief Buthelezi was addressing more than 8 000 Inkatha members at the Thokoza Stadium on the East Rand during the party’s Unity Prayer Rally. He also said it is political arrogance in the extreme for the National Party to maintain that the abandoning of the Westminster-model Parliament and the adoption of the new tricameral Parliament was a new deal for the country’s peoples.

He said the new constitution is as much a reality for every African as it is for any white, Indian or coloured. “This is our country, the place of intimate concern to us. The country’s parliament is not the private domain of the National Party, and any Indian or coloured leader who voluntarily moves into the new tricameral Parliament participates in the kind of white arrogance that rode roughshod over black political sensibility,” Chief Buthelezi said.

Chief Buthelezi said Indian and coloured leaders who participate in the new deal must be told simply how deep African feelings run and how dismayed they feel at being abandoned by the two groups after so many decades of striving to include them in the struggle for liberation. “Their behaviour will cost us dearly,” said Chief Buthelezi.

He said black South Africa acquired wisdom as they had to face one of the worst oppressive systems known to modern man. “We knew what racial fear and what racial hatred was. We knew what it was like to live in a country where draconian powers were used to oppress the masses and to grab the land of our birth and all its riches for the privileged white minority of the country,” he said.

Africans had to learn that the struggle for noble things, for equality and justice, for freedom and dignity, was not an easy struggle. Report by Sello Rabechele of 61 Commando Road, Benoni.

Pathetically, poor Gafane, the linesman had to dig deep and stand bravely as cold thinkcans, plastic bottles and fruit whistled past his head after he had raised the flag against Chiefs for an offside.

Maddened

Anyway there could not have been a place to hide. If this one-nil victory by Chiefs was not an object lesson to the soccer hierarchy, nothing else will be. Among it all my heart was beating faster as I pondered the possibilities of a maddened soccer crowd in such an open field.

News flash

TOP BUSINESSMAN and former teacher, Mr Freddie Shongwe of Atteridgeville, Pretoria was yesterday reported to have died. At the time of going to press it had not been established what the circumstances of his death were, but he was believed to have been at church and died suddenly after feeling unwell.

GOLDEN GOALS!

WIN R2 000 in the Castle League Goal-Of-The-Month Competition which appears on page 17. Who knows, you could be R2 000 richer.
Police on guard as Boesak visits town

Argus Bureau
PORT ELIZABETH. — Police at Cradock boosted their normal surveillance of Lingelihle township during the recent visit of the Rev Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches.

This was said by Mrs N Gonwe, visited by Dr Boesak during a stopover at the town, where school pupils have been boycotting classes for eight months.

Mrs Gonwe said that soon after she had received a telephone call from Dr Boesak telling her of his intended visit, the three police Land-Rovers which normally patrolled the township on a 24-hour basis were increased to five.

One van was posted at each of the entrances to the township.

FOREIGN TV CREW

Dr Boesak was intercepted, she claimed, but eventually allowed to enter the township after a senior officer was called. However, a foreign TV crew with him was denied entrance.

An Argus reporter who visited Cradock at the weekend was intercepted by a police van seconds after entering Lingelihle and allowed to proceed only after his permit was carefully scrutinised.

The journalist was later followed by one of the three police Land-Rovers.

Mr Gladwell Makaula, vice-chairman of the Cradock Residents' Association, said he felt the police presence in the tense township was a major impediment to a solution of the boycott which has led to the detention of civil leaders and the arrest of 100 people on charges relating to incidents of unrest.

"LEAVE US ALONE"

"If they could lift the ban and just leave us alone for a while I'm sure we could find some solution to our problems."

The police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, refused to comment on the incident concerning Dr Boesak, adding that it was "normal" for police to maintain a watch on trouble spots.
Hendrickse plans action against certain teachers

Staff Reporter

LABOUR PARTY leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse today made it clear he was planning action against those teachers whom he alleged used children for political ends.

He was enlarging on a statement he made during last night's television debate between the leaders of coloured political parties.

Asked whether he planned action, once he was in Parliament, against the United Democratic Front, he said there would be strong action against those who used school children for their own purposes.

"FACELESS ONES"

Mr Hendrickse said in an interview today: "We have been watching the situation and we know that it is members of the teaching profession who are the faceless ones."

He said certain teachers received "normal cheques from an abnormal society" and were using school children. "We know who these people are," he said.

Mr Hendrickse said he did not have in mind action such as banning. "There are all kinds of ways to skin a cat," he said.

At present his priority was to win the election and increase the percentage poll and he said he had not given the matter much thought.

UDF Western Cape spokesman, Mr Jonathan de Vries, rejected attempts on the programme to link the UDF with intimidation.

He said the UDF was being accused of intimidation because the Government and the Labour Party feared a low poll.

CHALLENGE

"I challenge Mr Hendrickse to mention one single case in which the UDF was guilty of harassment," he said.

He alleged the Labour Party itself was responsible for intimidation because voters had been told they would be fined if they did not vote.

He said a number of UDF workers had been questioned by police this weekend and their pamphlets confiscated.

Mr de Vries said the UDF had nothing to do with the proposed school boycott to coincide with the elections. This was a matter for students to decide, he said.

People's Congress Party leader, Mr Peter Marais, also enlarged on his views expressed last night.

(Report by D Breier, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town.)
Blacks hit out at new set-up

By RAYMOND MASHAO

DELEGATES representing black civic associations and residents' organisations in the Transvaal met at a rally yesterday to discuss the coloured and Indian elections for the tricameral parliament.

The rally, which was attended by delegates from, among other places, Pretoria, Soweto, Kiphe and Landgraaf, was held at the Roman Catholic Church in Fliurt, Soweto.

A statement condemning the elections included the following points:

- The coloureds and Indian people were being asked to participate in elections under the new constitution of the white minority in South Africa;
- That this new constitution excluded and confirmed the denial of political rights to the black majority, and ensured their exploitation;
- That such an exclusion of the black majority was part of a wider manifestation of the total strategy of restricting blacks to the Bantustans, through pass laws, resettlement and suppressive state apparatus, to allow for the emergence of this new constitution.

"We, therefore, wish all South Africans and the world at large to know that all those who choose to participate in this so-called New Constitution, like those in the Bantustans and Black Local Authorities, will henceforth become enemies of the freedom loving people in the country," the statement reads.

The chairman of the Soweto Committee of Ten, Dr Nthato Molana, who is also chairman of the Soweto Civic Association, told the audience about his long cherished wish for a consultative committee to be formed throughout the country.

In this manner civic bodies and organisations would work together.

"For the past two years, the Committee of Ten have often discussed ways of meeting civic bodies in other areas like Cape Town in a bid to form a consultative committee," he said.

The chairman of the Atteridgeville Civic Association, Dr A Nkomo, supported Dr Molana. He said:

"It is high time a consultative committee was formed to liaise on matters affecting the black community."
UDF hits at call to tighten belts

THE Government told people to tighten their belts when many had hardly enough money to buy belts, according to Miss Cheryl Carolus, Western Cape secretary of the United Democratic Front.

She told about 800 people at a United Women's Organisation (UWO) rally in Athlone yesterday that the Government had told employers to keep pay increases low while it increased the salaries of parliamentarians.

The Government said people had to tighten their belts and be prepared to make financial sacrifices when "our people hardly have money for belts".

She said City Tramways made R38-million profit last year.

"Why does the Government not tell City Tramways to tighten their belts?" she added.

Miss Carolus said the Government spent R12-million last year on pass raids and "billions on the bantustans".

It also spent millions every day on guns and bullets.

WANT BREAD

"But we want bread, not bullets."

The Government had come forward with its new deal, she said, because it was afraid of the way the people of South Africa had again begun to organise themselves.

"The Government is so scared because once we are united there is nothing that can stop us from getting our freedom," she said.

The rally commemorated the 1956 march of 20,000 women to the Union Buildings in Pretoria to protest against the issue of passes to black women.

It was also held to call for a boycott of this month's tricameral Parliament elections. The UWO is an affiliate of the UDF, which is mobilising a boycott movement.

(Report by M Crozier, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)

Every sports meeting must be a demo — Sacos

Staff Reporter

EVERY sports meeting must become a demonstration for the liberation struggle, Mr. Frank van der Horst, president of the South African Council on Sport (Sacos), has said.

Mr. van der Horst, addressing 1,000 people in Athlone at a weekend meeting held to support the boycott of the tricameral Parliament elections, said the election dates of August 22 and 28 would signal a new development in the liberation struggle.

Sports clubs would become instruments for change and would be used for communicating ideas and "aligning ourselves to the broad liberation struggle".

He proposed that sports clubs hold meetings and discussions to help build a new nation in which "the interests of the nation will be paramount".

Mr. Dulra Omar, an advocate, said that whatever anyone said, "freedom is going to come. But we can make it come earlier".

When this occurred the new Parliament would pass its own internal security Act, stating "any person who classifies human beings into racial groups shall be guilty of an act of subversion".

Mr. Omar said the ruling class was trying to trip up the people. "Just as Zola Budd tripped Mary Decker."

Mr. Ebrahim Patel, president of the SA Rugby Union (Saru), said apartheid remained apartheid however its form changed.

(Report by D Breier, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)
Indian poll shub forecast

Chief Bushelezi said that in the final analysis, blacks would have to liberate themselves by relying on their own strength.

(News by P. Leeman, 2 Devonshire Place, Durban)

Allegations

MEABANE—A Swazi mission school has been closed because parents alleged the headmaster was running a shebeen. A Ministry of Education statement issued on Saturday said the headmaster was being questioned by police in connection with the allegations. It did not identify the headmaster or the school. —(Sapa-Reuter)

Mercury Reporter

THE Indian vote for the new parliament will be a low one, it was again predicted at the weekend.

Yeletu Chinsamy, vice-president of the South African Black Alliance, said: "I cannot pretend there will be a 100 percent stayaway, but I am sure a low poll will reflect the community's rejection of the new dispensation."

Mr. Chinsamy had been asked by the Inkatha Youth Brigade to address its conference at Ulundi this week on Indian participation in the elections.

The event will be opened by Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, who is the Black Alliance president.

Mr. Chinsamy — also leader of the Reform Party, Indian wing of the Black Alliance — said in his speech at the conference, "I intend to emphasise that the majority of Indians will not be voting on August 28."

He said he had been disturbed by a statement from the National Federation, a Chatsworth-based group fielding three election candidates.

"Its reported utterances that it would allow urban blacks, and not rural blacks, to be given a chamber in the new parliament was not only an insult to blacks and an embarrassment to Indians, but also showed how little it knows of black aspirations."

(Report by N. Bissell, 2 Devonshire Place, Durban)

The brains behind Natal

Mercury Reporter

THIRTY-NINE Natal high-school pupils, from 19 different schools, have qualified for the final round of the Old Mutual Mathematical Olympiad. Nine of them are from Hilton College.

More than 3,700 pupils from 512 schools throughout South Africa and South West Africa sat the first-round examination.

The final exam will be written in September.

Signed accord

MEABANE—Swaziland and Mozambique have signed a security accord to prevent border clashes. Swazi Police Commissioner, Mr. Maj. Simelane, has announced. — He said the pact was signed on Friday at the countries' common border town of Lomahasha, but gave no details. —(Sapa-Reuter)

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1460 special votes cast in West Cape

Staff Reporter

MORE than 1460 people have already voted in the Western Cape for the House of Representatives election.

A spokesman for the Department of Internal Affairs said in Cape Town today that by the end of last week 1462 people had already cast special votes in the 33 constituencies in the Western Cape.

With about 380,000 voters registered in this area, this represents nearly 0.4 percent of the total.

2.2 PERCENT

Bishop Lavis has had the largest number of votes with 298 special votes out of the 13,697 registered voters, representing 2.2 percent.

Bishop Lavis is the scene of an intense contest between Mr. Peter Marais, leader of the People’s Congress Party, and Mr. Nick Isaacs, Peninsula secretary of the Labour Party.

In Ravensmead 275 people have voted out of 11,387 registered voters, representing 2.4 percent.

A total of 103 people have voted in the seats of Rylands and North-western Cape in the election for the Indian House of Delegates.

Special votes are intended only for voters who cannot reach a polling station on polling day in the constituency in which they are registered for health or other reasons.

(Reported by D. Breier, 122 St George’s Street, Cape Town.)
GST buys guns to 'kill kids'

By PATRICK LAURENCE
Political Editor

GENERAL SALES TAX was raised from 7% to 10% to finance apartheid, Mrs Albertina Sisulu told a Federation of South African Women (Fedswa) rally yesterday.

'To cheers from a packed audience at the Central Methodist Church Hall in Johannesburg, Mrs Sisulu, wife of the jailed African National Congress leader Walter Sisulu, said:

"GST is used to buy guns to kill our children."

'A veteran anti-apartheid campaigner in her own right and a president of the United Democratic Front, Mrs Sisulu characterised the new constitution as an "apartheid constitution" because of its racially separate chambers for whites, coloureds and Indians.

She was one of several speakers at the rally, held to mobilise opposition to the new constitution, to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the founding of Fedswa and the march on Pretoria by 20 000 women in 1956 to protest against passes for black women.

With Mrs Sisulu on the platform were Mrs Helen Joseph, one of the founders of Fedswa,

Mrs Frances Baard, a participant in the 1956 march, Mrs Vesta Smith, who acted as chairwoman, Mrs Priscilla Jana, a Johannesburg lawyer, and Mrs Sarah Medols, mother of the executed South African National Congress fighter, Jerry Medols.

Between speeches the audience stamped and clapped as they sang "freedom" songs and chanted the praises of the ANC leader, Mr Oliver Tambo, and, at one stage, the Communist Party leader, Mr Joe Slovo.

Coloureds and Indians who have decided to stand for election to the new tri-racial parliament were condemned as "collaborators" and "traitors" whose actions would prolong the life of apartheid.

Mrs Jana was loudly applauded when she said: "Participation is betrayal of the children of 1956. He who participates is a traitor. He must be branded as a sell-out and treated as a leper."

Mrs Baard, a patron of the IDEF, drew equally loud applause when she said: "We are on the march to freedom. If anyone stands in front of us, we are going to crush them."

Report by P.L. LEIBOVIC, assistant editor, Johannesburg.
Housing high on Tiry's list

By DIRK VAN ZYL
Political Correspondent

IMPROVEMENT in his peoples housing conditions is high on Mr.
Tury's list of priorities.

"There is a housing waiting list of 6 300 units and 400
intellectual coloureds are sleeping in the yards of blacks, with
no water facilities. Ninety-three coloured families are living in the bush,
suffering from hunger," he said.

Mr. Tiry is a former member of the Labour Party.

Why is he standing for the Peoples Congress Party, which he joined in
March this year and now heads in the Eastern Cape?

"The idea of the PCCP is logical: to achieve what we
require from the new dispensation. We don't accept the new
constitution unconditionally and are going to
obtain from the Government within the first
year a declaration of intent as to exactly how they are going to move
away from all the disciminatory laws.

"We are neither pessimistic nor optimistic that we
will get this declaration, and should we not
get it, we will expose the Parliament at
parliamentary level."

Mr. Tiry is scathing about the Labour Party, which, he claims, "unconditionally accepted the constitution at their
Eshowe congress."

In a "one-upmanship" play on the LP, which has
stated it will withdraw from the new constit
ution after five years if there has been no movement
away from racial discrimination, Mr. Tiry says the PCCP will do so
after three years.

Mr. Tiry was strongly influen
ted into standing by his community involve
ment flowing from his business interests which, he says, started in
Eshowe at the age of 14 when he already had his "first cheque book".

"The bank manager told me: 'my boy, you are 14
years old and legally you are a major.'

"He joined the LP in 1975 because he "believed the party was advocating principles in line
with the needs of the country."

However, Mr. Tiry said, "in 1978 I discovered the LP
was like a Sebe party, where one person rules the party. It was no more a democratic party
whose members exercise their individual rights."

He was dissatisfied when he lost a nomination wrangle for the Uitenhage Coloured Management Committee, claiming he had been manoeuvred out, and subsequently stood under a "Labour"
ticket (as opposed to "Labour Party"

In the last elections for the CMC, in which he was defeated, he "gained 645
families, which the LP lost."

How does he rate his chances in this month's election against LP leader, the Rev. Allan Hendrickse?

"I'm optimistic, but the whole timing of the election and the
drawing up of the constitution has been geared to
wards suitng the LP."

"At worst, he could lose, but I will make a dent and can only gain. I am a growing force against the LP."

Mr. Tiry says he is interested in "sincerity of purpose" and is opposed to the Prohibition of Political Interference Act and the idea of any party using it as a "ploy."

He does not believe anybody should be racially classified.

(Report by Raymond Hill, 19 Baskens Street, Port Elizabeth)

Hendrickse's strategy: two turning points are evident

By RAYMOND HILL
THE REVEREND ALLAN HENDRICKSE, national LP congress, is also the party candid
de in Swartkop constituency.

Mr. Hendrickse decided to "participate" to push the principles he believed in, and the rest is history - the CPCI was eventually effec
tively destroyed by the LP and now coloured South Africans are poised to enter Parliament, albeit an apathetic structured one.

But, Mr. Hendrickse assures audiences around South Africa, the commitment to the same principles remains - removal of all discrimination and effective franchises for all South Africans, including blacks.

The second turning point was in 1979, when the LP leadership under Mr. Hendrickse had the first of several meetings with the Prime Minister, Mr. P W Botha.

Despite criticisms and points of conflict between the LP and the Government, Mr. Botha gave the impression of a person having a clear idea of where he wanted to go compared with his predecessor, Mr. John Vorster," Mr. Hendrickse says.

Some of the further meetings were stormy and after a three-hour one in August, 1980, during which Mr. Botha failed to per
sue the LP to join the President's Council, Mr. Hendrickse came away with the idea: "Let's give the man a chance."

He felt particularly that Mr. Botha had shown new insights into the problems of urban blacks, crucial to resolving South Africa's issues.

"It was a new point of departure, Mr. Hendrickse says.

And, of course, at its hist

toric Eshowe congress earlier last year, the LP decided to participate in the tricameral Parliament.

Mr. Hendrickse "grew up in a political atmosphere recalling his father in leading a protest meeting against Smuts' racial legislation."

During his high school years in the 1940s, the young Hendrickse's interest was drawn to the Teachers' League of South Africa and the Unity Movement, which at the time represented coloured opinion in South Africa.

What does he see as the main political issues today?

"The question of sharing of power and participat
ion in decision-making, because from that flow local improvements in such areas as education, housing and poverty."

Mr. Hendrickse feels that as a member of the now defunct CPCI executive in charge of education, he was, for instance, more effec
tive than he might otherwise have been in improving educational facilities in Uitenhage.

Following representa
tions to the Government, a tender has also gone out for a new primary and high school in the town next year, and he hopes the questio
n will result in a new sports stadium will be visible in the near future.

He is proud that the Al
eridge Community Hall, constructed two months ago, was named after him.

Mr. Hendrickse says he believes his political background and the experi
ence he has gained of negotiating at Ministerial level, and other political fields, stand him in good stead.

He has no doubt he will win on August 22, and says he is working towards causing his opponent to lose.

Mr. Hendrickse has so far drawn by far the biggest crowds at election meet
ings of those participating.

(Report by Dirk van Zyl, 19 Baskens Street, Port Elizabeth)
Even at this late stage, as the last session of the old Westminster-style Parliament has been adjourned and we await the inauguration of the new tri-cameral Parliament at the beginning of September, crucial questions about the working of the new constitution remain unanswered.

Yet in the first few skirmishes of the "new politics", and in the very last enactment of the old legislature, some intriguing hints may be found about the shape of things to come.

In the run-up to the forthcoming election there was an oddly inconclusive show-down between the Minister of the Interior, Mr F. W. de Klerk, and the leadership of the Labour Party. This may well have been the first exercise of the new kind of "consensus politics" which we have so often been told will replace the adversarial style of opposition of the past.

There were two significant aspects to this particular episode: First, it concerned the Prohibition of Political Interference Act, which lies at the very heart of the new constitution. And second, it was a peculiarly ambiguous confrontation in which both sides came away claiming not to have compromised its own principles, while everybody else was left uncertain as to just what had been achieved.

To start with, the issue had been quite clear. The Labour Party and its leader, the Rev. Alan Hendrickse, said that as a non-racial party, the Labour Party intended to put up candidates for the (Indian) House of Delegates as well. Mr Hendrickse insisted that this was a matter of fundamental principle from which the Labour Party was not prepared to budge.

Mr F. W. de Klerk for his part made it clear that the government could not tolerate anything of the kind since it was an evident transgression of the Prohibition of Political Interference Act. And with good reason, too, for not only is this act still on the statute book, but it is closely tied up with the ground rules of the new constitution and its ethnically based tri-cameral Parliament.

The prospect of political parties, even if they are federally organised, straddling the different chambers of Parliament would make nonsense of the whole notion of "own affairs". Moreover, once you allow the Labour Party to operate in more than one House, the PPP and other parties would be sure to follow suit.

You might even end up with the National Party putting up candidates in elections for the other Houses. But then we might as well have a single chamber and a common voters roll.

So in the very first round of the new politics we had a confrontation involving the most basic principles of the new constitution. What happened next is less clear. Both sides reiterated that they would not, and could not, compromise on this issue. There were further meetings behind
closed doors and an agreement was reached which apparently allowed "independents" to stand (on behalf of the Labour Party?) in the Indian election, while the Prohibition of Political Interference Act remained in force and possible changes to it would be investigated after the election.

Both Mr De Klerk and Mr Hendrickse still insisted that they had not given way on the fundamental issue; and there, for the time being, the matter rests.

The lack of any clear outcome seems to have baffled political reporters and commentators who had been covering this issue, and who did not pursue it any further. But that may perhaps be the most crucial point about this episode. Whatever else the politicians of consensus may be, it is a process in which there cannot be obvious winners and losers.

DR ANDRE DU TOIT, has been Professor of Political Philosophy, Stellenbosch, who wrote this article.

In reality, of course, most of the struggle involves gains to some and losses for others. The art of consensus politics is to arrange deals so that no-one need lose any face to his own following. The test of such consensus politics is whether the winners at large will continue to trust their leaders in the bargains that are striking behind closed doors.

Meanwhile the Joint Rules and Orders of the new Parliament, approved by its predecessor during its very final hours of its existence, have brought a little more clarity on some vital aspects of the new parliamentary politics. By now it is well known that the standing committees, where representatives of all three Houses will sit together to discuss "general affairs" before the second reading debates in the respective Houses, will be vital to the functioning of the new system.

Who will be represented in these standing committees, on precisely what basis, and by what procedures and orders? Presumably, because to everyone except the most seasoned parliamentarian this must be a most elusive document whose real import has to be concluded more from what it does not say than from what it does say. It is a technical document anyway.

Again this may well be a pertinent aspect of the new politics, especially in view of the large influx of new representatives without any experience of parliamentary procedure. It may well take them a considerable time before they are able to differentiate its substance from the publicised rules of this game.

In Rule 12, for instance, it would appear to be stipulated unambiguously that the procedures of these standing committees will be based on consensus. "A resolution of a standing committee," it is announced in ringing terms, "shall enjoy the support of the majority of each standing select committee forming part of the standing committee of the House". Other words, general affairs resolutions will require the support of the majority party of each House. In other appearances, though, this does not mean that every major proposal will now be vested with a moral rather than a legal status. In fact, when the majority party is not obtained in the standing committees, legislation or appropriation even if consensus is not obtained in the standing committees.

The really interesting question concerns what will happen when there is conflict between the different Houses. The government of the day must refer it to the President's Council for advice on a binding decision.

At the end of the day, then, it will be possible to enact legislation or pass budgets on general affairs even if only one of the three Houses supports this. So much for the requirement of resolutions by consensus.

Another intriguing point concerns the representation of opposition parties on the standing committees. It has been clearly stated that such bodies constitute a basic framework for the evaluation of the new constitution: if opposition parties are excluded from the standing committees, as the second report of the Constitutional Committee of the President's Council had proposed, then their role in the new Parliament would be even more peripheral than it had been in the old one.

And if they are included, this would make it possible for them to join forces with coloured and Indian parties against the National Party, the very thing which the tri-cameral Parliament seeks to prevent.

The solution to this constitutional riddle is not yet unveiled, and the whole process may be quite ingenious. Will opposition parties have representation on the standing committees of their own Houses, just as in the past? They will be able to choose which stand to debate jointly with the standing committees of other Houses, but when it comes to voting, then each House's name, and not the committee's, is a name that will be cited as the vote is taken. And so, after all, opposition parties will be able to face parties of other Houses against the National Party.

On reflection, however, it seems as though this ingenious solution may be designed to generate more problems than it will solve. The creation of a position of a liberal opposition party on the standing committees of the opposition parties when some important people are present.

The chances of persuading the National Party members of the committee may be as slim as ever—at all, such NF members remain bound by their caucus and by party policy; but the opposition members may have much better prospects in addressing themselves to the majority parties of the other Houses present.

Even if they would represent a minority within their own standing committees, they could thus indirectly prevent consensus on important questions of standing committees. In fact, that must be the logical position of an opposition party in this kind of situation.

But surely that would constitute the very essence of improper political interference? In the eyes of the National Party as the majority party, the opposition would, of course, go the long way round and get its will anyway via the President's Council, but meanwhile it can imagine the NF's wrath re- generating oppositional "obstructionism".

What complicates matters further is that the proceedings of these committees will be in camera, and that the coloured and Indian parties can hardly admit in public that they had been persuaded not to contest white opposition forces.

Conversely, whenever opposition forces break down, the riddles of the new constitution will be put to the white opposition parties.
Don’t vote, says Motlana

SEVERAL pamphlets calling on the Government to abolish its “vexatious laws” of apartheid and the voting under the new constitution, have been distributed by civic associations country-wide.

The pamphlets, entitled “A Voice from Soweto” also call on the Indian and coloured communities to boycott the forthcoming elections and to align themselves with blacks who have been deprived of their voting rights.

The pamphlets were first distributed after a meeting of all civic associations held in Soweto yesterday. The chairman of the civic associations, Dr Nthato Motlana, said that the “pass raids” and other influx control laws should be condemned because “they deprive blacks of their rights in the country of their birth.”

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

In the pamphlets the associations say a “vote for apartheid constitution” is to vote for:

- The denationalisation of the African majority; the inhuman forced removals; pass laws, the Government condemning blacks to the bantustans; oppression and exploitation, and for Indians and coloureds joining the South African Defence Force to fight against blacks.

“We wish to remind the oppressors that the people’s leaders are in prison, exile and in our people’s organisations within the country. We are nevertheless confident that Indians and coloureds are part of a long tradition of unity together with all the oppressed of this country,” the pamphlets say.

Dr Motlana, and several other leaders of civic associations from the Witwatersrand and Pretoria, called on the Indian and coloured communities not to vote for apartheid and the “Hendricks’s and Rajbansi’s” who have “collaborated with the Government.”

Report by JOSHUA RABOROKO of 61 Commento Allied Industries
ANTON HABER: Political Reporter

Side of apartheid fence

Enemies on the same

THE CONFERENCE FOR RECONCILIATION IS A PAINFUL ONE.
System can be used to restore coloured pride

In the first of a series of articles by political leaders on the coming election in the coloured community, PETER MARAIS, leader of the People’s Congress Party, explains his party’s objectives.

THE current events surrounding the forthcoming election for the House of Representatives are symptomatic of the deep divisions within a community already torn apart by religious, biological and social differences.

As leader of the PCP, I will continue to strive towards obtaining unity amongst the brown people as a protection against black and Afrikaner nationalism. Disunity within our ranks as well as the non-racial nature of our biological make-up have made us easy prey for politically ambitious black nationalists and white liberals.

Brown people seem capable of loving anybody, irrespective of race or colour, but nobody seems genuinely to love us for what we are. Our “imprimatur” seems to disturb them. Even some blacks scorn us.

I view the House of Representatives as the mechanism which can be used to restore our self-confidence and pride.

It can save us from political starvation and prepare us mentally for the tedious task of dismantling apartheid in such a way and order of priority that it does not lead to further economic and social exploitation.

The UDF has failed to impress me as an alternative to participation in the tri-partisan Parliament. What is their policy apart from pamphlets, meetings, pamphlets, meetings ad infinitum? What can they possibly do to stop implementation of the proposals except deny some voters the right to decide who should represent them?

The UDF’s arguments against participation centre around claims that our children will be sent to the army; that bus fares, rents and the GST will go up again; that blacks are excluded; that we are after the money.

Army service

Any short-chants politician should know that the Government could call us up for military duty at any time. Boycotters are not exempted from laws that have been passed. Every year hundreds of our “coloured” young men are signing up for voluntary army service. Hundreds are also turned down. Why then pass a law to force them into the army?

Even if the government should try introducing legislation to this effect, the contesting parties once inside Parliament would be in a strong position to oppose it while extra-parliamentary groups would be powerless.

We need to change people’s attitudes towards each other and not simply laws. Most laws reflect a society’s norms, tolerances and behaviour patterns. To simply change a law does not mean preferences and tolerances will change. Although the law on Job Reservation has been repealed, employers still place job adverts for whites. Their own personal preferences have not changed.

The PCP is fighting for the economic emancipation of the poverty stricken masses, improvement in the quality of their lives, higher levels of education and through responsible, intelligent action, hope to start a normalising revolution in which ethnicity would disappear as a yardstick for political fitness or social acceptance.

We must take charge of the planning of our future and not simply wait for things to happen. We must field our best possible team against the white man’s best team. The fighter which is most feared is the unknown fighter.
Drinkers barred on August election days

Staff Reporter

MIXED politics and mixed drinks will both be banned on the August 22 and 23 election days. For both days have been declared “dry”.

The irony is that while whites may not take part in the elections in terms of the Prevention of Political Interference Act, they are also not allowed to buy liquor on the coloured and Indian election days.

This means that all bars and bottle stores will be closed. And in unopposed seats, all licensed premises within 3km of a polling station in another seat, must be closed.

In practice, the authorities will ensure that all liquor sales cease on polling days,

Mr T Vorster, chairman of the Liquor Board, said hoteliers and licencees were being informed that it was a “closed day” and they would know exactly what it meant. Liquor may be served only at mealtimes, he said.

(Report by D Breier, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town.)
Indian fury as 'don’t vote' posters wrecked

Mercury Reporter

THE Natal Indian Congress reacted angrily last night after its giant anti-election posters on billboards on Durban railway property were covered with paint.

The railway authorities had objected, and Dr Farouk Meer, a senior NIC executive member, claimed: 'This is a deliberate attempt to hamper our boycott campaign.'

He pledged: 'We are going to step up the campaign, using other means to spread our message to voters in the Indian and coloured parliamentary elections.'

Dr Meer said the NIC had spent about R2 500 hiring billboards, most of which are on railway property.

He said: 'We hired them from an advertising agency, and we are legally entitled to advertise our message on that space.

'We are not going to leave this. Our lawyers are busy planning appropriate action against the railways.'

Mr W J Mitchell, head of South African Transport Services in Natal, said advertising agencies had a contract with the railways, and one of the conditions was not to allow any political material to be used on the boards.

'We may be accused of taking sides in political issues,' he said. 'We are a Government agency and must remain neutral at all times.'

Replying to NIC claims that during the constitutional referendum for the white community, the National Party was allowed to advertise its 'Yes' vote campaign on the billboards, Mr Mitchell said: 'The referendum issue was a non-political matter.'

Dr Meer said it was nonsense to say the referendum was not a political issue.

(Report by S Vengas, 12 Devonshire Place, Durban)
2 in youthful tussle for seat

Staff Reporter

BONTEHEUWEL will be a youthful tussle, with both candidates for the House of Representatives young and with little political experience.

The seat is another of many two-way battles between Labour Party and People’s Congress Party candidates.

Mr John Delport, 30, of Fransroose Park, a builder, is the PCP candidate. He is new to politics, but has the support of his father, Mr J L Delport, who is contesting the nearby Manenberg seat for the same party.

Mr Patrick McKenzie, 32, of Montana is the LP candidate. He is a mechanism of the Athlone management committee and serves on the Board of Somerset Hospital and the Avalon Treatment Centre. He is in real estate marketing.

The constituency is a working-class area. It has 10,672 registered voters and includes only Bonteheuwel, which is a large area.

(Report by Henry Luthin, 122 St George’s Street, Cape Town)

73-year-old in 3-way competition

Staff Reporter

BELHAR is being contested by a trade union secretary, a pensioner who is possibly the oldest election candidate, and a “born again” pastor.

Mr Archie Poole, 61, of Belville, secretary of the Engineering and Industrial Workers Union anda member of the local management committee, contests the seat for the Labour Party.

Independent Mr Sydney Wesso, 73, also of Belville is a pensioner and a Commissioner of the Peace.

Mr Fred Sellidon, 55, of Kuils River, an independent, is a dental mechanic who has served on Macassar and Kuils River management committees. He is a pastor of the Maranatha Mission Church.

The constituency includes both working-class and middle-class areas. It has 16,085 registered voters and includes Belhar, Belville South, Serepta, and Uitsig.

(Report by Henry Ludini, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)

Labour, PCP, RFP in fight for Grassy Park

Staff Reporter

THREE PARTIES, the Labour Party, the People's Congress Party and the Reformed Freedom Party are contesting the Grassy Park seat.

A retired school principal, Mr Joseph van den Heever, 66, of Penlyn Estate, is the LP candidate.

He is a University of the Western Cape council member and a founder member of the Cape Teachers Professional Association.

Mr Yusuf Deers, 57, a building contractor, is the PCP candidate. He was a founder member of the now defunct Montagu's Gift Ratepayers' Association. He is also a Cape party leader.

Mr Nic Booyzen, 53, of Grassy Park is the RFP candidate. A welfare worker, he is also party national chairman.

The constituency is a working-class and middle-class and has 15,123 registered voters. It includes Grassy Park, Lavender Hill, and Lotus River.

(Report by H. Luthin, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)
Newcomer takes on veteran

Staff Reporter
THE TAFELBERG constituency is the scene of a two-way contest between a former national president and leader of the Labour Party, Mr. M. D. Arendse and a political newcomer, Mrs. Soheir Hoosen who is standing for the People's Congress Party.

Mrs. Hoosen, 31, from Saramay Estate is a mother of three "with another on the way."

She is a commercial representative for a clothing company.

Mr. Arendse of Lansdowne was national president and leader of the EP from 1967 to 1971.

In 1969 he was elected to the CRC as the Tafelberg candidate.

Married with four children, Mr. Arendse is a building consultant.

For many years he was an industrial law adviser for a number of trade unions.

With 6,000 registered voters, the Tafelberg constituency covers both working and middle-class areas including Walmer Estate, Sea Point, Green Point, Cape Town, Woodstock, Salt River and Observatory.

(Report by M. C. Rawley, DJ, 123 St George's Street, Cape Town)
10 000 cast special votes

Staff Reporter

CLOSE to 10 000 people have already cast special votes for this month's tricameral Parliamentary elections.

But, with a week to go for the House of Representatives election and two weeks to the election for the House of Delegates, the number of special votes is far fewer than would be the case in a white election where both special and postal voting takes place in advance.

Political scientists had expected an avalanche of special votes to create a bandwagon effect in the election, but this has not been the case.

By the end of last week a total of 6 681 people had cast votes for the House of Representatives.

Of these 5 019 were in the Cape, 1 118 in the Transvaal, 497 in Natal and 47 in the Free State.

In the Indian election, 2 639 had voted by last week. Of these 2 109 were in Natal, 427 in the Transvaal, and 103 in the Cape.

These figures are to be updated later this week.

In the Peninsula area, Bishop Lavis with 399 special votes was the most active followed by Ravensmead with 278.

But the Outeniqua seat in the Southern Cape has been the most active with 1 009 special votes cast.

Special votes may be cast only by people who cannot reach the polls on the August 22 and 28 election days because of age, ill-health, absence from the constituency or urgent duties.

(Report by D Bremer, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town.)
The election dropout man bounces back

Staff Reporter

Mr. Lionel Steyn, the election dropout, has bounced back into contention by announcing that he has changed his mind.

Mr. Steyn, the People's Congress Party candidate in Elies River for the House of Representatives, announced this month that he had withdrawn from the election after sleepless nights.

He said friends and family had persuaded him to withdraw and that people could not understand the new constitution.

But Mr. Steyn has now announced he has resumed his campaign. He said that after the news of his withdrawal, many people contacted him to say they still supported the PCP.

"PERSUADED HIM"

People were dissatisfied because they would no longer have a choice of candidates in Elies River, he said. The only other candidate is Mr. Paul Kleinsmidt of the Labour Party.

The "strong personality" of the PCP leader, Mr. Peter Marais, also persuaded Mr. Steyn to change his mind about withdrawing.

He said many people who had seen Mr. Marais on television at the weekend were now supporting the PCP and had persuaded him (Mr. Steyn) to stand.

(Report by D'Breter, 322 St. George's Street, Cape Town)

More election reports on Pages 7 and 14.
Govt is preparing for a 'State of War', says Lekota

UUNI] systematic removal of black people from the cities — to self-contained areas like Khayelitsha in the Cape and Onverwacht in the Free State — is part of the Government's preparation for a "state of war", says United Democratic Front publicity secretary, Mr Terror Lekota.

It would enable resistance to apartheid to be forcibly crushed in these areas far away from the watchful eye of the media, said Mr Lekota — the sole male speaker at yesterday's women's rally in Johannesburg.

He said that recent events in the Free State towns of Parys and Welkom pointed to "an intensification of the struggle in the towns"

He warned that coloured and Indian children could be used in military action in the townships if they accepted the new constitution and conscription which would inevitably follow. "You may be used to shoot us in the townships for our refusal to pay rents."

Resistance

Mr Lekota reminded his audience that women were already actively engaged in the struggle against influx laws. The "squatter" issue of the Cape Peninsula was really the active resistance of rural women against passes, he said, pointing out that Crossroads, KTC and Nyanga Bush were largely women's creations.

"Unless we are able to channel the energies of these women we are losing an important part of the struggle," he said.

Mr Lekota launched a strong attack on Soweto mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala for entertaining the wives of Mr P W Botha and Dr Piet Koen Hopkins in Soweto on the eve of National Women's Day. He charged that Mr Tshabalala was "determined to adulterate and undermine the significance of a national day".
Polls boycott would rebound, Muslims told

Mercury Reporter

A MASS Muslim stay-away from House of Delegates on August 28 would rebound on the community, Mr AG Khan, a trustee of Durban's Grey Street Juma Musjid, said yesterday.

'It will not be in the community's interests to boycott the elections, however imperfect the constitution is on which the new House is based,' he said, reacting to a decision taken at a meeting of more than 1,000 Muslims in Durban on Sunday, urging a stayaway.

Gambling

Mr Khan said he did not think the meeting's boycott pledge would be a success, because he knew of many Muslims who believed it would be far better to be in the field as a player, rather than on the stands, even among 50,000 spectators.

'As much as we would like it to be, South Africa is not a Muslim state and it is therefore unreasonable to expect its constitution to be based entirely on Islamic principles,' he said.

Mr Abdullah Khan, a trustee of Mohammedeya Mosque in Sparks Road, who is contesting the House of Delegates Breidfield seat as an independent, said meetings such as the one held by several Muslim organisations at the weekend should act to stop un-Islamic practices such as gambling and dancing.

Solidarity said yesterday its willingness to participate in the House of Delegates did not mean it was accepting South Africa's new constitution.

Performances by members of the new House will determine if they are pro-apartheid or anti-apartheid,' Mr Mahmoud Rajab, Solidarity's secretary, said.

He was commenting on a Sapa-Reuters report from Lagos which said the United Nations Special Committee Against Apartheid would ask Mrs Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India, to urge South African Indians not to vote for the new constitutional reforms.

Rajab said Mrs Gandhi's concern would be understandable in the light of India's enormous trade with many African countries, for she would obviously not want to fall out with her Afro-Asian partners.

'Nobody has said the new constitution is the ideal one, but we are willing to give it a trial in the hope that it can be used as the springboard for real reforms,' he said.

Mr Rajab, who is Solidarity's candidate for the Springfield seat in the House of Delegates, said many of his election posters and boards had gone missing.

Handbills calling for a boycott of the elections had been stuck on other posters he had put up in Ashville, he said, adding that he had reported the matter to the police.

(Report by N Blaetzy, 12 Devonshire Place, Durban)
Their condition was yesterday said to be still very critical and the hospital spokesman said they were still battling for their lives.

Why not attend our meeting?

THE SOWETAN
Woman's Club meetings will be held at the Soweto Fund Centre and in Daveyton: Lionel Kente Hall on August 18 at 2 pm.

Guest speakers will talk on colds, flu and coughs as this is the season when most people suffer these ailments. In Soweto a guest speaker, Mrs Priscilla Nyekelele with complement talks with a demonstration on how to arrange flowers for your dinner table; and Mrs Gladys Botha of Finville who has a business in Soweto, will talk on etiquette at dinner.

Tea will be provided with the compliments of Carlton paper.

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Archbishop agrees with polls stayaway

Mercury Reporter

THE Roman Catholic Archbishop of Durban, Archbishop Denis Hurley, says he agrees with coloureds and Indians who say they want nothing to do with the elections for the new parliament this month.

In a statement yesterday, Archbishop Hurley said the new system was merely a consolidation of apartheid under a camouflage of participation.

He saw no evidence on the part of the South African Government of a serious intention to begin power-sharing, to offer even a significant beginning of real political participation.

Dr Hurley said he saw both a danger and a betrayal in participation. There was a danger that those who took part would be co-opted into a process of perpetuating apartheid.

On the question of betrayal, he said that those coloureds and Indians who were participating appeared to be seeking some advantage for themselves while accepting the total exclusion of the Africans.

Clear

The president of the Methodist Church of South Africa, the Rev Fremont Louw, said yesterday he did not feel that he could 'dictate' to Indian and coloured members of his community on whether or not they should vote in the elections.

Mr Louw said the Methodist Church had made its position on the new constitution very clear and had called on white members to vote 'No' in the November referendum because of the exclusion of Africans.

"No one ought to be unaware of where we stand," he said.

Mr Paddy Kearney, director of Diakonia, the Durban ecumenical agency, said Diakonia had no hesitation in calling for a boycott of this month's elections since the constitution was totally unacceptable from a Christian point of view.

For the first time, apartheid was being written into the constitution, he said. The churches had said clearly that apartheid was a heresy.

(Report by P Leeman of 12 Devonshire Place, Durban)
Sacos challenged on election threat

The South African Council on Sport (Sacos) has been challenged to expel members who draw State salaries or who vote in the parliamentary elections.

The challenge was made by Mr John Delport, People's Congress Party candidate in Manenberg, who has been expelled from the Western Province Tennis Union, a Sacos affiliate. Mr Delport was assistant secretary of the union.

He was expelled because of his participation in the election in spite of Sacos's rejection of the new constitution.

Mr Delport, who had intended to resign, said that to be consistent Sacos should also expel people who voted on the August 22 and 28 elections.

He said that as an MP he would be a professional parliamentarian and would be paid by the Government. Sacos should therefore also expel members who drew Government salaries, including teachers.

A Sacos spokesman said there would be no "witch hunt" against members who voted. However, if it became known that a prominent member had voted action would be taken.

Mr Delport intends to form a sporting body to rival Sacos.

(Report by D Breiter, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)
Whites 'will still have whip hand in 2000'

While the South African State may well be able to survive all known forces that can be mobilised against it in the next two decades, it can probably no longer fully control the pace and nature of change, or prevent episodic unrest.

This is the view of Professor Hermann Giliomee, of the department of political studies at the University of Cape Town.

By David Braun, Political Staff

Writing in Energos, a Mail-sponsored publication on South Africa in the year 2000, he says: "South Africa's political future clearly seems to fall into what has been described as a pattern of violent equilibrium."

He says there is no historical inevitability about majority rule leading to power.

The key factor determining internal peace in a divided society such as South Africa is less the intensity of discrimination than the effectiveness of control.

"A comparative look at Israel and South Africa, which have enjoyed a remarkable degree of stability, and strife-torn Northern Ireland and Lebanon, makes it possible to see in sharper relief the prospects for internal peace in South Africa."

"The key to the current stability of both South Africa and Israel is the huge advantages these states enjoy from levels of point of view of control.

COERCIVE

He uses the word "control" to mean the ability to exercise untrammeled centralised political power, based on the loyal support of both the dominant race group and the coercive apparatus of the state (army and police).

Control also depends on the dominant group having the resources to impose its will on the majority, and on whether the subordinate group has an independent political and economic base to mount effective resistance.

"The whites in South Africa, like the Israelis, have, and for the foreseeable future will continue to have, undisputed authority, which they can use to safeguard their power and keep the internal peace."

"There is no 'third party' (like the British force in Northern Ireland) which can interfere with the monitoring and suppressing of dissidents."

"To ensure a proper business climate, the government has an interest in avoiding measures which could destabilise society."

"In fact, the South African Government is becoming steadily more sophisticated in its threat assessment and conflict regulation compared with the 70s - when bungling politicians and bureaucrats imbued with an almost fatal degree of over-confidence and racial complacency, constituted a dangerous liability."

He adds that South Africans do not show the faltering will to govern, or growing self-doubt and guilt which paralysed the ruling elites of pre-revolutionary France and Russia.

The National Party seems likely to retain its character, with a tough white middle-class constituting its primary political base, he says.

"In general terms, violence has tended to break out in societies where regimes apply controls which are erratic, hesitant and ineffective."

PARALYSED

Professor Giliomee contends that there is little chance of the National Party becoming paralysed by the apparent march to victory of a "lower-class reactionary white party."

He says the former will be able to count on strategic English support in elections, helped by the manipulation of news.

The Government seems likely to retain its ability to control the leadership of black organisations and movements by rewarding collaborators and removing or punishing those who do not collaborate, he adds.

Non-colonialist organisations, like the Unit- ed Democratic Front and the National Forum, always face a crackdown the moment they show the potential for seriously challenging the Government's collaborators - not to speak of the State itself.

"At any lower level of political mobilisation, the State is quite happy to tolerate their existence, even if it is only to infiltrate the organisation.

"Professor Giliomee does not expect the ANC to overcome the formidable obstacles to waging a successful revolutionary war over the next 15 years."

South Africa's well-developed infrastructure allows for rapid mobility of the government forces in rural areas, he says.

"In the cities, the Security Police will probably continue to curb the ANC by heavy infiltration of its lower levels."

"The ANC can only grow into a formidable challenger of the state if increasing numbers of unemployed and frustrated blacks want the country and the ANC succeeds in establishing bases and camps in an African state near South Africa."

"South Africa would in all likelihood maintain its strong-arm stance while harnessing economic incentives to force countries along its north-eastern borders to expel ANC guerrillas."

"This will in all likelihood achieve the desired results. However, South Africa is running the risk of a major strategic miscalculation which could let the ANC in."

Professor Giliomee adds: "Pressed too hard, the government of a black state in the region, such as Angola, may decide to put itself squarely in the Russian camp and also become a fully-fledged sanctuary for the ANC."
Professor predicts grim future for urban blacks and homelands

Professor Gillomene paints a grim picture of the future of the homelands and black urban concentrations in the next 18 years, writes David Braun.

It appears that the situation in the homelands will deteriorate over this period, unless South Africa enjoys an unexpected economic boom.

"One expects that by the year 2000 conditions in the homelands will not be much different from today — except that there will be many more people grimly struggling to survive.

VIOLENCE

"And the homelands will be far more violent with large scale crime, violence, banditry, faction fights, cattle rustling and the occasional palace coups and revolutions.

"Fearing for their personal safety, whites will avoid visiting large areas of the homelands.

"Most homelands will probably be corrupt and depopulated. Some of the homelands may well become the Sicilies of new black mafia."

He attributes much of this to the rapidly widening cleavage between those who can find work as migrants or in the homeland economy, and those who cannot.

Homeland citizens will, increasingly be caught in a double squeeze. On the one hand, growing numbers can no longer live from the land. On the other, residents will find it ever more difficult to find jobs outside subsistence agriculture.

The depression of social and economic conditions in homeland rural areas will be such that they will inevitably give rise to rapid and chaotic urbanisation in the form of squatting.

SQUATTERS

"Homeland governments will continue their attempts to curb squatting through removals, refusing to provide services in squatter camps and discriminating against squatters at the labour bureaux."

"Nonetheless, for the sake of sheer survival, squatters will continue to converge upon South African and homeland urban areas, pushing the rate of urbanised blacks up from the present 36 percent to well over 50 percent by the year 2000."

On that basis a further 10 million blacks will have to be settled in the urban areas by 2000, and despite Government attempts to deflect the stream, most of them will converge on the country's four metropolitan areas.

PRESSURE

There will be a breakdown of law and order as whites fight to prevent a lowering of their living standards in the face of tremendous pressure on their facilities and resources and migrants turn to crime to survive.
Disenchanted, so joined PCP

By RAYMOND HILL

MR STEPHEN MARONGO, 44, the People's Congress Party candidate for Bethelsdorp, joined the PCP recently because he was "disenchanted" with the direction the Labour Party was taking.

He was the LP's first Eastern Cape regional organiser.

Mr Marongo, an insurance broker, lives in Hillside with his wife, Virginia, and five children.

Mr Marongo matriculated at Holy Rosary Convent, Cradock, and is a former president of the Eastern Province Cricket Association, the Givandale Cricket Club and Glen Rees Rugby Club. He was leader of the United Congregational Church's youth movement in Schaudervale.

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Teacher turns LP politician

By RAYMOND HILL

MR WILLIE DIETRICH is the Labour Party's candidate for Bethelsdorp constituency, recently retired from 38 years service in the teaching profession to enter full-time politics.

He is a widower and father of three sons, two of whom are at university.

He chairs the Northern Areas Management Committee (NAMC).

Mr Dietrich's last teaching post was at South African Primary School in Arcadia, where he taught for about 14 years.

He was unopposed in two NAMC elections and is well known in the Bethelsdorp area, although he lives in Parkside.

In 1949 he was captain of the soccer, rugby and tennis teams at the Dower Training College in Uitenhage and still takes an interest in sport.

Mr Dietrich regards the new dispensation as a "tremendous challenge".

Report by Raymond Hill, 19 Banksteet, Port Elizabeth

How Marongo sees the future

By DIRK VAN ZYL

Political Correspondent

POLITICS is very much in Mr Stephen Marongo's blood. His father always allowed him, with the rest of the children, to listen to the adults' conversation, which in the Marongo home often centred on the issues of the day and the political process.

The home was regularly visited by such prominent figures as Mr Dennis Brutus (who became an exile from apartheid in 1966 and played an important part in the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee, South) and it was used as a base for United Party canvassing sorties in the late 1940s.

This stimulated the interest of the young Marongo, and he became a foundation

Why did he decide to join the People's Congress Party after having been an LP member until about a month ago?

"For a long time I had been having a good look at the line the LP was taking on such issues as disinvestment and one man, one vote, and the courtship the Government seems to be having with the LP at the moment.

Mr Marongo sees one of the main differences between the two parties as an internal constitutional one.

"The LP basically has a constitution for the administration of party affairs, while the PCP's addresses itself more to the present situation. For instance, it has directorates for housing, education, industry and commerce and economic affairs."

How does he rate his chances in the locally".

Like many other candidates, a top priority for Mr Dietrich is housing. "My aim is: one house, one family," he says.

His interest in politics started at the age of about 15 when he joined the Fourth International, a left-wing, socialistically-inclined organisation.

In 1959 he was elected from the floor to chair the first Labour Party public meeting, the LP's present leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, ever addressed.

"We quizzed Mr Hendrickse and it seemed to us the guy had something in him. I came to believe that the LP stood for a free South Africa where everybody could just be South Africans, and I have been there ever since, with the same principles."

But, Mr Dietrich jokes today: "I got hell from the Administration for..."
To vote or not? That is the real question

By a Special Correspondent

WITH a week to go to the "coloured" election for the House of Representatives, a clear choice of many voters has emerged.

The poll on August 23 is being billed by some politicians as a foot in the door of power and a chance to destroy apartheid.

But supporters of abstention see it as the co-option of coloureds by the Nationalists to bolster the oppression of blacks.

Whether the poll is high or not, 60 coloured MPs will be elected to their racially separate House of Representatives in the new Parliament.

There is little doubt the Labour Party, headed by the Rev Allon Hendricksie, will win an overwhelming majority.

The Labour Party has 80 candidates. Four were returned unopposed.

Its main election rival, the People's Congress Party, has 59 candidates; the Freedom Party 34 and the Freedom Party splinter group the Reformed Freedom Party, 11. There are 32 independent candidates.

It is difficult to assess how many seats each of the parties will win. The Reformed Freedom Party was not invited to any of the parties, and the Freedom Party has been known to be a couple.

The People's Congress Party could win six and independent candidates might take a few.

But the Labour Party is likely to have at least 60 seats, probably more.

The main policy differences between the parties and the Labour Party in one case and the other three in another.

The Labour Party is calling for an end to apartheid and majority rule in a unitary state.

Again, it is ironic that there are also the aims of the anti-participation groups, but the strategies are completely different.

Speeches by Labour Party leaders are at times radical and militant. They have called for the nationalisation of industries -- including mines, and redistribution of national wealth.

The Labour Party rejects the new constitution but believes it can be used to lever more concessions from the Nationalists and there by destroy apartheid.

The other party is a combination of the National Congress or involvement in petrol bombings of the houses of "participation" politicians and other blacks working with Government-created institutions.

TIC president Dr Essop Jassat suggested at a recent meeting that the bombings may be deliberate attempts to smear the "anti" groups and generate support for the participants.

As an alternative to voting, some of the "anti" groups have called for continued pressure through worker and cultural organisations to force the Nationalists to offer something more substantial than the new constitution.

The exclusion of blacks from the new system and the retention of what are regarded as the most unpalatable aspects of apartheid are cited as the main reasons for non-participation.

In summary, it seems that the Labour Party will win nearly all the House of Representatives seats, but the percentage poll will be relatively low.

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Census shows 64% have registered

THE 907 106 registered coloured voters represent only 64.8% of the potential coloured electorate, based on the 1980 census figures.

And the figure could be even lower, according to some Government officials and researchers, who believe the actual number of coloured adults might be as much as 12% higher than the 1980 figures.

In the Indian community, 88.7% of the potential voters, based on the 1980 census, have registered.

Again, this figure could be lower if the registration is based on research estimates of the actual Indian population.

By comparison, November last year, 89.4% of potential white voters based on the 1980 census were in possession of the Books of Life on which voters rolls will be compiled in future.

The figures mean that the percentage polls in the coloured and Indian elections will have to be substantial if it is to be claimed that the outcomes are representative of the will of the majority of the two groups.

A 50% official poll in the coloured election will mean a 32.4% actual poll, based on the 1980 census figures, and an even lower poll based on the estimated 1.5 million potential coloured voters.

In the Indian election, a 30% official poll will mean a 44.5% poll, based on the 1980 census figures, and possibly an even lower poll based on research estimates.
The other parties believe to varying degrees in coloured nationalism and ethnic power bases. They are not in favour of majority rule but do not support apartheid.

The Labour Party is well organised, well financed (it claims its money comes from supporters and coloured businessmen) and has the services of a political consultancy run by senior Nationalists.

The other parties rely mainly on local support and are not well organised or well financed. Judging by crowds at
More poster vandals reported

By ANTON HARBER
Political Reporter

THE Solidarity candidate for the East Lenasia seat in the House of Delegates, Mr Dinkie Pillay, has submitted the registration numbers of two more cars whose occupants were seen destroying his campaign banners.

This means Mr Pillay hopes to have charges brought against a total of four people for malicious damage to property.

Mr Pillay has employed four men to keep a 24-hour watch on his posters and banners in Lenasia.

Last week the guards supplied police with the numbers of two other cars and they are investigating a charge of malicious damage.

Mr Pillay said he had admitted to admitting destroying the posters.

They said, however, they were not members of any organization. The one said he pulled down the poster because it was on his property.

Mr Pillay said he handed the name of the other — an 18-year-old youth — to the Security Police for them to probe any connections he may have to political parties.

Police yesterday confirmed the complaints were being investigated, but declined to give further details.

(Report by Anton Harber, 171 Main Street, Johannesburg)
Students boycott lectures

Staff Reporter

STUDENTS at the University of the Western Cape boycotted classes today.

Many attended instead a meeting called by the Students' Representative Council to discuss plans for an alternative programme during the week they have decided to stay away from lectures in protest against elections for the new tri-cameral parliament.

Earlier, SRC members met the Rector, Dr Richard van der Ross, to discuss examinations and tests that are due to be written.

At the University of Cape Town, 400 black students decided yesterday to boycott lectures on the days preceding the coloured and Indian elections.

PUPILS

Some pupils at the Kensington Senior Secondary School stayed away from school today. The boycott included most senior pupils, according to a spokesman at the school.

There were no indications of boycotts at other Peninsula schools visited by Argus reporters today.

Mr Noel Esles, press liaison officer for the Directorate of Coloured Education, said "Other than rumours, this directorate is not aware of any preparations being made at its schools for classes to be boycotted.

"It would be failing in its duty if it did not emphasise that such boycotts would be only to the detriment of the training and tuition of pupils."

The Reverend Allan Hendrickse, the Labour Party leader, appealed today to parents and teachers to discourage schoolchildren from disrupting the parliamentary elections later.

He said there were political activists who were ready to use children as "cannon fodder" while they themselves remained safely in the background.

He appealed for boycott groups to allow the democratic process to take place so that people could exercise a free choice.

(Report by D Breier and E MacKenzies, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town.)
UDF anti-election campaign a spent force, says Pillay

By Gary van Staden, Political Staff

The United Democratic Front's anti-election campaign has run out of steam and the tide is turning in favour of participation in this month's polls for the tricameral Parliament.

That is the view of Solidarity Party candidate Mr Dinkie Pillay who said today that the anti-election campaign was a spent force and that declining attendances at their meetings proved his point.

"They started too early and the people have become bored with the same old speeches about conscription, the sellouts and how much this is all going to cost the South African taxpayer," Mr Pillay said.

He said the tide had turned in favour of the participating parties and that he had encountered "many people" who had left the "boycott camp" and crossed to his party.

"Some of my people went to an anti-election meeting in Lenasia on Sunday and came back looking very bored," Mr Pillay said.

He added that the anti-election campaign had started out looking good but that too many people had been backed too far into a corner.

"When that happened they decided, 'to hell with this' and changed their minds about not voting," Mr Pillay said he was expecting a "reasonably high" percentage poll in the House of Delegates election on August 22.

(Report by G van Staden, 47 Steer Street, Johannesburg.)

English-speakers are welcome — Nat leader

By David Braun, Political Staff

A door appears to have been opened to more Nationalist English-speakers being appointed to the President's Council.

The Transvaal National Party leader, Mr F W de Klerk, says speculation about the proportion of English-speakers representing the NP on the President's Council is pointless as the new State President still has many appointments to make.

Reacting to reports that English-speakers had been overlooked by the Transvaal NP when it recently elected nine members to the council, Mr de Klerk said yesterday that it had become fashionable to say the NP did not really welcome English-speakers.

"The latest (NP) appointments for a section of the council is given as an example. It is pointless to speculate now about who will be serving as the State President must still appoint a large number of additional members.

In the Transvaal, NP English-speakers are playing an increasing role. Mrs Sheila Scorer's unanimous selection as NP candidate in the recent Rosettenville provincial by-election is an example.

"Those who wish to be identified with the NP will be welcome," he said.

ARROGANCE

Guilt also lay in delay in taking opportunities, short-sightedness and one-sidedness.

Then there was the guilt of colour isolation, which had become the highest form, and the guilt of arrogance.

"We know we must break through isolation and move away from racism. We cannot reach our goal alone," Dr de Klerk said.

"Conflict will always be with us. This applies world wide and at this stage to a lesser degree in South Africa.

"Consensus is the answer even though the road to agreement is rough. No one knows whether this will work but the energy of South African politics is loaded with peace. We are moving to association with the subcontinent seeking to do away with stumbling blocks.

The congress ends on Friday.

(TIC office in Fordsburg

The Transvaal Indian Congress, an affiliate of the United Democratic Front, has acquired office space in Fordsburg from where the remainder of its anti-tricameral elections campaign will be conducted.

The office on the third floor of the AEL Centre, Mint Road, will be open between 9 am and 7 pm on weekdays and 9 am to 2 pm on Saturdays until the end of the elections.

(Report by G van Staden, 47 Steer Street, Johannesburg.)
Hurley backs boycotters of elections

DURBAN — The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Durban, Archbishop Denis Hurley, says he agrees with coloureds and Indians who say they want nothing to do with the elections for the new parliament this month.

In a statement, the Archbishop said the new system was merely a consolidation of apartheid under a camouflage of participation.

He saw no evidence on the part of the South African Government of a serious intention to begin power-sharing, to differ even a significant beginning of real political participation.

The president of the Methodist Church of South Africa, the Rev Fremont Louw, said yesterday he did not feel he could "dictate" to Indian and coloured members of his community whether or not to vote in the elections.

Mr Louw said the Methodist Church had made its position on the new constitution very clear when it called on white members to vote "no" in the November referendum because of the exclusion of blacks.

Mr Paddy Kerney, director of Diaconia, said his Durban Ecumenical agency had no hesitation in calling for a boycott of the elections since the constitution was totally unacceptable from a Christian point of view.

(Report by P Leeman, 22 December Plain, Dur- "bana.) — Cape.

2 500 special votes in Natal

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — More than 2 500 people in Natal have already voted in the House of Delegates election.

Election officials say that, a week after special voting in the elections began, the highest number of special ballots lodged has been in the Moorcross constituency in Chatsworth.

A total of 435 people voted there in the first week.

This means that 4.06 percent of the electorate has already voted in this constituency, which attracted a 13.9 percent poll in the 1981 SAIC elections.

(Report by M Robertson, 22 Plain, Dur- bana.) — Cape.

Lecture boycott by Cape students

Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — About 400 black University of Cape Town students have decided to boycott lectures on the days preceding the coloured and Indian elections.

At the University, of the Western Cape, students are due to start a week's boycott today and to stay away from lectures again on August 27 and 28 in protest against the elections.

The decision was taken by about 400 students at a meeting yesterday.

The UCT decision comes amid political bickering between supporters of black consciousness student organisations and United Democratic Front supporters.

At the UCT meeting yesterday, called by the Azanian Students Movement (Azasom), about 400 students resolved to hold alternative lectures on the two days preceding the House of Representatives election and theday before the House of Delegates election and to stay away on August 22 and 28.

A co-ordinating committee of six people was nominated. A number of UDF supporters declined nomination.

The UDF-affiliated Azanian Students Organisation (Azaso) plans to hold an anti-election meeting on the campus today. It will be addressed by President Nadir Miss Kate Philip, former Azaso national president Mr Tiel Mo- beneke and UDF executive member, Miss Cheryl Carolus.

An Azaso spokesman said students had decided three weeks ago to boycott classes and were not following the Azasom call.

At UWC, programmes on campus would be organised and the period of the boycott would be used "to assist in the anti-election campaign in various communities", students decided.

(Report by P Coop and J. MacKinnon, 22 Plain, Dur- bana.)
Balanced coverage of election run-up

By Gary van Staden

Political Staff

A careful check this week through recent files of The Star revealed — contrary to claims by coloured political leaders during a television panel discussion — that parties participating in next week’s election have not been ignored.

In fact, any bias exists against those parties which are not members of the tripartite alliance, namely the breakaway Freedom Party.

Mr. Peter Marais, leader of the People’s Congress Party, which is the second biggest in the field for next week’s election, has been shown in the SABC television programme, “News Review” on Sunday, that the participating parties were receiving a rough deal from the Press.

He claimed that the organisations such as the United Democratic Front and the Transvaal and Natal Indian Congress were obtaining extensive coverage at the expense of the smaller parties.

The Star files reveal otherwise.

Final hectic week before elections

Political Staff

The Freedom Party faces an intense programme of public meetings as the party turns the home straight for next week’s Boschfontein representa-tive-elections.

Party leader Mr. Arthur Booy- sen said today that the Freedom Party, which has 23 candidates in the field for next week’s election, is holding meetings in Krugersdorp, Pretoria, Bloemfon-tein and Cape Town this week.

We are busy turning up all the loose ends for the election and indications are that we are going to do very well,” Mr. BooySEN said.

“We say we will do well because we have secured quite a few special votes in Pretoria and things appear to be going well.

The Freedom Party’s rivals for seats in the House of Repre-sentatives are the People’s Con-gress Party with 23 candidates and the Labour Party and the “full house” of 80.

The Labour Party already has some MPs after four of their candidates were not opposed. (Report by D. van Eyk, 67 Sheker Street, Johannesburg).

Coloured party leaders slammed for ‘isolation’ threat

Political Staff

The article displayed by coloured political party leaders during Sunday’s “News Review” programme on TV held dire implications for human rights, the Institute of Race Relations said this week.

The SABC’s Southern Transvaal vice-president, Mr. Mohamed Marais provided the statement by People’s Congress Party leader Mr. Peter Marais that the elections once the poll was over could only lead to more friction in the community.

Mr. Marais’s view was supported by another political party leader, Mr. Arthur BooySEN of the Freedom Party.

He said the statement by the People’s Congress Party leader was a way of isolating those who opposed the elections once the poll was over.

“All is not well with our internal political and social structure, the political parties wanted people to vote. It is a difference of opinion and very presence of democracy depends on that right to differ,” he said.

These kinds of threats hold grave implications for human rights and paint a gloomy picture of the future in South African politics.

Mr. BooySEN, a single party (South Africa Congress on Sport) as a group due to come under their spotlight, “I am no fan of the SACP, but this kind of talk is downright dangerous,” he said.

“The threat is clearly for short-term political considera-tions is a frightening concept.”

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SATs Natal regional manager, Mr. W. A. Holt, said the billboards should never have been rented to NIC.

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Gatsha slams Indian and coloured leaders

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

CHIEF Gatsha Buthelezi, president of Inkatha, issued a tough warning yesterday to Indian and coloured leaders taking part in the new tricameral Parliament.

He told them they were "abandoning their African brothers and sisters" and "pursuing their own self-interests at the African's expense".

Chief Buthelezi intimated that by "turning their backs" on the African majority, coloured and Indian leaders were dealing themselves out of the liberation struggle - which would have repercussions when the Africans came to power.

Addressing more than 5,000 people at the Thokoza stadium near Alberton, Chief Buthelezi said the coloured and Indian leaders were now compounding the problems which the African majority would face in the future when "attempting to safeguard the minority rights of groups such as the coloureds and Indians."

He said it was "political balderdash" to equate coloured and Indian participation in the new constitution with that of the Progressive Federal Party (PFP).

"The PFP was dragged into the new constitution kicking and screaming in protest, whereas some of our Indian and coloured brothers ran after the new constitution with their tongues hanging out in anticipation."

He added it was "arrogant" of Indians and coloureds to run after whites into their constitutional leaguer without consulting Africans.

Chief Buthelezi reiterated his refusal to be drawn into the government's Cabinet committee on blacks or to be drawn into black local government.
Labour 'will speak up for all races'

Mercury Reporter

THE Labour Party was going into the new political dispensation with a determination to make it work and no one, not even the United Democratic Front and the Natal Indian Congress, should stand in its way, a Labour meeting at Newlands East was told.

Labour's Natal deputy leader, Mr Clive Pearce, told about 100 people, including United Democratic Front supporters, on Monday night that the party had decided to participate in the House of Representatives because it would be in the interests of the coloured community to do so.

'We will not only speak for coloureds but will also take up the cudgels on behalf of all South Africans,' he said.

'We don't need people from the NIC and Inkatha with their ethnic aspirations, or anyone else, to tell us what we should do and shouldn't do,' he said.

Shock

Earlier the party's Natal chairman, Mr Albert Stowman, had opened the meeting with a warning that his party was not interested in anyone advocating a boycott of the elections.

'Our supporters are our only concern,' he said.

The party's candidate for the Durban Suburbs seat, Mr Cecil Kippen, said Labour would shock South Africa with the way it would use the new Parliament to uplift the quality of family life of coloureds and others.

He said the gap between haves and have-nots in South Africa had frustrated coloureds for far too long and Labour, if elected in next week's election, would use its power to initiate changes.

After the UDF group of about 20 had left, a vote of confidence in Mr Kippen and his party was passed unanimously.

(Report by N Hissett, 12 Devonshire Place, Durban)
New deal is a device to safeguard apartheid

The Western Cape regional secretary of the United Democratic Front, TREVOR MANUEL, explains his organisation's call for a boycott of next week's elections

I HAVE been called upon to vote on August 22. Am one of a community which has been disenfranchised for 31 years and also part of a people, the largest majority of whom remain voiceless and will continue to carry passes after August 22. My decision not to vote is not a simple knee-jerk reaction, not part of some ingrained boycott mentality. My decision is informed by a careful appraisal of the situation.

The two major questions which I have been compelled to ask are: What happens if the tricameral Parliament bring? Why the new constitution?

The House of Representatives, like the House of Delegates, will legislate on trivial called "own affairs." Important matters are termed "general affairs." These will be decided upon by standing committees where the ratio of four whites to every two coloureds and one Indian will dictate the direction of decisions.

An even greater majority of 9:2:1 is guaranteed on the President's Council for decisions on matters where consensus is unobtainable. Clearly, therefore, the House of Representatives will be a powerless body established to create the illusion of representation.

The new constitution arose from a deep-rooted crisis which severely threatens white supremacy. By design, therefore, the constitution seeks to fulfill the objectives of the rulers' agenda. The constitution will maintain white rule. It is thus fraught with many dangers.

- It threatens the sense of a common South Africaness, born of a shared suffering among all black people in our country. It attempts to draw a line between "Coloureds" and "Indians" into the white laager.
- It shifts the financial burden of acknowledged state responsibilities, such as housing and education, into the laps of impoverished communities. This is provided for by local government and allows those in power to give the power on a free hand for expenditure in strategic areas.
- The constitution lays the basis for the conscription of coloured and Indian youth into the apartheid army. For the Nationalist Party this, it is hoped, will extend the life of the last bastion of white rule in Africa — in the words of Pik Botha "to fight to the last drop of blood."

Choice

Over and above all of this, the major grievances of our people, the Group Areas Act, pass laws, separate education, homelands and abject poverty remain as the non-negotiable pillars of this plan.

In essence therefore, I see the constitution as an attempt to strengthen the apartheid machinery.

Since I am committed to the establishment of a non-racial, democratic and just order, the choice is not one between a Hendrickse or a Marais, or the parties which they represent. The choice for me on August 22 is to remain beyond whether to become part of the oppressive machinery or remain committed to my principles.

There are many voices, coming from the SATV, the NP and elsewhere, suggesting that the decision not to vote will place the UDP on the political sidelines. Exactly the reverse is true. To enter into powerlessness, backroom politicians is to shelve oneself. Meanwhile, in the short one year of its existence, the UDP has spread to the four corners of South Africa, uniting young and old, across all cultural, religious and language barriers.

(News by Trevor Manuel, 3 Hare Street, Mowbray, Cape)

Rowdyism spawns homely politics

A new style of electioneering has emerged in response to the breaking up of public meetings, DAVID BREIER reports

Rowdyism at a Labour Party election meeting

stark contrast to rowdy public meetings

House meetings, some of which develop into mini neighbourhood rallies, have become the new style of electioneering in the Peninsula.

The parties standing for election in next week's Parliamentary elections have had to resort to the use of informal unannounced meetings because their public gatherings have been seriously disrupted in clashes with election boycotters.

Two such informal meetings were held in the heavily contested Bishop Lavis seat this week.

Mr Peter Marais, the People's Congress Party leader and local candidate held his meeting in his own backyard, outdoors in a rough courtyard in front of a block of flats.

About 50 people turned up initially but the audience dwindled as bystanders were attracted by the crowd. Residents of the block of flats looked out of their windows to listen to the speeches. Children stood on tumbledown corrugated iron fences to get a good view.

Peaceful

In a nearby house, Mr Nick Isaacs, the Labour Party candidate, was holding a meeting in a small lounge, crowded by more than 40 people, some of whom had to stand in the passageway.

Both meetings were peaceful and the audiences were sympathetic, in the present level of between R7 000 and R10 000 to between R4 000 and R5 000. He pointed out that houses could not be sold at cost because there were also outstanding loans for services such a sewerage.

Electricity

He said electrification would add R31 to monthly rentals and he proposed a cheaper Government loan be obtained to finance electrification rather than a high interest outside loan.

While Mr Isaacs was at pains not to promise overnight miracles if he is elected Mr Marais made tougher statements in his speech.

He said houses should be sold for R1 000 or R1 501 which is what it cost to build them 30 years ago.

The Government must pay for the installation of electricity and homeowners should only pay for the power they consumed, he said.

He added that the coloured people had been turned into beggars accepting charity from welfare bodies such as Cads and Shawa.

People should rather be properly paid so that they could have their own doctors and buy their own groceries instead of receiving charity payments, he said.

(Report by D Breier, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)
PCP man is PE LP founder

By RAYMOND HILL

Mr Godfrey Julies, 53, the Peoples Congress Party candidate for the Sandervale constituency, was a founder of the Labour Party in Port Elizabeth.

He served on the Coloured Persons' Representative Council from 1969 to 1975 and is a former deputy chairman of the Northern Areas Management Committee. In 1975 he resigned from the Labour Party and last year joined the New Convention Peoples' Party. He recently became a member of the PCP.

Mr C REDCLIFFE

Mr Redcliffe, who is a member of the St Simon of Cyrene Anglican Church Council, was educated at the Dower Practising School, the Dower Memorial College and the South End High School.

His wife, Mrs Hilda Redcliffe, is a nursing sister and they have three children.

Help yourself — Julies

By DIRK VAN ZYL

Political Correspondent

Growing up in Humansdorp, Mr Godfrey Julies' interest in politics was stimulated from a young age when he noticed that coloured people had to, for instance, satisfy with grossly inferior facilities at post offices.

"It brought home the message to me that if you do not help the people, no one else will," he says.

Linked to this, he decided to stand for the House of Representatives because he came to the realisation that "making a noise from outside is not getting anywhere".

He adds: "Only if you speak from a power base can you hope to achieve anything.

Mr Julies says he grew up at an advantage over his fellow coloured South Africans in Humansdorp, largely because of the "white" (at post offices, for instance) and this helped to make him more aware of the apartheid discrimination his people were subjected to.

Graciousness of winning a seat as an MP, he says inadequacies in the triecraminal Parliament: "The House of Representatives is like a third class compartment of the white man's space ship", but adds: "At least it is a small place in the sun and could help alleviate the pressure in such an area as the housing situation where people are being caged up.

Mr Julies says he initiated the Labour Party organisation in the Eastern Cape in 1960, but about a month ago joined the Peoples' Congress Party because "I summed up the situation and realised they were fulfilling my expectations".

The PCP commitment to "aggressive participation" appealed to him. They did not accept the new constitution unreservedly, he says.

Mr Julies believes "the PCP has a future to build on while the LP has a past to defend".

He feels strongly about the housing issue and that people should be allowed to buy homes in which they have paid rent for as long as 40 years.

Another thing to be focused on, he feels, is education, where facilities for all should be equal.

"The State must give per capita to each coloured child" which it gives to a white child.

On the constitutional position of blacks, Mr Julies says: "I don't think they are really excluded. It is a matter of time before they are included. But it must be remembered that they did not think of me when they asked for independence and when they formed the UDF.

But he would not get himself inside to be able to bring my black brethren in effectively."

(Report by Dirk van Zyl, 19 Baakens Street, Port Elizabeth)

Redcliffe: a federated SA

By DIRK VAN ZYL

Political Correspondent

Mr Charles Redcliffe believes South Africa is making a move towards a non-racial geographic federation, not unlike the one envisaged by the original Opposition, the Progressive Federal Party.

He believes the country will ultimately have to have one non-racial national educational system and is standing for Parliament because I think I have a contribution to make to create a more just and fair society.

Mr Redcliffe's interest in politics manifested itself during his high school years.

In the early 1960s he cycled from Uitenhage to attend a meeting in Port Elizabeth addressed by the late Mr Hamilton Russell, a founder member of the Progressive Party, to protest against the first of the National Party Government's so-called Bantu Treating Acts.

"When I was 17, I had a letter in the Evening Post that year, which I signed. I thought it should be out of the doldrums" with the support of both the National Party and the Labour Party in 1969.

He was a founder member and rose through the ranks. Today he is the national vice-chairman.

One of the LP's strongest principles is, he points out, its "total opposition to apartheid and any discrimination based on skin colour".

Also crucial is: "the whole question of citizenship rights for all South Africans."

"There will be to sit down and renegotiate a new constitution acceptable to all the people," he says.

But at this point the "egg cannot be unscrambled", he believes, and those home- owners who have opted for "independence" may eventually have to be accommodated in a federation.

Mr Redcliffe predicted a landslide victory for himself in his constituency, with the possibility of both his opponents losing their deposits not excluded.

However, his definition would have to receive serious attention in the new Parliament, he says.

"We'll have to strive for equal per capita educational, health and, ultimately, one syllabus and a free choice of schools should form part of one non-racial national education system.

Mr Redcliffe remembers the hurt when he was about 15 years old of being part of a church picnic party, "basically chased off Maitland River Mouth".

"This made me aware of the gross injustices in South Africa where everybody couldn't enjoy God's earth."

On the constitutional position of blacks, he points out that the LP rejected the new constitution at its Enshoene conference in January last year because of the exclusion of blacks "and any organisation like the UDF only came afterwards."

The LP will "strive for their inclusion", but it would not be possible for this to take the form of a fourth parliamentary chamber.

"The whole constitution will have to be redesigned," Mr Redcliffe said.

(Report by Dirk van Zyl, 19 Baakens Street, Port Elizabeth)

Tomorrow's constituency profile: Gevaudaine

Act must go — Africa

By DIRK VAN ZYL

Political Correspondent

The Group Areas Act is single out by Mr William Africa as the most important piece of apartheid legislation that will have to go.

While it is in force "no person or group in this country can regard him or herself free and it is the sole cause of the vast difference between different communities", he says. This applies to whites who wish to associate with other groups and vice versa.

The Act's repeal will lead to a situation where relationships can be a "people to people, man to man" basis and it would make South Africa "more acceptable in the eyes of the world", he says.

On a broader level, Mr Africa, in tandem with all candidates for next Wednesday's House of Representatives' elections, is adamant "every piece of statutory discrimination will have to be repealed and removed".

He believes participation in the triecraminal Parliament will help fight the widespread poverty and illiteracy in his constituency and he has a 20-year history of being involved in "negotiation politics."

It started in 1951, with his nomination to the Port Elizabeth Town Council as an education ward councillor, and a 10-year chairman of the First Pine Management Committee, a 13-year stint as the Coloured Persons' Representative Council, to appointment by the State President to the President's Council (to be replaced by a new PC next month).

"In the President's Council I was involved in the recommendations for South Africa and I have been party to the blueprint of the whole thing," Mr Africa says.

He is particularly proud of his chairmanship of the Management Committee, saying: "We achieved a mighty lot. This included "clearing up pockets of slums" with the co-operation of the "painter municipality".

A fundamental difference he sees between the Freedom Party and the Labour Party is that the FP "always over rules the co-operation of the "painter municipality".

He adds: "We stuck to our viewpoint (previously as the Federal Party), but I see the LP have become convert of that movement over their Enshoene conference."

He believes in "total freedom citizenship" — once people are totally free, a lot of problems that exist can be overruled.

He sees an important task to "free our people from the horrible poverty state they find themselves in, especially in the rural areas".

On blacks' constitutional position, he says: "I have never been one who supports their exclusion."

The constitutional machinery, such as the triecraminal Parliament, will never fulfill the constitutional desire of all the people until all are represented in one chamber where the priorities of all South Africans are discussed, and not only those of a particular group.

He concludes: "Therefore I see that the possibility of achieving one Parliament cannot be prevented by any group. It is a matter of time."

(Report by Dirk van Zyl, 19 Baakens Street, Port Elizabeth)
Varsities and schools plan election boycotts

By Michael Tisseur

University and school boycotts in protest at the tripartite parliametary elections are being planned for next week.

Representatives of schools in Johannesburg where polling will take place have been meeting this week to decide on the boycott timing.

Students of the Natal University Medical School in Durban resolved yesterday to boycott all classes in protest against the elections.

A University of Cape Town (UCT) student, Mr. Victor Steyn, said today that four schools in the Peninsula yesterday went on a one-day protest at the elections.

He said students at the University of the Western Cape (UWC) decided at a meeting to boycott classes on selected days because the acting rector, Professor J Durand, warned that the university would be closed for the rest of the year if students boycotted classes for more than two weeks.

Mr. Steyn said: "Students will be boycotting on August 20, 21, 22, 27, and 28. Students will not be holding their protests on campus. They will be going out into the community."

The Star's Cape Town correspondent reports that students at the University of the Western Cape boycotted classes yesterday.

MEETING

Many attended a meeting to discuss an alternative programme for the time they have decided to stay away from lectures.

Earlier, SRC members met the rector, Dr. Richard van der Ross, to discuss examinations and tests due to be written.

At the University of Cape Town, 400 black students decided yesterday to boycott lectures on the days preceding the coloured and Indian elections.

In Durban a spokesman for the Medical School Students' Representative Council said last night that the boycott was a rejection of the elections.

"The students feel the need to express their rejection in the strongest possible terms."

The boycott will continue until at least August 23, when students will reconvene to reassess the situation.

It is the second time this year that medical school students have declared a total boycott of classes. At the beginning of the year the principal of the University of Natal, Professor N. E. Clarence, closed down the school for two weeks after the 600 students had boycotted in protest against aspects of the examination system.

Boost for tobacco men

LUSAKA - The next agricultural season should see a significant increase in Zambia's foreign exchange earnings from tobacco exports, the tobacco board general manager, Mr. George Isteilto, has said.

Output would rise as a result of the government's new incentives to growers, he said.
Coloured election campaign in ferment

FERMENT in the coloured community over next week's elections for the House of Representatives is growing.

Staff Reporters

and against the new constitution as parliamentary elections mounts. Parties participating in the elections are holding some impressive meetings as they wind up their election campaigns.
New deal the beginning of the end of apartheid

In the last of a series of articles by political leaders, DAVID CURRY of the Labour Party argues in favour of voting in next week’s election.

I ACKNOWLEDGE that South Africa’s constitution is being rejected as the answer to our constitutional demands, primarily because it excludes the largest number of South Africans and because apartheid is further entrenched therein.

But I see this as an important point of departure in that for the first time people other than whites will become part of a decision-making process.

I am not concerned with white domination in terms of the ratio of four whites, two coloureds, one Indian at this stage, for I believe that the principal of having that power of participation is important.

It is also important that decisions here are by consensus and could therefore be influenced by the presence of the Progressive Federal Party on the standing committees where they become part of the white ratio.

Secondly, for the first time in the constitutional history of South Africa people other than whites are to be part of the Cabinet.

These were rights in the old Cape Parliament for in 1892 already “slaves and people of colour” could become Ministers. The right to stand for Parliament was entrenched in 1838.

Something new

These rights, however, were taken away with the formation of Union, which had a constitution entrenching white representation in Parliament. Our people (the coloureds) could vote for whites but could not go to Parliament themselves.

Not to vote is to vote for the status quo. It is to vote for the retention of apartheid. We all hate apartheid. We all declare it a heresy. We all have suffered from it. But I believe to vote is to vote for the beginning of something new.

There are no guarantees of success. But we have to start the process of reform somewhere. There certainly are risks, but the choice to vote or not to vote is an opportunity to clearly state your option.

Not to vote is to opt for violence for the old constitution had built into it the inevitability of violence. To vote is to opt for peaceful change by negotiation.

To vote for the Labour Party means that you can be sure that there will be no conscription, for conscription and defence become joint affairs and no unilateral decision can be taken.

A start

Not to make a choice between candidates or parties is to put your faith in unknown quantities. Not to vote and a resultant low percentage poll are not going to affect the fact that there will be a House of Representatives where perhaps even five percent will then decide for the 95 per cent whether they like it or not.

I believe in the participation of all South Africans in all decision-making processes at all levels. But I have to start somewhere.

To vote is to opt for negotiation, not with the powerless but by those in power. We (the coloureds) made the mistake of boycotting the Parliamentary elections in 1948 and so the National Party came to power.

But we made the right decision in 1960 to vote and participate because this caused the demise of the CRC. Had the Labour Party not been there, the CRC would still have existed.

So I believe that to vote now is to vote for the right thing at the right time. For to vote is an investment for the future of South Africa.

(By D M Curry, 27 Bakker Street, Stellenbosch)
Dreams of being Prime Minister

By DAVID BREIER
Staff Reporter

SINCE boyhood Mr Peter Marais, leader of the People's Congress Party, has had a burning ambition to become Prime Minister (President, under the new constitution).

"My mother always said I would become Prime Minister. As a boy I dreamt about becoming Prime Minister," he said.

"No man ever stops dreaming." His super-confidence and ambition are obvious.

"I hate failure," he said. "I have always been confident in my own abilities, which some people interpret as arrogance."

"My confidence is brought about by complete faith in myself. I'm a hard worker. I love challenges."

Since the advent of America's actor-President, Ronald Reagan, Mr Marais's dream might not be so inconceivable.

He has a powerful stage presence and has made an impact on SABC TV. And so he should. He is a former rock 'n roll singer and professional actor.

These are some of the little-known facets of Mr Marais, who has suddenly become one of the best-known coloured politicians in the country as leader of the PCP.

Lead singer

In his young days he was lead singer of a popular rock band known as the Big Beats. And he still sings if asked to, at weddings and other such occasions. Only he's no longer a professional and, in keeping with his 40 years, he sings ballads instead of belting out hard rock.

One of his stage roles was in Stryd en Goorwin (Struggle and Victory) about a man's fight against alcoholism.

His biggest role on the stage was that of the hero Leonard in the play Die Anker van die Lewe (The Anchor of Life), about a man's struggle against poverty.

"I could live the role because I did not have an affluent upbringing. I know what it is to live in poverty," he said.

Die Anker became famous and toured the country in the early 1970s. It had 520 performances, 138 of them in Eikies River.

In real life his father was a domestic servant and his father a labourer on the railways. His grandfather on his mother's side was white, he said.

Mr Marais, an Anglican, said he had a deep faith in God. "I believe He determines our destiny.

He uses biblical examples freely.

For example, when David fought Goliath, he did not demand the same armour or complain that the fight was not fair. But he won. Mr Marais compares this to the unequal role of the coloured people in Parliament.

Moses and Joseph

And to those who accuse him of being a "sell-out" by entering Parliament with the ruling class, he cites the stories of Moses and Joseph, who lived in Pharaoh's house.

"They were not sell-outs. God put them in a position of power so they could help the Israelites.

"God wants us to go to Parliament just like he wanted Joseph to go to Pharaoh's house," he said.

He is also the nearest thing to a brown nationalist. His speeches are cries for coloured people to take pride in themselves. They are the only true South Africans, he believes.

Mr Marais now lives with his family in a comfortable house in Nootgedacht, which is in the Bishop Lavis constituency where he is standing.

He owes his fairly affluent position to his later career as a sales administration manager.

And though he is not Prime Minister, he is a member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council.

(Report by D Breier, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town).
Last speech then
Lofty Adams dies

Political Staff

Mr Achmat (Lofty) Adams died in the President's Council debating chamber soon after he had spoken about the Prime Minister's initiatives in one of the outgoing council's last debates.

He was the third member of the council to die within a few weeks.

Mr Adams, 64, a prominent personality in coloured politics, collapsed in his seat yesterday less than 30 minutes after the council had paid formal tribute to Dr Schalk van der Merwe and Professor Ernst Marais, who died recently.

Chief whip

Dr Van der Merwe was the council's vice-chairman and chairman of its constitutional committee, and Professor Marais was chairman of the council's science committee.

Mr Adams was a former member of the Coloured Representative Council and served as chief whip of the Labour Party.

At the outgoing council's last session, which began yesterday, Mr Adams spoke in a debate on a motion of thanks to the Government and the Prime Minis-

Mr Lofty Adams

ter, Mr P W Botha, for Mr Botha's initiatives.

Soon after his speech - while the next speaker, Mr N F Treurnicht, was addressing the council - Mr Adams collapsed in his seat and showed signs of distress.

The council's chairman, Mr A L Schlebusch, adjourned the council and asked members to leave the chamber.

Two council members, Dr Paul Viljoen and Dr J M van Aswegen, attended to Mr Adams and gave first-aid treatment. They were joined by ambulancemen.

About 20 minutes later Dr Viljoen came out and said Mr Adams had died of a heart attack.

Mr Schlebusch said afterwards he was deeply shocked by Mr Adams's sudden death.

"It is a great sadness to me that another extremely competent member of the council has passed away. He was a man who had impressed me with his seriousness. He was a valuable member of the council," Mr Schlebusch said.

President's Council member Mr G Munsook of Cape Town, said he was shocked and grieved by Mr Adams's death.

Mr Munsook said it was known that Mr Adams had heart trouble and had a pacemaker.

Mr Adams announced in a Press interview last weekend that he would not be available for nomination to the new President's Council.

In his address to the council yesterday he said Mr P W Botha would be remembered as one of South Africa's most courageous Prime Ministers.

"He chose his own path through the jungle and we followed him," Mr Adams said.

(Report by F S Esterhuyse, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town.)
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Moreover, you allow the Labour Party to operate in more than one House, the FPF and other parties would be sure to follow suit. You are on the same page with the National Party when it comes to put up candidates in the House of Representatives as well. But then, no one thought that we have a single Chamber and a common voters' roll.

So in the very first round of the new politics we had a problem of the sort involving the most basic principles of the new constitution.

What happened next is less clear. Both sides reiterated that they would not agree to any compromise on this issue.

There were further meet-

Both Mr. De Klerk and Mr. Hendriekse still insisted that they had not given way on any fundamental issue. And there, for the time being, the matter rests.

The lack of any clear outcome seems to have baffled political reporters and comment-

In reality, of course, most political strategies involve gains to some and losses for others.

The act of consensus poli-

To get the consensus to work, course, whether the fol-

Meanwhile the Joint Rules and Orders for the new parliament approved by its plenary during its very final hours of exist-

It transpires that in such cases this is to be reported to the executive committee of the party which can then refer it to the President's Council for ad-

At the end of the day, then, it will be possible to enact legislation or pass budgets on general affairs even if only one of the three Houses supports this. So much for the safeguard of resolutions by consensus.

Another intriguing point concerns the issue of opposition parties on the standing committee.

It has long been clear that this constituted a basic dilemma for the framers of the new constitution. If opposition parties are ex-

The government and the opposition parties must come to terms with each other. In the future, the opposition parties would have to agree to the notion of "obstruction." What complicates matters further, however, are the high water marks of the standing committees. Nevertheless, the grandstanding of opposition parties on the standing committees is not only consistent with the notion of democracy, it is also necessary for the health of the democratic process.

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NPP slammed over ‘abuse of special votes’

By ANTON HARBER

Political Reporter

THERE was an outcry at the office of the presiding officer for special votes in Lenasia yesterday when officials of the United Democratic Front (UDF) and Solidarity challenged special vote applications made by the National People’s Party (NPP).

Both the UDF, which is campaigning for a boycott of this month’s elections, and Solidarity, a rival of the NPP in the House of Delegates elections, accused the NPP of abusing the special vote system.

They confronted a crowd of voters brought by the NPP to apply for special votes and several admitted they had no good reason for not voting on polling day.

At least two of them then decided not to apply for special votes.

The UDF and Solidarity have also cast doubt on the authenticity of some of the claims made by people who said they would be out of town on polling day, or that health problems prevented them from voting on polling day.

The UDF has said it believed the special vote system could be abused by participating parties to avoid the boycott.

Mr Dinkie Pillay, Transvaal leader of Solidarity, said he believed the NPP was abusing the system and he would lodge objections to many of their special vote applications.

He said he did not believe so many NPP supporters would be out of town on polling day.

After examining the NPP special vote applications, he said he “had never before seen so many people going to Durban for a wedding on a Tuesday”.

Solidarity has made very few applications for special votes, meaning that its main rival, the NPP, has taken an early lead.

NPP officials at the election office, at the Jeeva Centre, Lenasia, accused the UDF officials of intimidating the people they had brought to cast special votes.

They also claimed UDF officials had physically threatened them and had sworn at them.

There was a further confrontation outside the election office between Mr Pillay and Mr Patrick “Terror” Lakota, publicity secretary of the UDF.
LP replaces ousted candidate

THE Labour Party has persuaded an independent Laudium candidate, Mr Billy Paydayachy, to replace a candidate who was ousted from the Indian parliamentary elections by a Pretoria Supreme Court decision.

A spokesman for the Laudium branch of the Labour Party, Mr Abdulsattar Cassim, said yesterday an appeal would be lodged against the Supreme Court decision to invalidate the nomination of the previous candidate, Mr Ismail Mohammed.

Should the appeal succeed before the elections on August 30, Mr Mohammed would be reinstated as the Labour Party's candidate. Mr Paydayachy had undertaken to withdraw in such an event, Mr Cassim said.

However, it was more likely that the appeal would only be heard after the elections. A successful appeal would then result in a Laudium parliamentary by-election, he said.

The decision to appoint Mr Paydayachy was taken at a Laudium Labour Party meeting yesterday which was also attended by the Labour Party's Transvaal leader Mr Jan Rabie.

The Labour Party will hold a rally in Laudium next Thursday, a day after the coloured parliamentary elections. The rally will be addressed by Mr Rabie and possibly also by the party's leader, the Rev Allan Hendricks.

(Report by M R Walker, 216 Yeomans Street, Pretoria. — Sept.)
Voter irregularities suspected in Lenasia

By Gary van Staden, Political Staff

A reporter on The Star yesterday witnessed an attempt by a National People's Party member in the Lenasia West constituency to file applications for special votes on behalf of two pensioners who did not qualify for them.

And The Transvaal Indian Congress' Mr Cassim Saloojee said the two women were only the tip of an iceberg of special vote irregularities in the constituency.

The reporter was present when the women were brought in to file special vote applications. They said they had been told "Today is voting day for pensioners" and told The Star there was no reason why they would not be able to vote on election day.

The reporter asked the pensioners if their state of health was such that a trip to the polling booth on election day would not be possible. They replied that their health was "fine, thank you".

Neither had any plans to be out of the constituency on August 28.

The two did not meet any of the requirements listed on the special vote application form and answered "No" to all five questions when these were put to them by The Star.

Earlier in the day the National People’s Party candidate for the Lenasia West constituency, Mr Dennis Pillay, had become involved in a row with social workers at the centre.

He had been demanding the pension books of people he claimed wanted to vote. (The books are required for ID numbers.) However, workers at the centre said the pensioners had told them that they did not understand what was required of them and were not politically committed.

Eventually the documents were handed over after the pensioners apparently changed their minds and said they wanted to vote.

The Star examined a special vote application filled in by the electoral officer on behalf of an elderly woman brought in by the NPP. "Advanced age" was given as the reason for being unable to reach a polling station on election day.

"That old woman walks to this centre every Monday of her life to collect some money. The polling station is less than half the distance from where she lives," Mr Saloojee said.

Electoral officer Mr K D Patel said that it was not his responsibility to decide on the validity of an application. "The candidates must do that," Mr Patel said.

He allowed The Star to examine all the special vote applications filed yesterday morning and with only a few exceptions all gave "illness" as the reason for wanting a special vote.

(Report by C van Staden, 47 Sixt Street, Johannesburg)
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"Now we will make the path open for the black man so he can come in," he said.

"It is nice to say 'boycott'. But tomorrow if there are no Houses, who must negotiate with the Government?" he added.

He said the political power of the coloured people had been demonstrated by the fact that it had split the ruling National Party.

"Suicidal"

The only reason Dr Andries Treurnicht broke with the NP, was that Mr PW Botha, he said.

Referring to school boycotts, Mr Curry accused the United Democratic Front of "teaching a suicidal educational policy" to school pupils.

"Our children must surrender their opportunities for them. Who will suffer — the white man? Your children will suffer," he said.

He accused election boycotters of double standards. Teachers who ridiculed election candidates for taking "apartheid money", themselves obtained low-interest housing loans from the Government.

(Report by D Breier, 132 St George's Street, Cape Town)
Elections & Groups affair

With the elections in full swing, political parties are scrambling to gain votes among the electorate. The race for power is intense, with parties vying for the support of various demographics.

Chirp Friend

For the first time in election history, our country is witnessing a rise in voter turnout. This is largely due to the efforts of non-voters who have been encouraged to participate in the democratic process.

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Call to boycott mail ceremony

Mail Reporter

THE Lenasia Extension 8 Residents' Association yesterday called on Extension 8 and 9 residents to stay away from Saturday afternoon's opening ceremony for the new mail collection point.

The opening ceremony was an election gimmick for Mr Dinky Pillay, chairman of the Perl-Urban Board's consultative committee, they said.

Mr Pillay is also the leader of Solidarity in Transvaal and a Lenasia East candidate for the House of Delegates, the association said in a statement to the Rand Daily Mail.

The association emphasised, however, that it was not rejecting the mail collection point at the Shell Garage in Protea Avenue.

The association also called on residents in the two suburbs not to vote in the coming election.

"Why have the candidates not taken up more fundamental issues?" asked the association, which claimed credit for the new postal service in the area.

"The opening ceremony is opportunism by the consultative committee, who are trying to get credibility at the last moment," the association said.

Report by Margaret Groenewald, 171 Main Street, Johannesburg.

Leader warns on special votes

Political Reporter

THE National People's Party (NPP) would take immediate action against any of its candidates who were shown to be abusing the special vote system, Mr A H Choonara, the deputy national leader, said yesterday.

Rejecting to charges that the NPP was abusing the system by applying for special votes for people who had no need for them, Mr Choonara said all the NPP candidates had been warned at the beginning of the campaign that disciplinary action would be taken against anyone who abused the system.

Recently UDF officials confronted NPP supporters in Lenasia who were applying for a special vote and two of the voters admitted they had no substantial reason for applying for special votes.

(Report by A. Hollar, 171 Main Street, Johannesburg.)
Election profile

Sheikh bids for PCP seat

Staff Reporter

SHEIKH Gassain Abie Bardien, 66, will be the People’s Congress Party’s Islam expert in the House of Representatives if he wins the contest for the South Cape seat in the election on August 22.

He admits that he has never been interested in politics, but feels he can play a part as religious leader in the new tri-cameral system.

Sheikh Bardien believes that religion and politics do mix because “religion is there for human upliftment in all spheres”.

He sees the new tri-cameral Parliament as an opportunity for the white, coloured and Indian communities each to handle its own affairs.

“We are living in a wonderful, doelie and peaceful country. Or do they (the United Democratic Front and others opposed to the new constitution) want to live in bushes and off leaves of trees as in Mozambique?” he asks.

He disagrees with the majority consensus of Muslims in the Cape and South Africa who say it is “har aam” (religious prohibition) to participate in the tri-cameral elections.

As leader of a religious community, Sheikh Bardien has been involved extensively in community work. He sees his political contribution, if elected, as “playing the part of solving all petty differences that keep people apart. The greatest drawback among non-whites is their petty differences”.

He is originally from Uitenhage, matriculated at Wesley Training College in Salt River, and later entered the building trade. In 1969 he went to Saudi Arabia to study Islam, returning 10 years later.

(Report by Noel Bruns, 77 Burg Street, Cape Town.)

Sheikh G A Bardien
and Crime
 Pastor's aim is
Education, housing and equal pay top his list

Mr L. ERASMUS

Mr Erasmus is a former principal of the Northern Areas Management Committee. He is a retired school principal — his last post being at the Hillcrest Primary School in the Gelvandale constituency — and he served in the teaching profession for 40 years.

Mr Erasmus lives in Korsten and is a member of the Gelvandale Bowling Club, the Northern Areas Management Committee and the Local Road Transportation Board.

He is a former member of the Federal Party and a former chairman of the Eastern Province Rugby Union, as well as a former president of the Eastern Province Cricket Union.

(Report by Raymond Hill, 19 Bankes Street, Port Elizabeth.)
National convention is goal, he says

Political Correspondent

MR Donald Cairncross firmly believes that South Africa's constitutional position will ultimately have to be resolved at a national convention. “But if we have it today, I believe we as a community will lose out. We haven't at this stage got the experts needed at that convention. We need one of our own people there, and I don't mean this nationalist-inclined,” he says.

His interest in politics was started by the fact that his father “although not very active” was a supporter of the old United Party.

Mr Cairncross believes the PFP today, with viable constitutional alternatives, still has “something tangible to offer South Africa. I believe much can be achieved by close co-operation between the PFP and Peoples' Congress Party in Parliament,” he adds.

He was a member of the Labour Party until 1986 when he rejoined the LP, “when I had a difference with the direction the leadership was taking”. About three months ago he rejoined the PFP and then the LP, “what disturbed me was that there was definitely a clique running the party, looking after favourites”.

He claims that in two particular constituencies the leadership was prepared to “disregard” the wishes of the local party formations and “ nominated people with little credibility and support in the constituencies”.

Mr Cairncross served on the PFP's regional executive in the Eastern Cape and was a member “right up to 1968 when people of colour were forcibly removed” (with the introduction by the Nationalist government of the Prohibition of Political Interference Act forbidding multiracial parties).

So about six weeks ago he joined the PCP.

The main difference he sees between it and the LP is that the “PCP takes cognisance of the community all the time.”

“It is not run by one man but by various directorates (almost like a cabinet) and each director, who is an expert in a field like housing, transport, social welfare and pensions, must be able to answer any question the leader asks at any time.”

Mr Cairncross believes he will do “excellently” next Wednesday “if all these people who support me come to the polls”.

In general he sees the main issues as the “social, moral and socio-economic upliftment of the people.

“I firmly believe we must morally improve ourselves to make us, better South Africans. If we become aware of our situation, it will give us a greater desire to improve it.”

An important formulative influence on his political principles and ideals was “that I became deeply concerned at the way our young children were missing out on education. They were merely being prepared to become factory workers and labourers, and this hampered our advance in so many facets of our lives. We were destined to remain subservient,” he said.

MR DONALD CAIRN-CROSS, 49, is the Peoples' Congress Party candidate for Gelvandale.

He was a founder member of the Labour Party in the Eastern Cape and represented the Gelvandale constituency on the Coloured Person's Representative Council from 1975-80.

He is a former Eastern Cape regional chairman of the LP.

Mr Cairncross, a businessman, is also a former chairman of the Northern Areas Management Committee.

He was educated at the Holy Rosary Convent, Graaff-Reinet, and is secretary of the Catholic Men's Society at St Martin's de Porres Church in Gelvandale.

Mr Cairncross is married and has six children.

(Report by Dick van Zyl, 19 Bankenv Street, Port Elizabeth)
Police watchful as students act

By MARTINE BARKER
Education Reporter

A STRONG police presence throughout the Peninsula yesterday marked pre-election tension in many areas as more pupils began boycotting classes and as students from the University of the Western Cape began an information "blitz".

Pupils and students at most high schools and tertiary education institutions have decided to take boycott action only next week in the national student "fortnight of protest" which has been called by the Azanian Students' Organization (Azaso) and the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) to coincide with elections for the tri-cameral parliament.

After a mass meeting yesterday morning, about 2 000 UWC students staged a protest march around the UWC campus and then took up a position in Modderdam Road at the entrance to the campus with banners and placards expressing their rejection of the new constitution.

The students are on a one-week boycott of classes and plan to use the time to go into the community to inform people of their view of the new constitution.

Two buses carrying students into Manenberg for the first of the students' information "blitzes" were tailed by several police vehicles.

A police liaison officer for the Western Cape, Captain Jan Calitz, declined to comment on the reason for the strong police presence in the Peninsula yesterday, saying it was "not in the interests of effective policing to comment at this stage".

Two military helicopters were also seen circling the Peninsula yesterday afternoon.

Student Representative Council members told students at the mass meeting that the rector of the university, Professor Richard van der Ross, had turned down their request to postpone the tests scheduled for this week.

However, Professor Van der Ross said last night the question of postponing the tests had not yet been finalized and he would be meeting heads of departments today before taking a final decision.

Thousands of pupils in boycotts

OWN CORRESPONDENT

JOHANNESBURG. — Boycotts by pupils again took place at three schools in Thabong, near Welkom, yesterday and spread to a second school in Alexandra, the Medical University of South Africa near Pretoria and more schools in the Eastern Cape.

About 3 000 pupils from the Teto, Lebogang and Tshatsha secondary schools in Thabong — the scene of previous unrest — left schools yesterday.

In East London and Graaff-Reinet close to 2 000 pupils stayed away from three secondary schools.

Students from Fort Hare University yesterday stayed away from lectures for the second day.

Students at the University of Durban-Westville yesterday deferred a decision on whether to join students from other campuses in boycotting lectures in protest against the Indian and coloured elections.

But the lunch-time meeting of more than 1 000 students on the campus decided to boycott the elections and called on the candidates to resign.

And students of the Apollo Secondary School in Chatsworth, Durban, will present a 1 000-signature petition to their headmaster, Mr V S Pillay, today to protest against the use of the school premises as a polling station for the elections.

The Directorate of Coloured Education has confirmed that some instances of non-attendance at some schools have occurred but no details of which schools are involved have emerged.

A student spokesman at the South Cape Training College in Oudtshoorn said students from the training college and high school pupils from Morester and Bridgeston Senior Secondary Schools were on a two-week boycott which began on Wednesday.

Two 16-year-old pupils from Morester were arrested during a protest march on Wednesday and were still in custody yesterday, he said.

(Report by M Barker, 77 Burg Street, Cape Town)
Boycotts threaten

UNIVERSITY and school boycotts in protest against the tri-cameral Parliament elections are being planned for next week.

Representatives of schools in Johannesburg where polling will take place have been meeting this week to decide when the boycotts would take place.

A University of Cape Town (UCT) student, Mr Victor Steyn said yesterday that four schools in the Peninsula on Wednesday went out on a one-day protest at the elections.

He said students at the University of the Western Cape (UWC) decided at a meeting to boycott classes on selected days because the acting rector: Professor J Durand, warned that the university would be closed for the rest of the year if students boycotted classes for more than two weeks.

Mr Steyn said: “Students will be boycotting on August 20, 21, 22, 27 and 28. Students will not be holding their protests on campus. They will be going out into the community.”

The “SOWETAN’S Cape Town correspondent reports that students at the University of the Western Cape boycotted classes on Wednesday.

Tests

Many attended a meeting called by the Students’ Representative Council to discuss plans for an alternative programme during the time they have decided to stay away from lectures.

Earlier, SRC members met the rector, Dr Richard van der Ross, to discuss examinations and tests that are due to be written.

At the University of Cape Town, 400 black students decided on Wednesday to boycott lectures on the days preceding the coloured and Indian elections.

Some pupils at the Kensington Senior Secondary School stayed away from school on Wednesday. The boycott included most senior pupils, according to a spokesman at the school.

Mr Noel Eales, Press liaison officer for the Director of Coloured Education, said: “Other than rumours, this directorate is not aware of any preparations being made at its schools for classes to be boycotted.

“It would be failing in its duty if it did not emphasise that such boycotts would be only to the detriment of the training and tuition of pupils.”

The Reverend Alan Hendrickse, the Labour Party leader, appealed to parents and teachers to discourage school children from disrupting the Parliamentary elections later.

He appealed for the boycott groups to allow the democratic process to take place so that people could exercise a free choice.

Azaso slams violence

THE Azanian Students Organisation (Azaso), yesterday condemned the use of violence against students and urged the Department of Education and Training to respond to the students’ demands.

In a statement released in Pretoria yesterday, Azaso’s national secretary, Mr Confidence Moloko, said they were deeply concerned about the unrest at schools in Tembisa, Soshanguve, Alexandra, and the University of Transkei and the closure of the University of Zululand, where students “had put forth” their demands to the authorities concerned.

“We expressed our deepest sympathy with the affected families, especially the family of the students who died at the Mahopane East Technikon unrest,” the statement said.

The organisation also added: “We, Azaso, call for the Department of Education and Training and technikons or university administrations to heed to the students’ legitimate demands. The use of violence against students is condemned in the strongest possible terms. We put the blame entirely on the shoulders of the rectors concerned.

“We expressed our solidarity and support for these students in their struggle. We stand together with them in their demands for independent and democratic students representation and all other legitimate demands.

“Theyir struggle is our struggle. Forward to the national students unity and to a democratic unracial South Africa.”
DON'T VOTE CALL

INDIANS and coloureds called by the Transvaal Indian Congress at the Deve Samaj Hall in Lang Hall near Pretoria to vote in the forthcoming tri-cameral parliament elections if the South African government intended by nearly 1,000. The meeting was addressed by nearly 1,000. Other speakers at the meeting included Mr. Cas Saloojee of the Transvaal Indian Congress and Mr. Moss Chikane of the United Democratic Front (UDF) who brought a message of solidarity with Africans. He was standing for election are said to be doing so in order to earn R48,000 a year and do not care about the people's future. Whites will be in the majority and coloureds in Parliament won't be able to scrap the Group Areas Act, prevent military conscription, stop African oppression, stop general sales tax, get more houses and relevant education. The meeting pledged not to be used against Africans.

Report by Sello Sibolele of 61 Command Road, Industria
The situation in the Black community is urgent. The unemployment rates are astronomically high. The government has failed to address this crisis, and the people are suffering. Education is a key to breaking the cycle of poverty, but the schools are in disrepair. The government needs to take action to improve the educational system.

Another healthy Black urbanisation plan, urgent.

The government needs to develop a comprehensive plan that prioritises the needs of the Black community. This plan should address education, employment, and housing. The government must work with the community to create a plan that will benefit everyone.

Solidarity may challenge special votes.

The government needs to consider the needs of all communities, not just the Black community. This will require a willingness to listen and a commitment to action. The government must show that it is serious about improving the lives of its citizens.
Students put off lecture boycott move over polls

Mercury Reporter

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More than 3000 university students from the universities of the Western Cape and the University of Natal’s Medical School are now on a lecture boycott over the elections.

The UDW students’ meeting also decided to spread the message from the Natal Indian Congress in urging a stay-away from the polls on August 28.

Meanwhile, more than 100 students were expected to attend the Natal Indian Congress youth rally at the Morton Community Hall in Chatsworth today at 4 pm to oppose the election.

Students of the Apollo Secondary School in Chatsworth will present a 1000 signature petition to their headmaster, Mr V S Pillay, today to protest against the use of the school premises as a polling station, a spokesman for the students said yesterday.

The petition reads: ‘We, the undersigned, vehemently reject our school premises being used as a polling station.

‘We are objecting for three reasons: firstly, because our school is being used to promote an unjust constitution; secondly, students’ progress will be hindered during a vital part of the year; and thirdly, the risk of our school being damaged by violent opposition.

‘Mr Gabriel Krog, Director of Indian Education, could not be reached for comment yesterday.

(Report by M Venglas, 12 Devonshire Place, Durban)

Prove into easy credit offered by council

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

THE Pietermaritzburg City Council has called for an investigation by the Finance Committee into its assisted installation scheme which allowed electricity consumers to purchase appliances at low interest.

The move follows a letter read out at a city council meeting yesterday from the Mayor of Pietermaritzburg, Mr Rudolph Liebenberg, about the sale of luxury appliances from the corporation’s scheme.

Mr Liebenberg said the legal aid officer on the staff was being inundated with complaints from low-income people who had been sold luxury appliances such as televisions and non-payment of instalments.

The buyers found their electricity supply was cut off.

From what we are told, no credit checks have been made before these items are sold,’ he said.

Invited

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Could mock democracy, New Regional Councils
Food unions urge election boycott

By STEVEN FRIEDMAN
Labour Correspondent

UNIONS representing food workers have joined the growing list of emerging union groups calling for a boycott of elections for the coloured and Asian houses of the new three-chamber Parliament.

Yesterday, the Sweet, Food and Allied Workers Union (SFWAU), an affiliate of the Federation of SA Trade Unions, urged coloured and Asian workers to boycott the elections and called on its members to take part, together with "democratic and progressive organisations" in a fight for a non-racial society.

Earlier in the week, the Confederation of Baking and Confectionery Trade Unions, which represents mainly coloured and Asian workers, also called for a boycott of the elections.

All the major emerging union groups have called for a boycott.

In a statement yesterday, SFWAU said the new constitution "entrenches white minority control and brings in Indians and coloureds as junior partners of apartheid".

It said the three parliaments, together with homeland governments, would be used to perpetuate a system that would maintain the fundamentally unfair distribution of wealth in South Africa.

Only "opportunist" who took part in the new parliaments would benefit from them, the union charged.

The "vast majority" of coloured, Asian and black people would continue to be "condemned to housing shortages, rent increases, inferior education, low wages and poverty".

Mail Reporter

THE United Democratic Front (UDF), Transvaal region, will celebrate its first anniversary with a rally at the City Hall in Johannesburg on Sunday, according to a newsletter released by the Transvaal region this week.

The UDF was founded on August 22 last year in Cape Town.

According to the newsletter, 600 organisations from all over the country are affiliated to the UDF, including trade unions, women's organisations, civic groups, political organisations, and youth and student bodies.

Similar rallies are planned in Durban, Cape Town, East London and other areas.

(Neutral)
PARLIAMENT

A lobby system?

There is a strong feeling in business quarters that the new constitutional dispensation will lend itself to a strong, US-style lobbying system. There is unconfirmed talk of some organisations looking for well-connected political agents to lobby for them.

The theory is that special interests will best be advanced by gathering support from members of standing committees before they deliberate on legislation. Meetings of the standing committees (on "general" affairs) will be closed to the press.

The committees are seen as roughly analogous to the American House and Senate committees which are the focus of much of the American lobby system.

If committee members can be persuaded by lobbyists that a particular measure should be passed, or not passed, their attitude could be decisive. The argument runs that if a majority of the committee can agree then it will present a "consensus" report which will be difficult for government to overturn.

However, Progressive Federal Party leader Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, who is familiar with the American system, points out that SA's new constitution is not nearly as open to lobby power as the American system.

Conventionally, a decision by a congressional committee, particularly one not to "report" a measure to the full house (effectively to drop it) is usually the final word. In addition, the absence of a strong party disciplinary system in the US means that individual legislators are far more open to persuasion and influence.

In SA, with its strong party caucus system, particularly as it applies to the National Party (NP), things could be different.

If government is determined on a course of action it can still revive, or change, a measure in the Houses of Parliament, even in the face of a "consensus" joint committee report.

A consensus report favouring a particular standpoint would, of course, make things more difficult for government. However, party discipline should still enable it to ensure that its majority representation on any committee will push the official viewpoint.

Where a lobbying system may be effective is through the reluctance government is expected to feel about antagonising the coloured and Indian legislators it needs to make the constitution work. If coloured and Indian representatives on a joint committee can be persuaded to adopt a strong stand on any issue, their view could carry disproportionate weight.
Noisy TV stars ensure a brief election silence

And both sides would profit from keeping the peace

IF you think about it, both pre-election and anti-election factions would suffer tactical losses should any ugly incidents occur at the polls next week.

The boycott movement would lose because should anything ugly happen, it would give pro-election interests a ready-made excuse to explain any low percentage polls.

"Of course people stayed away. They were afraid of intimidation from all these troublemakers," pro-election groups will say.

At the same time, the pro-election faction would lose because any major unpleasantness would taint the birth of the new constitution.

"This proves the only way to pass the constitution is to use force because the people reject the new deal," anti-election groups will say.

So maybe if all is quiet on the election front on Wednesday, both sides will benefit.

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Electioneering comes to an abrupt halt between 7 pm and 8 pm on Mondays. That is when politics is forgotten and the A-Team rules supreme as all eyes are rivetted to the Box.

Woe betide any canvasser who knocks on the door when BA or Murdock are in action.

Last Monday night PNP leader, Mr Peter Marais, planned to address two meetings; one in his home turf of Bishop Lavis and one out at Malmesbury.

But thanks to the A-Team he could only start his Bishop Lavis meeting well after 8 pm. Afterwards he drove furiously to Malmesbury, arriving at 10 pm.

But he found the audience waiting patiently. When the A-Team is at large, one has to make allowances, people have learnt.

There is even talk that some of the more embattled parties might hire the A-Team to protect their meetings.

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And talking of TV, here is an entry just received for the SABC's competition on whether or not viewers will vote. It is not expected to win a prize.

She reports that the children won't miss the 9 pm news for anything these days. It is their favouring programme because they can be fairly sure of seeing teacher's daddy.

Eat your heart out, B.A.

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The Department of Foreign Affairs publishes a mostly newspaper called The Caret, aimed at coloured people.

This month's edition, as may be expected, urges readers to vote.

It informs them that the seat of Tafelberg is the second largest with 16 100 "electors". But its list of registered voters is among the smallest at 5 600.

What happened to the rest? They once lived in District Six and now they are dispersed. Needless to say, The Caret forgot to mention this.

(Report by D Breier, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)

An article in this space yesterday on Labour Party policy was inadvertently attributed to Mr David Curry. It was, in fact, by the party leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse.
Police charge crowd at election meeting

Staff Reporters

POLICE baton-charged about 300 anti-election demonstrators who besieged a Labour Party election rally in Ravensmead.

There were no arrests or injuries and the pro-Labour Party audience of less than 300 inside the Ravensmead Civic Centre hall last night were hardly aware of the confrontation outside.

The charge, by about 50 Reaction Unit policemen, happened after anti-election campaigners breached the tight security at the meeting.

WIRE-CUTTERS

They used wire-cutters to get through a two-metre security fence.

About 50 demonstrators were heading for the hall after clambering over the damaged fence when the police intervened and warned them to disperse.

A few stones were thrown which led to the baton charge.

Tyres of three cars belonging to people inside the hall were slashed, one car's body was slightly damaged while several had slogans daubed on them in indelible ink.

FORGED INVITATIONS

A few demonstrators managed to enter the hall using forged invitations, but four who tried to interrupt the otherwise peaceful meeting were quickly ejected by Labour Party supporters.

Attempts to disrupt the meeting began soon after 7.30pm when the gates leading into the grounds of the Ravensmead Civic Centre were locked.

An angry group of anti-election campaigners, standing outside the gates, began tradeg-insults, with those safely within the security of the fence.

PADLOCKS SMASHED

At first Labour Party officials locked out the demonstrators, but found they had instead been locked in because the demonstrators had secured the gates with their own padlocks.

Police had to smash these to let Labour Party supporters out.

Towards the end of the meeting, several demonstrators tried to enter the hall to put a motion of no-confidence. But Labour Party supporters ordered them out and they left.

The demonstrators included members of both the United Democratic Front (UDF) and the Cape Action League (CAL).

A Peoples Congress Party (PCP) meeting due to be held at the Manenberg Civic Centre last night did not take place because few of the party's supporters turned up.

Inside the hall, about 50 students and a few adults sat quietly as the PCP's candidate, Mr John Delport, decided whether to go on with the meeting.

Mr Delport said that Manenberg residents were afraid to attend the meeting.

"People have had bad experiences in the past and they don't want to risk getting involved," he explained.

The short-lived alliance between the Reformed Freedom Party and the United Party has ended with the decision by the UP to pull out on the eve of the coloured elections next week.

Neither party is regarded as a significant factor in coloured politics. The RFP, led by Mr. Charles Julies, is putting up 11 candidates for the House of Representatives. It is unlikely that any will be elected.

The Cape Town-based UP is led by the Rev. Thomas McLaughlin of Mitchell's Plain. It joined the RFP earlier this year.

(Report by D Breier, M'Sansfield and S Ntane, all of 122 St George's Street, Cape Town.)

Labour Party to fight coloured preference policy — see Page 4.
Hendrickse eyes PFP’s federal policy

By LEON MARSHALL
Political Editor

THE Labour Party seems set for a major constitutional policy change soon after entering the new three-chamber Parliament.

This has been indicated by the party’s leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, on the eve of Wednesday’s coloured elections in which the Labour Party is expected to emerge as the dominant party in the House of Representatives.

He said in an interview he personally favoured a federal constitution for South Africa.

This represents a major departure from the unitary system which the party presently stands for and which amounts to one man, one vote for a single Parliament for all races.

“I believe we'll eventually have to arrive at a geographical federal structure not based on ethnicity but in which one man, one vote can be exercised without fear or threat of numbers,” he said.

He intends asking his party’s next congress to consider changing the policy and probably to have the federal concept investigated by a special committee.

He said when the Labour Party decided at Eshowe last year to participate in the Government’s new constitutional scheme in spite of its many objections, it stated that its own proposals for a unitary system would be negotiable when a new constitution eventually had to be worked out.

Mr Hendrickse’s constitutional thinking appears to be in line with the Progressive Federal Party’s policy of a geographic federation.

It has been suggested that if the Labour Party congress accepted his suggestion, the proposed investigative committee might even draw on PFP expertise in re-drafting the party’s policy.

In the new constitutional setup, agreement between the Official Opposition in the House of Assembly and the dominant party in the House of Representatives could combine into a powerful voice in favour of a federation also including blacks.

Such influence could be brought to bear indirectly in debates and through joint committees on which all parties are expected to serve, as well as directly through the Labour Party’s participation in government.

Explaining his new policy stance, Mr Hendrickse said: “Having examined the situation I believe that on a common voter’s roll at this stage in a common Parliament in a multi-racial country the coloured people would have had no or very little representation.

“Not within this structure but within a new one priority has to be given to the participation of black people within the political process.”

(Report by L B Marshall, 122 St George’s Street, Cape Town.)

• Labour Party set to romp home with massive win, Page 12.
**Social worker is going for political office**

Staff Reporter

MR FREDERICK Martin Adams is the People's Congress Party candidate for Heidelberg in the election to be held on Saturday.

The constituency includes Belgravia, Prinsep, Primrose Park, Greenhaven, Vanguard, Welcome Estate and Heidelberg.

Mr Adams, generally called "FM" (his initials) by those who know him, has been a voluntary welfare worker for more than 20 years, running his own "FM Advice Office" from his home.

He has been involved in civic and social work for more than 35 years — helping the poor, the underprivileged, the aged, orphans, young people, "wont-works" and the sick.

Mr Adams, a hardware salesman, carries out his welfare work in the evenings, and on Sundays and public holidays. He was recently awarded the Salus Medal for Exceptional Devotion to Duty by the Department of Health and Welfare and a street in Welcome Estate, Athlone, has also been named after him as a token of appreciation.

**TOWN votes for 'healthy lungs'**

FRIDAY HEIGHTS, Maryland. — The Friday Heights Village Council has decided to outlaw cigarette machines in public places. This is in keeping with the week-long "Healthy Lungs" campaign that has been in effect since the 27th of October.

Mr Adams, chairperson of the council, hailed the move as a victory for healthy lungs.

"The major intent of the ordinance is to prevent teenagers from continuing smoking," Dr Muller said.

One of the cigarette machines would be affected by the law is located at a motel. The mayor, in separate visits, has been called a "vicious and anti-social" act.

"But I think it's unconstitutional," Fox's Den resident and owner Mr. John Dracopoulos said.

It's not the first time the village council has gone against the tide. Two years ago it tried to outlaw bulletins. — UPJ

**Rooikappe en die UDF**

Het dat kiesers moet weg — is 'n hoë stem. Dit is by wat vir die werk van bruinmense hul demokraties reg gebruik om hul krag te behou.

Dit word ook hoofsaklik aan sy propaganda toegeskryf dat studente en selfs skoolkinders beïnvloed word om die stem van hul mens- en die kies van die UDF te help besluit.

**Humility is the key to Zola Budd's credibility**

Saturday Talk

FRAGILE little Zola has been steadily emerging as a saint from the disaster in which she was involved at Los Angeles by the way she has kept her cool and markable for the fact that he isn't so concerned with building himself up in your eyes as with taking a real interest in you and what you are saying to him.
**UDF row follows TV ‘smear’**

Mercury Reporter

THE SABC's *News Focus* programme linking the United Democratic Front and the banned African National Congress has been described as despicable and a smear by a leading political commentator.

The programme, presented by Cliff Saunders, was broadcast on Thursday evening.

In it, various politicians taking part in the new parliamentary elections accused the UDF of stirring up violence, and suggested it was linked to the ANC and served the banned organisation's ends.

Yesterday, Prof Willem Kluytbanks, head of the department of political science at the University of South Africa, said the programme was 'despicable.'

**Propaganda**

The statements were all generalisations. None was based on fact.

'The Government is using all the propaganda and ammunition it can to get a maximum turnout at the polls.'

'It used the same smear tactic on the Monday before the white referendum, when the ANC in Lusaka made an appeal to the electorate to reject the constitution.'

'But this time it has even less evidence to exploit. Even a layman could see it was nothing but political opportunism,' he said.

The national president of the UDF, Mr. Archie Gumede, said the SABC appeared to be trying to create a climate favour-
Pretoria unionists held during leaflet campaign

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

NINE officials of Potshide's National Automobile and Allied Workers' Union (Naawu) were allegedly detained on Thursday night for questioning while distributing anti-constitution leaflets, a Naawu statement said.

The statement said seven shop stewards and two organisers of the union were arrested while distributing pamphlets as part of Potshide's national campaign against the new constitution.

The statement said six of the detained union members and four organisers of the United Democratic Front were only released after a legal representative informed the police they were obliged to allow those detained to fetch their passes.

A spokesman for the SAP Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said police from Silverton had requested six persons to accompany them to the police station following complaints of intimidation received from the coloured residents of Eersterust.

They were asked to give satisfactory identification, he said. Two produced their identity books and were released while the others could not, but were later released as well.

"Naawu sees these actions as clear intimidation and warns that it will not prevent us from continuing our campaign against this anti-worker racist constitution," the statement said.

The police spokesman denied they were harassing the Naawu people. They were simply acting in the performance of their duties." (Report by P. van Niekerk, 171 Main St. Johannesburg)

Date for election of SP set

WEDNESDAY, September 5 has been set aside as the date for the nomination and election of a new State President, Mr. Chief Justice Pieter Rabie announced in a notice in yesterday's Government Gazette.

The nomination and election would take place in the debating chamber of the House of Assembly in the Parliament Building in Cape Town at 10am, the notice said. - Sapa.

Shots fired at NPP campaign offices

Political Reporter

SHOTS were fired at the offices of the National People's Party (NPP) in Laudium, Pretoria, this week and the windows at the homes of eight of their canvassers were smashed.

Mr. Yusuf Abramjee, son of Mr. Boetie Abramjee, the NPP candidate in Laudium, said yesterday that three shots were fired at the NPP offices late on Wednesday night. The shots damaged cars belonging to two canvassers and the front door of the office.

He said police are investigating.

On the same night, windows were smashed at the houses of two of the canvassers. Earlier, windows at the homes of six canvassers were smashed, he said.

Laudium has been the scene of repeated claims and counter-claims of violence and intimidation by the NPP and the organisations campaigning for a boycott of this month's elections.

(Special by A. Harmer, 171 Main St, Johannesburg)

Methodists urged to abstain

CAPE TOWN - The Methodist Church in the Cape has urged coloured and Indian members to abstain in this month's elections, in a statement reiterating the church's view of apartheid as a heresy.

"It is our conviction that no meaningful change can be achieved within the framework of an apartheid system," the Reverend Abel Hendricks, chairman of the Cape District of the Church, said yesterday.

In a pastoral letter to congregations and societies, at the request of the Church's 1974 Cape Synod, Mr. Hendricks said the Methodist Conference last year declared support for efforts to resist the new constitution.

The constitution was rejected because it was "based on permanent racial discrimination and the exclusion of the black African majority" and that it lacked the legitimacy of popular consent.

The Synod approved a motion asking Mr. Hendricks to urge Cape members not to vote in elections for either the House of Delegates or the House of Representatives. - Sapa.

UDF has backing in UK, Germany

By ANTON HARBER

THE United Democratic Front has received messages of support from the Labour Party in Britain and the Greens Party in West Germany on the eve of its first anniversary and at the climax of its campaign for a boycott of this month's elections.

In a telegram, the British Labour Party wished the UDF a successful rally tomorrow and pledged support for its opposition to the new constitution.

The Greens Party expressed solidarity with the UDF campaign "for a non-racial, democratic South Africa".

Other messages came from Archbishop Trevor Huddleston of the Anti-Apartheid Movement in Britain, the United Nations Special Committee Against Apartheid, the Anti-Apartheid Movement in West Berlin, the British Council of Churches, the Lutheran World Federation and Churches in the US and Canada.

The UDF will celebrate its first anniversary on the eve of the colourless elections with a major rally in the Johannesburg City Hall.

Speakers will include Mr. Cassim Saloojee, publicist secretary of the UDF, Mrs. Albertina Sisulu, national president of the UDF, Father Nkosi Mkhathwa, a UDF patron, Professor Ismail Mohamed, chairman of the Transvaal Anti-PC Committee, and Mrs Dorothy Ntsebe, who was recently released after 15 years' imprisonment.
Hendrickse —
the man to beat

Only eight years ago the Rev Allan Hendrickse spent 60 days in solitary confinement under security legislation. Now he stands to become one of the most powerful men in the South African Government.

Mr Hendrickse, leader of the Labour Party, is a racing certainty to lead his party to victory in next week’s House of Representatives election. He is widely tipped to become a Cabinet Minister.

When he was born, on October 22, 1927, his parents had been hoping for a girl, to be named Helen Joey. So christened him Helenard Joe. He is known as plain Allan.

He matriculated at Livingstone High School, Cape Town and received theological and teaching qualifications at Fort Hare and Rhodes universities.

A high school teacher for many years, he founded a school for Africans in Uitenhage. He later became head of the United Congregational Church and is still a minister of the Church in Uitenhage.

In 1959 he was elected to the Coloured Representative Council.

His political and theological views can be simply summed up: “Apartheid is a heresy. Apartheid is evil,” he says. He is going into Parliament to change it.

Challengers —
Marais and Julies

Mr Charles Julies, the leader of the Reformed Freedom Party, could be called the Vause Raw of coloured politics.

His tiny RFP is fielding the smallest number of candidates in next week’s House of Representatives elections, just as Mr Raw’s NRP is the smallest of the parties in the Assembly.

And just as Mr Raw’s NRP can trace its lineage to the once mighty United Party, Mr Julies can trace his political ancestry to the Federal Party which once briefly controlled the old Coloured Persons’ Representative Council.

Mr Julies recently startled the country by announcing that he was in favour of conscription for the coloured people — unlike all the other parties, which say conscription should come only with political equality.

But in a recent TV programme he shifted his stance, saying he too wanted conscription only with equality.

Former pop singer and stage actor Mr Peter Marais comes across as the party leader who talks the people’s language.

The dapper Mr Marais, 40, a smart dresser and an even smarter talker, is the leader of the People’s Congress Party, which is most likely to be the official opposition in the House of Representatives. If he wins his seat in Bishop Lavis he will be leader of the opposition.

With TV playing a vital role in projecting coloured political leaders, Mr Marais has become something of a TV character.

His boundless energy is staggering. After a hard day of canvassing he will address a house meeting in the Peninsula at night and then race off far into the Boland to address a late-night meeting.
Labour Party set to romp home with massive win

Coloured election: Small poll could mean support for UDF boycott

By DAVID BREIER
Weekend Argus Reporter
THE Labour Party, which is hot favourite to romp home with a mighty majority in next week's coloured elections, is the most left-wing of the four parties at the hustings. It demands one-man, one-vote in a unitary system.

But the party qualifies its position somewhat by stating that the question of a "unitary system" is negotiable. This effectively means it leaves room for black homelands.

It also puts the Labour Party to the right of its real opponent in the elections - the United Democratic Front (UDF) - which heads the election boycott and is therefore out of the running.

The UDF also demands one-man, one-vote in a unitary system. Instead of qualifying this as the Labour Party does, it states that this is its minimum demand.

The main point to watch for is the result start rolling in on Wednesday night as the size of the poll is particularly powerful and a poll of more than 10 or 20 percent would be good news for the Government. In other areas the Government must hope for at least 50 or 40 percent.

If the poll is much below this, the election could be regarded as vindicating the UDF. There are 907,000 registered voters which means the Government must hope for at least 25 percent or about 227,000 votes nation-wide.

The second point to watch for is whether the Labour Party will win all or nearly all the seats, or whether any of the smaller parties emerge as a viable opposition.

All four parties say they are entering the tri-cameral Parliament to stop discrimination from within the system.

There is therefore comparatively little difference between their policies compared to the vast difference between, say, the Herstellende Nasionale Party and the Progressive Federal Party in white politics.

Without quibbling

But there are fairly important differences which give the voters some choice.

The Labour Party is the only party contesting all 80 seats. It opposes all forms of discrimination without quibbling.

Until recently it was part of Chief Gatsha Butheleli's Black Alliance, but was expelled when it opted for participation in the new constitutional system. The party's policy remains the inclusion of Africans in the system.

In the 1970s it adopted the boycott tactic, refusing to pass the Budget in the old CRC. Later it refused to serve on the President's Council.

This tactic has led its opponents to accuse it of an about-face by taking part in the present elections. But the Labour Party today says its boycott stance was a tactic not an ideology, and that the tactic worked by winning many rights for the coloured people.

"Mystery" candidates

Its main opposition appears to be the People's Congress Party (PCP), which is fielding the second highest number of candidates - 59 plus nine "mystery" candidates which the PCP claims will cross over to it if elected.

Certain aspects of its policy will put it to the right of the Labour Party.

For example, it does not support the simple abolition of the Group Areas Act. It wants existing coloured group areas to remain in coloured hands to prevent whites buying up coloured land. Only new developments should be opened to all races, it says.

The PCP does not want the Mixed Marriages Act and the race clause of the Immorality Act to be summarily scrapped. Only when the Group Areas Act and Separate Amenities Act are scrapped could mixed couples live together properly, it believes.

Homeland system

But the most important difference is that it opposes African majority rule and supports the homeland system for Africans. But it would include urban Africans in the parliamentary system. Exactly how has not been spelled out.

The Freedom Party with 37 candidates and the Reformed Freedom Party with 11 are much of a muchness.

Both are to the right of the coloured political spectrum and both reject majority government, supporting the homeland policy for Africans. They support coloured nationalism and object to coloured people being regarded as "black". Their policy on Africans can be compared to that of the National Party although they are striving for more coloured rights than the NP is now prepared to concede.

(Report by D Breier, 112 St George's Street, Cape Town)
SABC's poll competition 'was a farce'

By MAURITZ MOOLMAN

A CAPE TOWN journalist who was a judge this week on TV in the SABC's coloured election competition has said the competition is a farce.

In another development, the competition's Thursday's winner of the R50 first prize, the wife of a Labour Party candidate in the election, has signed a letter to the SABC's 'programme's presenter, asking to be removed from the programme.

When Mrs Charlotté de la Cruz of Cape Town replied she was in favour, Mr Swart asked her to write him a letter saying she supported the competition, she said.

Mr Lyndon Johnson, a journalist who participated on Thursday night as part of a panel of four judges in the competition involving the election of coloureds to the House of Representatives, yesterday told the Rand Daily Mail that:
- The letters had been opened beforehand, while viewers were given the impression that the letters were opened live during the programme.
- None of the envelopes had stamps or seals and.
- While viewers had been told that he was a "randomly chosen representative of the coloured community", he was in fact recruited for the programme by the presenter, and paid R52 to participate.
- All the letters drawn by the four participants were typed while none of the envelopes carried stamps.
- "I am certain that the letters had been opened beforehand.
- "I believe that the competition is a farce," Mr Johnson said.

On the Wednesday and Thursday programmes six of the eight letters written by competitors and drawn by coloured "judges" selected by the SABC "at random" supported the election. While two writers said they were not to vote because they have not been registered.

Mrs de la Cruz confirmed yesterday her letter had been received and that she had posted it to the SABC.

"Mr Swart asked me if I was a voter or a non-voter," she said. "I told him I supported the election and asked me to write the letter," she said.

A spokesman for the SABC yesterday admitted that the letters were opened beforehand, but said it was done to establish whether letters had been written in Afrikaans or English.

The spokesman said the SABC had the assurance of Mr Frere Swart, the programme's presenter, that all letters read were not genuine.

The spokesman added that some letters did not carry addresses because they were delivered by hand.

In the competition, the "best" out of four letters supporting or opposing participation in the elections read each night on TV-1 wins a R50 prize.

The overall winner is to win a R1 000 prize on the final night before the election.

Mr Johnson said that the winning letter, read by him, came from the wife of the Labour Party candidate for Crosley/Parle, Mr D de la Cruz.

He said that on Thursday nights' programme the four participants each had to select a letter from a basket.

Mr Johnson said that, gathering from reactions by friends and family to his participation, he now believed that "so-called" coloureds viewed the competition as an insult.

"Everyone is cross with me, even my girlfriend... because they believed I supported the election." Mr Johnson said.

The SABC is to present a similar competition for the Indian election on August 25.
Will they really represent?

One of the most unusual election campaigns in the history of South African politics comes to an end next week. By Wednesday evening South Africa will have the men who will fill seats in a second House in Parliament — a chamber for the coloured population called the House of Representatives.

Just how “representative” those representatives will be is quite another question.

The campaign has been unusual in that the percentage poll and the question of participation, not the merits of one political party over another, are the issues which dominated.

Election meetings have not concentrated on which party to vote for but whether or not to vote at all, while other issues normally highlighted by political parties at election time, have taken a back seat.

In fact only the Labour Party — and then late in their campaign — switched attention away from the stay-away issue and concentrated on attacking their rivals for House of Representatives seats.

Yet, despite claims to the contrary, an examination of election manifestos will reveal very little difference between the participating parties which in turn implies that the real battle on Wednesday is centred around those parties accepting the new deal and those organisations calling for a boycott of the polls.

So the political parties — Labour, the People’s Congress Party, the Freedom Party and the Reformed Freedom Party — who under normal election conditions would have been fighting against each other, instead find themselves involved in a strange alliance.

There is little doubt that the Labour Party, the only one to field a full house of 80 candidates for the election, will secure a majority and rule the House of Representatives. So much for that aspect of the campaign, but how will the result of the other battle be measured?

When the election results are announced both the participating group and the “boycotters” will no doubt claim they have won and as suspect as it may be, the percentage poll may be the only way of providing an answer.

The dangers of using the percentage poll to draw conclusions in this case, are obvious.

Normally a percentage poll is a fairly accurate assessment of voter attitudes to an election and the issues it highlighted, but in this instance the poll itself has been subjected to enormous pressures.

Intimidation has undoubtedly taken place, but it has come from both sides.

While the anti-election campaign used more obvious tactics such as large scale presence at pre-election meetings, the intimidation to vote has been more subtle but no less effective.

Allegations of voters being threatened with the loss of state-owned houses, pensions and other rights cannot be dismissed as anti-election propaganda.

The Star this week exposed widespread misuse of special votes and in some cases residents — especially those less educated — have been told it is a criminal offence not to vote.

It would be impossible to say with any empirical certainty whether or not the intimidation balances out but one can assume it closes.

Apathy will also play a vital role. Will people not vote by design or simply because they couldn’t be bothered?

The apathy aspect can also be balanced against a widespread campaign by the SABC to highlight the election via endless panel discussions and debate involving the participating parties only and the use of gimmicks such as election competitions with cash prizes.

In addition, the percentage poll is based on the voters roll. In other words only those who registered form part of the percentage and the registration figure, on a national average, is at best 60 percent.

When all this is taken into consideration the percentage poll, plus a five percent safety margin, would be an accurate assessment of the coloured community’s commitment to the new Parliament.

The next question is what percentage poll is required to claim the House as representative of the coloured people?

Once again a wide spectrum of opinion will be found. Labour Party candidates have claimed from public platforms that 25 percent is enough while anti-election groupings insist on above 75 percent.

The former is clearly too low and the latter well above South Africa’s average.

The truth probably lies somewhere between the two but it is hard to imagine that anything less than 45 percent, excluding the five percent allowance, will be sufficient to claim the House is really “representative.”

The battle of the poll enters its final round this weekend and all that remains now is for the people to decide.

Mr Peter Marais leader of the PCP.

(Report by G van Staden, 47 Sauer Street, Johannesburg)
Through all the noise, a silence sums it up

The election campaigns for the coloured and Indian houses in the new Parliament have been marked by considerable noise, but it was a silence that most clearly summed them up.

At a rally in Klerksdorp recently, veteran Labour Party politician Mr. David Curry, eager to point out the fruits of participation, asked who it was that should be thanked for the fact that today a coloured man wore Springbok colours for rugby.

"Is it the boycotters? Is it the boycotter?" he asked rhetorically.

There was nothing complex about the silence that followed: it was just that no-one was really sure.

Neither is anyone sure about whether participation in the tri-racial parliament — or boycott — will in the end bear fruits more universally enjoyable than a sports blazer.

Indeed, much more — in much more evocative language — is being promised in meetings across the country by candidates for the coloured House of Representatives election on Wednesday and the Indian House of Delegates on August 27.

Tri-racial

One of those candidates is Mr. Amichand Rajbansi, leader of the National People's Party (NPP) and a man tipped to be in Mr. P.W. Botha’s first tri-racial Cabinet.

"He is blunt: "The aim of the NPP is to change the social and political structure of South Africa," he quotes from Lenin and Gandhi to urge people to vote so that he can do that.

"Lenin said they should infiltrate every institution the Czar created. Get into the accursed pigsty if you can," said Mr. Rajbansi at a meeting in Landgraaf, Pretoria.

Mr. Jack Rabbie, Transvaal leader of the Labour Party, is another. "We are asking for a mandate to go on August 27 to turn these so-called coloured rights into human rights for all South Africans."

"Nonsense," said a senior National Party politician in private recently. "If anything, they will be a conservative influence in the Cabinet, telling their white colleagues 'God forbid that you should put into force what we say out there.'"

This is the point made by the organised boycott lobby, led by the United Democratic Front and in the Indian community by its affiliate, the Natal Indian Congress (NIC) and the Transvaal Indian Congress.

The boycotters say an apartheid constitution is no solution to South Africa's problems. Worse, the exclusion of blacks is not only unjust but dangerous in the long run.

Hyperbole

But they, like the election participants, are given to breathtaking hyperbole.

The Reverend Frank Chikane, a leading UDF figure, announced at a Lenasia meeting recently that after the elections, "we will be marching side by side to victory!"

The truth is that in both the coloured and Indian communities not terribly many people are marching anywhere. Most of them when not at work are at home in small lounges watching television and wishing they were in bigger lounges watching television.

If the RBs and Rajbansies have been able to persuade them they can do it under the new constitution, then the poll will be good — not only in spite of but in many cases because of the exclusion of blacks.

But there is little evidence that they have been successful. The unprecedented move by SABC-TV this week to award prizes to coloured and Indian viewers who write the best letters about whether they are going to vote appears to be evidence of desperation.

There has also been plenty of talk of intimidation. Is the great power of the sub-continent, indeed of all Africa, really admitting it can't control the impotent threats of a minority of
be similar.

One way of solving this is to...
Image counts for former detainees

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Let's mix it...

By JEREMY BROOKS

MOST urban South Africans are strongly in favour of non-racial sport from national to club level.

A study based on the attitudes of 3391 blacks, Indians, coloureds and whites has also revealed that a majority (68.1 percent) expect South Africa to have a totally integrated society in the far future.

These are the conclusions drawn in a survey conducted by Dr Geert Scholtz, director of the Institute for Leisure Studies at Potchefstroom University, and Mr J L Olivier, of the Human Sciences Research Council.

"The present data seems to herald a new era in South African history regarding race and sport," their report says.

"From national down to club level, ethnicity seems to have lost its impact in determining attitude differences. Factors such as age, education and income level seem to have gained in impact...."

The results of their study were published in a paper presented to the 1984 Olympic Scientific Congress, at Eugene, Oregon in the United States last month.

The two men reported that, in the field of non-racial sport, opinions among whites have been transformed since 1970.

According to a market research survey conducted that year, only 26 percent of whites were willing to accept mixed seating in a sporting arena.
Plans for 64 000 jobs in two years

Mercury Reporter

Some of the projects approved by the Decentralisation Development Board ‘could fail by the wayside’, but the rest, which could create 64 000 jobs in Natal, should be completed within two years, said the director of the board, Mr W S du Plessis.

It was revealed at the Natal National Party congress last week that the board had approved projects which could create 134 000 jobs throughout South Africa, 64 000 of them in Natal.

Aimed mainly at the black labour market, they involved investments totalling R1.5 million, said Mr du Plessis.

This meant each job would be created at a cost of about R11 000, which was considered low, he said.

According to Department of Manpower statistics, 5 683 whites, coloureds and Indians were registered as unemployed in Natal in May this year. Countrywide the figure was 30 068.

No reliable unemployment figures for blacks seem to exist.

Prof Jill Natrass of the University of Natal said if all 64 000 jobs did materialise they would dent black unemployment figures in the province.

But she doubted all the approved projects would reach completion.

Mr du Plessis said the projects concurred with plans to spread urbanisation and about 18 percent of them represented site moves from the metropoles to decentralised development areas.

At the congress, Mr Val Volker, MP for Klip River, called for planned and rapid urbanisation of blacks in conjunction with the decentralisation of industrial development.
NEW DEAL -
WHAT NEW DEAL?

The so-called 'New Deal' takes a step closer to actualisation in the next two weeks, when coloureds and Indians go to the polls. Senior reporter SAM MABE looks at the issues involved.

TWO DAYS that have been awaited with anxiety, hope and despair by many South Africans and most probably the international community will dawn on Wednesday this week and on Tuesday next week when coloureds and Indians will be expected to accept or reject the Government's so-called New Deal through the ballot box.

These days will introduce a new and significant dimension to South Africa's history of black politics — they are days when coloureds and Indians will be participating in the legislative machinery of South Africa.

They are also days that gave rise to the formation of the National Forum (NP) in Hammerskraal and the launching of the United Democratic Front (UDF) in Cape Town last year.

The two groups, together with numerous trade unions, political, women's, student, youth, cultural and community organisations affiliated to them, have spent virtually sleepless nights on various campaigns, through which they tried to highlight what they saw as the fallacy surrounding the new constitution.

Pamphlets
This they did by distributing pamphlets, putting up posters, buying newspaper advertisement space and knocking at the doors of houses in Verulam, Athlone, Laudium, Lenasia, Fordsburg and other coloured and Indian residential areas where they preached the "anti-New Deal" gospel.

One of the NP's affiliates, Azapo, and the UDF have visited countries in Europe, Canada and the USA where they gave the international community the point of view of the people of So- weto, Nyanga, Alexandra and Lamontville, who will not have anything to do with the new constitution.

In some cases, the desperation to counter the efforts of the Rajahs and the Hendries has led to disruptions of some meetings where chairs and other missiles have been flung over and onto some people's heads, a few punch-ups, traded and some unprintable adjectives pronounced.

As a result, meetings of those who hope to go into the Tripartite Parliament have been held secretly. Attendance has been by invitation only and security provided at such meetings has always been very tight.

Opponents of the new deal have argued that by voting, coloureds and Indians will be agreeing to join the ranks of the minority white Government which is ruling over 70 percent of the population without their consent.

They also say that since they will be having a stake in the Government, coloureds and Indians will be expected to fight alongside white soldiers on the border.

This is an issue seen as likely to sow seeds of division between coloureds, Indians and Africans, who have over the years identified themselves as one entity — blacks who are oppressed because of their race.

Participation in the southern side of the border war is opposed by many blacks because it is seen as a civil war where South Africans, because of their contrasting views on the country's political situation, are fighting their fellow South Africans who have been forced to fight from the northern side of the border.

Another controversial aspect of the "new deal" is that coloureds and Indians will be unable to bring about any positive changes in the country's political situation unless such changes are acceptable to their white colleagues.

(Report by Sam Mabe, of 61 Commando Road, Industria West).
Inclusion of blacks wouldn’t sway UDF

Mercury Reporter

EVEN if the new constitution included blacks, the United Democratic Front would still reject it, the movement’s publicity officer, Mr Patrick Lekota, said in Durban yesterday.

He called for a constitution of the people of South Africa.

‘The new constitution is the constitution of the Nats and the Afrikaner,’ he said.

He was speaking at a UDF ‘Rally of Unity’ at the University of Natal, held to celebrate the movement’s first anniversary.

Speaker after speaker delivered stinging attacks on the new constitution and apartheid to a packed Students’ Union hall and to those who overflowed on to the street outside.

In declaring the Prime Minister, Mr Amichand Rajbansi and the Rev Alan Hendrickse ‘enemies of the people’, he said whites had been given ample chance to sort out the country’s problems.

‘Those steeped in apartheid can no longer think in human terms; we in the democratic movement who suffer under apartheid have the capacity to see beyond the bounds of apartheid.’

‘If people withdraw their support from apartheid structures those structures will collapse,’ he said.

Mr Virgil Bonhomme, president of the United Committee of Concern, rejected the new constitution because it incorporated the violence of forced removals and detention without trial.

He rejected allegations the UDF was a violent movement.

(Report by O Heinsohn, 12 Devonshire Place, Durban)
Businessman fuming over slogans painted on luxury bus

Poll rivals debate army call-up

Mercury Reporter

CONSCRIPTION and the exclusion of blacks from the new parliamentary system had become key issues in next week’s elections for the Indian House of Delegates, said many of the 120 candidates for Natal’s 29 seats yesterday.

They said ‘the same old fear’ was that without black participation in the new parliament, it would be suicide for Indians — a tiny minority — to accept it.

The five political parties fielding candidates, and all the independents, have emphasised they will support Indian youths being called into the army only when there is equality for all South Africans.

Mr. Ismail Omar, chairman of Solidarity’s organisations committee, yesterday accused the Natal Indian Congress, which is campaigning for a boycott of the election of using conscription to frighten away voters.

He said that conscription — a burning issue in the Indian election campaign — could be opposed far more effectively by representatives in Parliament than by those who shouted slogans from the outside.

He said: ‘Even if the House of Delegates (Indian) and Representatives (coloured) rejected a conscription Bill, the Government could still pass it via the President’s Council after a lengthy process.

Betrayal

‘But the procedure would be far more difficult than it is now, and the Government cannot ignore the wishes of elected representatives on such a fundamental issue as serving in the army to defend an unjust system.

The KwaZulu Chief Minister, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, said in a half-page newspaper advertisement yesterday that whatever the motives of coloured and Indian people for taking part in the new system, their rights are seen by us as a betrayal to the black, coloured and Indian struggle for true liberation.

Under a bold heading, ‘Don’t abandon us,’ the chief said the new constitution disenfranchised more than 30 million blacks.

‘And we now look at all those who are trying to take part in the tricameral parliament as doing no more than playing second fiddle in the overseas apartheid orchestra,’ said the Chief Minister.

‘Chief Buthelezi is to speak at a prayer meeting at Durban’s City Hall between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. tomorrow.

(Report by N Bissonett, 12 Devonshire Place, Durban.)

AN ANGRY Khan wasan, Chatsworth, businessman and bus owner, Mr Ramnath Sookhany, above, vowed yesterday he would seek out the culprit who spray painted ‘Don’t vote’ slogans on his R50 000 luxury touring bus parked outside his plush Salvia Road home.

He said he had earlier allowed a candidate in the House of Delegates elections to stick his printed posters on his bus as his family supported the candidate and his National People’s Party. But early yesterday morning he found the slogans painted in large letters on the bus.

(Report by N Bissonett, 12 Devonshire Place, Durban.)
House of Assembly is on a little longer

Coverage

Election party with a few whores from the fraud deal

Vote, abuse

Chief calls for

Preliminary report

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More schools join boycott

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 participated in a dispensation which entrenched apartheid.
- Sapa reports from Johannesburg that representatives of about 40 secondary schools in the Johannesburg region met at the weekend and decided to boycott classes this week.

At a meeting in the Indian township of Lenasia, 17 groups decided to intensify their joint action against the August 22 and 28 elections.

The school representatives decided to start their boycott on different days. Some schools will start boycotting today, while the rest will stay away from classes from tomorrow.

In Durban, Natal University medical students resolved to boycott all classes in protest against the elections.

In the Cape, students at the University of the Western Cape decided to boycott classes on selected days as they had been warned the University would be closed for the rest of the year if students boycotted classes for more than two weeks.

(Report by Raymond Hill, 19 Backen Street, Port Elizabeth and C. Allison: Old Mutual Building, Harran Street, Johannesburg)

Budget man is missing his money

LONDON—Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Nigel Lawson, has had £290 (K160) stolen from a jacket he left hanging in his official residence at 11 Downing Street.

Mr. Lawson, who lives next door to Mrs. Thatcher, told police the money was apparently stolen from a wallet he had left in the jacket, a Scotland Yard spokesman said. The wallet and its other contents were not taken.

As there was no sign of forced entry into the building.

The class boycott gathers momentum


Mr. Jansen said more than half the pupils at the schools concerned did not attend classes today.

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Five boys drown in Cape dam

Mall Correspondent

EAST LONDON. — Five boys, aged between seven and nine, drowned in a dam in an old quarry near Stellenbosch yesterday when the homemade raft they were playing on capsized.

Police said yesterday that three of the bodies had been recovered and Navy divers had been asked to search for the missing two.

Four other boys who were on the raft managed to swim ashore.

The three bodies which were recovered were identified as Irvin Langley and Gary Mopp, both nine, and Patrick Hammond, seven.

They were all of Van Rensburg township on the outskirts of Stellenbosch.

By PATRICK LAURENCE
Political Editor

MORE than 2,500 people roared their approval yesterday when the Reverend Frank Chikane, of the United Democratic Front, warned that banning the UDF would lead the "oppressed people" to conclude there was no longer a peaceful solution to South Africa's problems.

Mr Chikane, a UDF vice-president, was one of several speakers at a massive rally in the Johannesburg City Hall held under the watchful eye of scores of policemen in the streets surrounding the building.

The Chairman of the meeting, Mr Cassim Salle, helped to prevent a clash between police and UDF supporters chanting the praises of Nelson Mandela at the end of the meeting.

The rally, up to now the largest public display of UDF strength in the Transvaal, was organised to commemorate the first anniversary of the founding of the UDF and to bring to a climax its campaign to persuade coloured and Indian voters to vote in the August 22 and 28 elections for the new tri-racial parliament.

The huge, multiracial crowd which crammed into the hall listened intently when Mr Chikane labelled attempts to equate the UDF with the outlawed African National Congress as a propaganda ploy aimed at preparing the ground for the banning of the UDF.

But, he said, to loud cheers, banning the UDF would roil up against the authorities as it would remove one of the last avenues of peaceful protest.

Earlier, Mrs Albertina Sisulu, wife of the ANC general secretary, Mr Walter Sisulu, and one of the three presidents of the UDF, was given a standing ovation when she said the new constitution was designed to lure coloureds and Indians away from blacks and was born out of fear of the "resistance of the people," Mr Sisulu said.

"The Government knows that if the people are united nothing will stop them from marching to freedom."

In a powerful speech, the Reverend Smangaliso Makhathwana of the Roman Catholic Church drew from the responsive crowd a pledge not to miss singing freedom songs but to "do all that is necessary."

Shots in Belfast rioting

BELFAST. — Mobs of youths opened fire on a police patrol and hurled petrol bombs and stones at officers in Belfast early yesterday.

Police said they fired plastic bullets at the rioters in sporadic outbreaks of fighting that began in Protestant and Catholic areas of the city just after midnight and lasted for about two hours.

Fifteen people were arrested and two were injured.

The heaviest outbreaks were in the Protestant Shankill Road area of west Belfast.

Similar petrol bomb and stone attacks on police patrol units in the Protestant Newtownards area and the Catholic Crumlin section of Belfast were reported.

Violence in Shankill reached a peak last Thursday night when mobs set shops on fire, tore down street and traffic lights, and attacked police. Residents said the city was in a "battlefield" mood.

The Ulster Volunteer Force, an outlawed loyalist paramilitary group, said the fighting was an organised reaction to the trial in Belfast of 47 alleged Protestant guerrillas charged with the murder of a police informer, William Allen.

Boy loses fingers in blast

By JOHN MILLER

A YOUNG West Rand schoolboy lost four fingers when a detonator he picked up near the Venterport gold mine exploded in his hand on Satur-
More schools join boycott

The class boycott gathers momentum

By RAYMOND HILL

The boycott of classes by coloured pupils today spread to eight more senior secondary schools in Port Elizabeth's northern areas, East London and Graaff-Reinet.

This was said today by the Chief Inspector of Education attached to the Department of Internal Affairs, Mr H.J. Jansen.

Pupils at the Bethelsdorp Senior Secondary School and the Chapman Senior Secondary School in Port Elizabeth's northern areas were the first to stage a stayaway on Friday.

They have been joined by pupils at St Thomas Senior Secondary School, David Livingstone Senior Secondary School, Arcadia Senior Secondary School, Peterson Senior Secondary School, Bethelsdorp Number Three Senior Secondary School (East London) and Spandau Senior Secondary School and Ashville Senior Secondary School, both in Graaff-Reinet.

Mr Jansen said more than half the pupils at the schools concerned did not attend classes today.

According to a statement telephoned to the Evening Post by the Students Co-Ordinating Committee, the pupils concerned rejected and condemned people who

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AfriForum: A third of the respondents planned to act

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Graham, one of the complainants, was not satisfied with the action of the board under the laws and regulations relating to the fire regulations and the house at the Board.

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UDF will be target after poll — Boesak

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

THE 6 000-strong crowd that turned out to celebrate the first anniversary of the UDF in Cape Town at the weekend were warned to prepare for a crackdown on the organization once the new deal was implemented.

Dr Allan Boesak, a patron of the UDF and president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, told the crowd that although the new constitutional era would bring certain minor reforms, next year would also see an escalation in government action against those opposed to the system.

"While they will give you little concessions, the repression is going to grow harder — and the UDF will be the first recipient of that repression," he told the multi-racial audience crammed into Fun City in Athlone.

The anniversary rally, which doubled as an anti-election meeting, drew participants from as far afield as Oudtshoorn, George and Okiep.

Dr Boesak, the last of 10 speakers, warned leaders who had threatened to "deal with" the UDF once they got into the new tricameral parliament, that their threats would be met with resistance.

In a reference to the Labour Party leader, the Rev Alan Hendriks and Mr Peter Marais of the People's Congress Party, he said: "If you throw us in jail, we will resist you. If you ban our organization, we will resist you. If you touch our children, we will never forgive you."

Dr Boesak said the task of the UDF was not simply to keep people away from the polls on August 22 and 23 but to equip the people of South Africa to govern the country.

Dr Boesak said the UDF rejected the new constitution and opposed participation in the coming elections "because we refuse to be made co-responsible for the atrocities of apartheid."

Police

In Johannesburg more than 2 500 people yesterday heard the Rev Frank Chikane warn that banning the UDF would lead the "oppressed people" to conclude that there was no longer a peaceful solution to South Africa's problems.

Mr Chikane, a UDF vice-president, was one of several speakers at a massive rally in the City Hall, which was surrounded by scores of policemen.

In Grahamstown more than 600 people attended the UDF's Eastern Cape branch rally in a tent yesterday, after local authorities had refused to allow it the use of any halls in the town.

(Report by A Johnson, 77 Burg Street, Cape Town, P L Laurence, 171 Main Street, Johannesburg and P. de Heyde, 25 Lawrence Street, Grahamstown.)
By 6 o’clock Sunday, supporters of the Democratic Front had gathered at the rally in Atlantis, which was attended by 3,000 people.

The rally was organized by the Democratic Front and supported by the ANC and the South African Communist Party. The main speakers were Dr. Ahmed Kathrada and Nelson Mandela.

The rally was held to protest against the apartheid government and to support the struggling African liberation movements. The speakers called for an end to the apartheid system and for the liberation of South Africa.

The rally was peaceful and there were no incidents reported.

The Democratic Front is a political party that was formed in 1971 by members of the African National Congress (ANC) who had been expelled from the party.

The ANC was banned in 1960 and its leaders were arrested and imprisoned. The banning of the ANC and other liberation movements led to the emergence of new political parties, including the Democratic Front.

The Democratic Front has been active in South Africa since the 1970s and has played a significant role in the anti-apartheid struggle.

Today, the Democratic Front is still active and continues to support the struggle for democracy and freedom in South Africa.
Poll all night on TV

UPSA out of election

Poll deal at rally

2000 reflect new pattern of poll betrayal

Butchered Warns
Student stayaway groups as poll nears

Staff Reporters

OPPOSITION to the new Parliament mounted today as students at least six tertiary institutions in Cape Town and pupi- lls at many schools boycotted classes.

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One man, one vote..."PORTRAIT ELIZABETH. - One man, one vote is the rule for the 6,700 students to be drawn from House of Delegates in the tiny Cape Town "reefs" - because there is only one In- dian in the town.

When Mr P. Rehak recorded a special vote in the house, he chalked up a 105 per cent poll as the only eligible voter.

Mr Rehak, who runs a gen- eral dealer's store in Stellen- bosh, which has a white popula- tion of about 1,900, says he is the only Indian within 100 miles.

Don't miss your chance, voters told DURBAN. -Although the new provincial Parliament was many respects an "unwieldy, clumsy, expensive piece of nonsense," it offered a small measure of non-racial reform, according to the Labour Party candidate for South Coast, Mr Tommy Abrahams.

He told 79 supporters yesterday that voters should not miss the opportunity slip. In spite of misgivings, the central (memorial) Parliament provided the coloured community with access to the "euro room" of the na- tions. - Argus Correspondent.

Constitution 'new facade of apartheid'

GEGRAMSTOWN. - The Rhodes University Black Stud- ents' Movement has explained its reasons for its decision to join the national boycott classes to protest against the coloured and Indian elections.

In a statement the movement said it rejected the con- stitution, as "a new facade of apartheid". - Sapa.

UDF blamed for poor attendance

EAST LONDON. - The United Democratic Front has been blamed for the poor attendance at a Freedom Party meeting in East London.

"The UDF has been going around telling people not to come to the meeting, and people are not even coming there with the po- lice," said the local candidate for the House of Representa- tives, Mr W J George. - Sapa.

UDF call for a people's constitution

DURBAN. - Even if the new constitution included blacks, the United Democratic Front would still reject it, the move- ment's publicity officer, Mr Patrick Lekota, said.

Speaking at a UDF rally at the University of Natal, he called for a "constituent of the" (Turn to Page 3, col 4)

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Student stayaway

(Continued from Page 1) holding a rival meeting nearby to urge an election boycott.

All parties standing for elec- tion and groups urging a boy- coott to his party's predictions for success on Wednesday.

Mr Hendriks predicted his party would win all 76 seats being contested. The DP had al- ready won four seats.

He had high percentage polls were expected in the Western and Eastern Cape districts, although he expected a lower poll in the Peninsula.

Mr Jonathan de Vries, the UDF's Western Cape provincial, said the UDF would not campaign, but would put up a low profile, to monitor the number of people who voted at the polls.

Parties challenged

Mr de Vries predicted only seven per cent of eligible people would vote in the Penin- sula, while he predicted a na- tional average of 13 per cent.

In official terms the figures would be higher as about 60 per cent of eligible people are registered. He challenged the Freedom Party to say whether they would resign if the poll was be- low 25 per cent of eligible vot- ers.

Peter Marius, leader of the People's Congress Party, predicted that 22 to 28 of the 88 elected seats and would be larger than the Labour Party, with smaller parties holding the balance.

Mr Arther Booyzen, leader of the South African Communist Party, said there would be a 40 to 50 per- cent poll in the Cape Province, but only between 20 and 15 percent in the Peninsula.

The Freedom Party is fight- ing the United Democratic Front, Booyzen said he was banking on 80 per cent of the vote.

"Interest growing"

Mr Charles Julius, leader of the Revolutionary Freedom Party, said interest in the election had been gaining momentum and he thought there could be a 60 to 65 percent poll in the coun- try as a whole.

Mr Marius's party has 13 can- didates and he says a number of independents are supporting him with the total group could have 15 seats in the new Parliament.

By last week a total of 10,000 coloured people had al- ready cast special votes, a spokesman for the Department of Internal Affairs said.

(See next page)
200 medical men say ‘No’

Doctors reject the ‘new deal’

OVER 200 Indian doctors and dentists in Natal have called for the rejection of the new constitution on the grounds that it does not satisfy the political aspirations of all the people of South Africa.

The doctors, who are members of the Natal Doctors Guild (NDG) have published their names — 210 of them — in a full-page advert in the Natal-based Sunday Tribune.

In another full-page advertisement in the same newspaper, the National Medical and Dental Association (Namda) says poor clinic facilities, rising hospital and medical aid fees, staff shortages and overcrowded hospitals will continue.

It adds: “Voting will not improve our health. Health and finance are general affairs and will therefore be in the hands of whites. Indian and coloured parliamentarians will be powerless to improve our health.

“Afrikan people, who suffer most from ill-health, are left out of the new constitution. Equal rights for all will bring complete health,” says Namda, in an advertisement supported by concerned doctors from six Natal hospitals and a medical school.

In the newspaper’s centrepiece, an advertisement with transposed pictures of Mahatma Gandhi and Mr. George Sewpersad, a Durban lawyer and President of the Natal Indian Congress (NIC), announces a mass rally to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the NIC on Wednesday at the Natal University.

The advert recalls the launching of the NIC on August 1894 by Mahatma Gandhi in Durban.

“Ninety years later, on August 22, 1984, we come together to remember our great leaders who have stood with us. Protected us. United us. Against passes, repatriation, unfair taxes, group areas and dummy bodies.

“We have come a long way, let us on August 22 this year pledge together to continue our proud struggle for truth, justice and equality for all.”

Meanwhile, the United Democratic Front, launched in Cape Town last August specifically to oppose the new constitution, celebrated its first anniversary with mass rallies held at major cities of the country.

(Report by Sam Mabe, of 61 Commando Road, Industria West).
8 000 at city meetings support election boycott

Staff Reporter

At the CAL/RCCA meeting, Mr. A. Fortune, in his speech, described the workers of South Africa as a people who have been subjected to years of oppression, the pain of which we can never forget. He said that this was the time for us to act as the people of South Africa and take our rightful place in the world. He said that this was a moment for us to unite and work towards our dream of freedom.

Boesak packs family picnic hamper as the big day nears

The whole thing is such a farce that instead of taking it seriously, I intend to enjoy myself," said Dr. Boesak, who has addressed many meetings urging people to boycott the elections.

But, even though he would spend the day picnicking, he would not doubt be accused of "intimidation," he quipped.

Dr. Boesak is a patron of the United Democratic Front, which is leading the election boycott campaign.

(Report by D. Bicker; 129 St. George's Street, Cape Town)
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PROMISE A GOOD EDUCATION,

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CROWDS: Part of the 3,000 who attended the rally yesterday.
VOTE CALL

OPPOSITION to the new constitution climaxed yesterday when a multiracial audience of more than 3,000 people denounced the Tricameral Parliament and called for a boycott of the coloured and Indian elections. The call was made at the Johannesburg City Hall where a service to mark the first anniversary of the United Democratic Front was held.

The anniversary service, one of several held in various parts of the country, focussed on the need for unity among the “freedom loving” people of South Africa.

A strong contingent of uniformed police and others in civilian clothes were stationed at strategic points within a radius of about 200 metres from the hall.

At one stage during the service, there was a stir in the Johannesburg City Hall after it was announced that police were trying to arrest some people outside the hall.

Messages of support from local and overseas organisations were read. Some came from the United Nations’ Special Committee Against Apartheid, the Irish Anti-Apartheid Movement, the Bolivian South Africa Committee in Sweden, the British Council of Churches and the Lutheran Church in the USA.

The Rev Frank Chikane, a Transvaal executive member of the UDF, was applauded when he told the gathering why the UDF rejects the new constitution.

He said the fact that there were to be three chambers for members of three racial groups proved that the constitution was based on apartheid.

Mrs Albertina Sisulu, president of the UDF, said the only way to achieve peace in South Africa would be the release of all political prisoners and the calling of a National Convention.

She said one of the basic aims of the UDF was to bring about a democratic South Africa.

A representative of Swapo who was to have addressed the service could not make it in time for the meeting. An announcement that his plane had landed at Jan Smuts Airport was made shortly before the service was closed.

Father Smangaliso Mkhathwane, Secretary General of the South African Catholic Bishop’s Conference (SACBC) said the time had come for people to be dedicated and committed to the liberation struggle.

He accused blacks of having prolonged their own oppression in the last 300 years through their lack of commitment to the liberation struggle.

Surprises in league

By SOL MORTHI

Dramatic changes highlighted the past weekend’s National Professional Soccer League programme.

While Durban City consolidated their first position on the log, Orlando Pirates and Shaya Mamolodi Sundowns staged elusive break-throughs from the threatening relegation axe.

Pirates and Sundowns beat Bloemfontein Celtic 4-3 and Moroka Swallows Limited 2-1 respectively.

Pirates’ win saved them from the relegation area for the time being.

Bucs had a series of frustrating and embarrassing moments the whole of last week. Seven of their senior players did not turn up for training on Monday night and five on Wednesday. They were given a chance to win at all.

But instead Pirates extended themselves to the fullest — at the eleventh hour — and rose like a Phoenix against the over-confident Celtic. The latter lost their third game at their home-ground in Phahameng location near Bloemfontein.

Ukhandla Black Aces, alias “AmaZulu,” unbelievably snatched the third position after Moroka Swallows Limited (last week’s number two’s) had floundered to their hoodoo team, Shaya Sundowns.

The chop

Arcadia Fluoride and Putco AmaZulu also stepped up after beating Stallions 3-1 and Kwikot Benoni 1-0 respectively.

“At this stage, there is no running away from it — Tigers, Benoni and Stallions will get the chop. A 1-0 victory over the lackluster PG Rangers at the Meadowlands Stadium in Soweto yesterday helped Jomo Cosmos to move from position 10 to nine.
Unions urge boycott

A powerful grouping of independent trade unions has urged workers throughout the country to boycott the coming elections for the coloured House of Representatives and the Indian House of Delegates.

The unions, which represent 300,000 workers countrywide, expressed their support for the "opposition by organisations of the people to the elections," which will be held on Wednesday this week and Tuesday next week.

The trade unions called on workers to "demonstrate their rejection of this fraud by not going near the polling booths on these days and where, given time off, to either refuse such time off or to go and remain at their homes."

The 24 unions, which met in Cape Town at the weekend for talks on a new national union federation, include affiliates of the Federation of SA Trade Unions and the Council of Unions of SA, as well as the Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union, the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association, the General Workers' Union and the Food and Canning Workers' Union.

(News by F. Green, 22 St George's St, Cape Town)
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Mr S J Jonker

Staff Reporter

A MINISTER of the Pentecostal Church of Sardis, the Rev E Malie, is the Reformed Freedom Party candidate for Ravensmead in tomorrow's election.

He is national secretary of his party.

Mr Malie is chairman of the South African United Pentecostal Movement to which 24 Pentecostal churches in the Western Cape belong. He was general secretary of the Christian Union of Churches until three years ago, general secretary of the Ravensmead Ratepayers' Association until 1982 and national secretary of the Ravensmead Action Committee until last year.

He is general secretary of Patriot, a socio-economic movement for coloured people.

"As a church leader, I experience the people's suffering at first hand. I reckon I should go into politics to be able to alleviate this suffering," he says.

Although Mr Malie has identified himself politically with the RFP, he says that, as a church leader, he is available for anyone, irrespective of his or her political leaning.

He is being opposed by Mr C F Blouw (Ind), Mr J W Christians (LP) and Mr M P Jacobs (PCP).

Mr S J Jonker is the RFP candidate for Matroosfontein. He has been active in politics since he joined the Federal Party at the time of the now defunct Coloured Representative Council.

From there he went to the Freedom Party and joined the Reformed Freedom Party when it broke away from the Freedom Party.

Mr Jonker said his involvement in working for the coloured community stemmed from the example his father set for him. His father was a member of the African People's Organisation (APO) in Touws River when he was a child.

"My father was always working for the coloured people," he said.

He was a member of the Constitution Action Committee, which moved from town to town in 1977, "explaining to the coloured community what the new constitution is all about."

He is an estate agent by profession. Since the age of 16 he was involved in Christmas bands and choirs, of which he is now an organizer.

He grew up in a family of Genadendal teachers, but has lived in Matroosfontein since 1948.

He said his aim, if elected, would be to give immediate attention to improving the condition of roads, drainage, street lighting, housing and flats in his constituency.

Mr Jonker is opposed by Mr V Sassa (LP) and Mr A C de Bruyn (PCP).

(Report by Noel Bruyns, 77 Burg Street, Cape Town.)
Le Grange slams UDF on boycotts

By ANTON HARBER
Political Reporter

MR Louis le Grange, the Minister of Law and Order, last night accused the United Democratic Front (UDF) of planning to disrupt the coloured and Indian elections "by means of school boycotts, labour unrest, intimidation and other acts of violence."

He warned that their actions would not be tolerated by the Government.

His warning came as boycotts broke out at over 35 schools and universities in many parts of the country a protest against tomorrow's election for the House of Representatives (coloureds) and next week's election for the House of Delegates (Indians).

The boycott actions are threatening to spread today to many more places, he said.

"Last night, Mr Popo Mo-lefe, the UDF national secretary, rejected officially Mr Le Grange's statement by denying his organisation was responsible for such activities and suggesting that Mr Le Grange was making these accusations out of frustration and panic because of the popularity of the UDF.

Boycotts were caused by the racial laws and inferior education faced by pupils and not by the UDF, he said.

In his statement, Mr Le Grange said the Government was aware that the UDF and some of its affiliates and "certain individuals" were planning to disrupt the election.

"It is a known fact that these people and their organisations plan to thwart the free and democratic elections and are enthusiastically backed by the South African Communist Party and the African National Congress Alliance, which openly seeks the revolutionary overthrow of the democratic system in South Africa.

"The Government's attitude is that it is the lawful right of registered political parties to participate in the forthcoming elections and that parties and their supporters have the right to exercise this privilege."

"Furthermore, I want to ensure the electorate, that the SAP is well aware of what is being planned by those who oppose the election and is well prepared to cope with any eventuality, whether at polling booths or elsewhere."

"I want to warn any organisation or individual who plans to disrupt the elections by any means that their actions will not be tolerated by..."

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BLAST MAN DIED IN SHOOTOUT

By GERALD REILLY
Pretoria Bureau

THE trained terrorist who was apparently responsible for the limpet mine explosion at the South African Police district headquarters in Roodepoort last Thursday was shot dead in a shootout with police in Soweto the following day, the Minister of Police, Mr Louis le Grange, said in Pretoria last night.

The man was trapped in a house and refused to surrender to the police.

He attacked police with automatic rifle fire and was killed shortly after hurling a hand grenade at the police.

No member of the SAP was injured. A quantity of arms of Russian origin was seized by the police.

The Minister said a further five overseas-trained ANC terrorists had been arrested since the beginning of August in connection with other recent incidents of terrorism.

Among the incidents were the hand grenade explosion at Ncosedi on May 30, the blowing up of explosives in private vehicles of two members of the police at Jabulani police station on May 16, and a private dwelling on July 11, and the attack on a police vehicle at a shop in Jabulani on July 14, in which a policeman was killed and another injured.

Some of those detained were also involved in the confrontation with members of the police at Stratford railway siding.

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Inside look at PFP role

THE Progressive Federal Party's decision to participate in the...
Man describes horror flames

MAIL CORRESPONDENT

DURBAN. - Flames sounding like "gun-shots" leapt high above the Imperial Hotel in Pelican Street yesterday, and the entire central section of the building had been destroyed, Mr Fred Heuer, a spokesman for the hotel's owner, said last night.

Mr Francois Bruina, 22, who lives near the hotel, said he had been awakened by what he first thought were gun-shots.

He got up and saw flames leaping high above the hotel, accompanied by "crackling and popping" noises.

Four people died in the fire, only one of whom — Mrs Elizabeth Anne Robinson, 46, who jumped from the first floor — has so far been identified. The scorched bodies of the other victims were found in separate rooms.

The cause of the fire is being investigated.

Inside look at PFP role

THE Progressive Federal Party's decision to participate in the new constitution has caused much debate, especially as this month's coloured and Indian elections have focussed attention on the question of participation.

In inside Mail today, Mrs Joanne Yawitch, chairman of the Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee, argues that the PFP's decision was indefensible and that it has compromised itself fundamentally.

Mr Horace van Rensburg, a PFP Member of Parliament, gives the PFP case.

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Fears for stealing bottle of rum

A security officer at the store told the court he saw Stevenson take the bottle of rum from a shelf and place it in a bag and then take a bottle of beer from the fridge, after which he only paid for the bottle of beer.

Stevenson was found guilty and the case was referred to the Hillbrow Regional Court for sentence.

At yesterday's hearing, the Regional Court, Stevenson admitted to numerous previous convictions for the same offence he committed from the age of 17, and one conviction for possession of dagga.

His last conviction was in January 1981, for theft of liquor.

Stevenson was then sent to jail for three years and was released in January this year.

A probation officer's report which was handed to the court yesterday said Stevenson appeared to know the difference from right and wrong. However, he was not prepared to change his ways and was reluctant to submit himself for rehabilitation treatment, the report said.

The magistrate, Mr A. H. Barlow, sentenced Stevenson to five years imprisonment and warned him he might be declared an habitual criminal next time he committed any crime.

The court could not date into the bottle of rum as the bottle of rum was not with him.
Union group steps up campaign

Heavy toll in Rocky

Support the initiative of the 87 percent of the deputies in the G7.

Unrest spreads as pupils, storm school

Burn papers, storm school

TWO of the United Democratic Front's top personalities are among at least 10 prominent UDF supporters detained today on the eve of the elections.

They are Mr Patrick Lekota, the UDF's national publicity secretary, who was detained in Port Elizabeth, and Mr Archie Gumede, one of the UDF's three presidents, detained near Durban.

And eight leading members of the Transvaal and Natal Indian congresses and of the Release Mandela Committee were also detained today.

The NIC, TIC and Release Mandela Committee are United Democratic Front affiliates.

In addition, six UDF supporters were arrested in Outshoorn yesterday after arranging pickets.

Congress president held

Those detained in Johannesburg are Dr Ezeno Jassat, president of the Transvaal Indian Congress; and Dr B A M Baloyi, a TIC vice-president; Mr Aubrey Molokwa and Mr Curtis Nkondo of the Release Mandela Committee in Johannesburg.

In Durban four members of the Natal Indian Congress were detained. They are Mr George Sewpersad, Mr Mawa Ramgobin, Mr M Naidoo and Mr Billy Nair, who was recently released after 20 years on Robben Island.

Brigadier J J van der Hoven, Police Divisional Commander for Natal, said the four were being detained in terms of Section 50 of the Criminal Procedure Act.

This meant they can be held for 48 hours while police investigated possible offences against them, he said.

Johannesburg arrests confirmed

Two other members of the congress, Mr Yusuf Mahomed and Mr Paul Davids, had not been detained, said Brigadier van der Hoven. According to UDF sources their homes were searched by police early today.

Lieutenant H J Beck of the Police Public Relations in Pretoria confirmed that four affiliate members of the UDF in the Johannesburg area had been detained. It has not been established under what section of the law, but he said the men were being held under security legislation.

Bricks were thrown through windows at the homes of the Rev Edward Manikam, the Solidarity candidate in Rylands; and of Mr Arthur Stanley, Labour Party candidate in Liesbeek.

They live a few minutes' drive apart and both said today their homes had been visited in the evening by election boycotters.

Mr Manikam said he realised there had been institutional violence in South Africa, but he said it was wrong for physical violence to be visited on his home. Mr Stanley said the bricks thrown through his windows were wrapped in UDF pamphlets.

"Shaking of fist"

"This is the first time, the UDF's Western Cape spokesman, Mr Manikam said, that no UDF member would have thrown the bricks. He accused pro-election people of throwing the bricks to raise feelings against the UDF.

Commenting on the detentions, Mrs Helen Suzman, Progressive Federal Party law and Order spokesman, said: "The shaking of the fist is likely to be counter-productive."

"At the very least the authorities must endeavour to bring the arrested people to court as soon as possible or this will be looked upon as a form of gross intimidation."

The national chairman of Solidarity, Mr Pat Poovalingam, said he was going to check with the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, and the Ministers of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, condemning the arrests.

"On the eve of the elections it is completely unforgivable," he said in the telex.

"Robust debate"

In recent weeks there had been robust debate between pro- and anti-election factions and "at no time had the leadership of the NIC engaged in any unlawful activity."

The leader of Solidarity, Mr N Reddy, condemned the arrests and said his party believed everyone had the right to express and follow his own political beliefs.

However, the Natal leader of Labour Party, Mr Albie Sachs, said: "Some of these UDF backroom boys should have been picked-up a long time ago."

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Voting opens at 7am

Political Correspondent

POLLING booths for the election for the new House of Representatives will open at 7am tomorrow and close at 6pm.

The first results will be out before midnight but, depending on the percentage poll in some areas, results in Peninsula seats could be out much earlier.

A spokesman for the Department of Internal Affairs said today that voters who did not need official population registration identity cards when they went to the polls. Any form of identity document bearing a photograph would do.

If a voter had no form of identity document another voter with one may make a statement identifying him.

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Police close UWC road as 5 000 meet

Staff Reporters

POLICE closed a major access road to the University of the Western Cape today as about 5 000 students and high school pupils attended an anti-election meeting on the campus.

Police said later their action was to avoid congestion and Modderdam Road was opened when traffic flowed freely again.

Police also baton-charged a group of high school pupils marching to UWC from Bellville South.

Warnings

Captain Jan Calis, police liaison officer, said the group had been told their gathering was illegal and had not heeded warnings to disperse.

Representatives from many Peninsula high schools, four teacher training colleges, the Peninsula Technikon and the University of Cape Town attended the meeting at UWC, organised jointly by the Azanian Students' Organisation (Azaso) and the Congress of South African Students (Cosas).

At the meeting, Mr Jmevelytyn McMaster, chairman of UWC's student representative council, appealed to students to commit themselves to "fighting side by side with all oppressed people of South Africa.

I am appealing for a commitment that does not stop after these dainty elections, a commitment that does not stop after we have been put in prison.

I'm asking for a commitment that does not stop, will not stop, right until all people in this country are free," he said.

About 400 UWC staff members stopped work today in protest against tomorrow's elections.

Aparted

At a meeting attended by administrative, academic and garden staff, Mr Adam Small, head of the department of social work, said the kind of action being seen throughout the country and UWC today would not stop until apartheid was defeated.

Staff at the meeting volunteered to monitor polling booths tomorrow "so we can get an objective idea of what is happening."

The Rev Colin Jones, spokesman for the ad hoc steering committee.

He said UWC staff would continue to boycott classes tomorrow.

(Report by M Rowley, E MacKenzie and M Staatkondt, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)
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He accused them of subverting the democratic process of law.

"I may not agree that those who have been picked up deserve to be detained, but there are several others I would like to see behind bars."

The leader of the National People's Party, Mr Amchand Rajbansi, said he was perturbed by the demolitions which would have an effect on the image of the elections. He called on the Government to either charge those arrested or release them.

WARNINGS

Warnings that steps were being taken to ensure that tomorrow's elections for the new House of Representatives took place in an orderly way have been issued by Mr le Grange and the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr F W de Klerk.

At the same time the United Democratic Front denied that it intended to disrupt the elections.

Mr le Grange warned yesterday that attempts by any person or organisation planning to disrupt the elections would not be tolerated by the Government.

He mentioned the UDF by name and said it and some of its affiliates and certain individuals were planning to disrupt the elections by means of school boycotts, labour unrest, intimidation and other acts.

The Government would not tolerate these actions because it was the lawful right of registered political parties and their supporters to take part in the elections.

The police were well aware of what was being planned by those who opposed the elections and were well-prepared to cope with any eventuality at the polling booths or elsewhere.

Mr de Klerk, under whose department arrangements for the elections fall, said today he wanted to assure coloured voters that all possible steps had been taken by the department to ensure that the election would take place in an orderly way.

Full democratic opportunities were now being offered to the coloured community and the silent majority should use the opportunity or else they could become the victims of the rowdy, irresponsible minority.

UDF DENIAL

Government allegations that the UDF was planning to disrupt the elections were denied by the organisation's general secretary, Mr Popo Molefe.

He added, however, that the UDF would continue to call for a boycott.

Attempts to link the UDF with the Communist Party and the ANC was "part of a long-standing and well-orchestrated campaign to isolate the UDF and prepare the electorate for the harshest of actions the State was preparing against the UDF."

A matter of IMF, Page 1
At least 500 students at the University of the Witwatersrand marched towards the campus exit today and faced a large contingent of Riot Squad policemen. The students were boycotting classes to show their rejection of the new constitution.

Wits students avoid clashing with police

By Mike Cohen and Jo-Anne Collinge

A major confrontation between at least 500 Wits students and the Riot Squad was averted today when a student leader persuaded marching protesters to return to the campus.

The students were boycotting classes to show their rejection of the new constitution.

The crowd gathered on the lawns of the university, bearing placards and singing songs. As emotions ran higher the students decided to march towards the Great Hall. Outside the building they stopped and then marched towards Gate House and Jorissen Street, where a large detachment of Riot Squad police, armed with batons and teargas shoc.guns, blocked off the university exit and a police officer gave the crowd 15 minutes to disperse.

Mr Tieto Moseneko, a past president of Azapo and Black Students Society leader on campus, ordered the crowd to return to the lawns.

"We must handle the situation so that we don't get into trouble," Mr Moseneko said.

The students then marched back towards the lawns but veered off towards the Yale Road exit. Another contingent of policemen was standing by and the throng returned to the lawns.
At least 100 Riot Squad policemen grouped in anti-riot formation at the exit to the campus as the students gathered. A confrontation was averted when a student leader persuaded the crowd to return to the campus.

40 000 students are expected to join boycott

Political Staff

The student boycott in protest against the House of Representatives elections is expected to peak tomorrow — polling day — with some 40 000 students involved.

They will come up against one of the biggest security operations mounted to date by the South African Police.

By 5 am tomorrow, when polling booths open, almost 50 schools and higher education institutions are expected to have heeded boycott calls from anti-election organisations.

Eighty seats are at stake in the election. There were 268 nominations, including 33 independents. The Labour Party has already picked up four unopposed seats — in Pietermaritzburg and Grahamstown in the Cape and in the Eastern and Southern Free State constituencies.

The Labour Party is contesting all 80 seats, the People’s Congress Party 59, the Freedom Party 28 and the Reformed Freedom Party 11.

Feelings have been running high in the coloured community for the past four weeks as people wrestled with the conflicting views of the participating parties and those organisations calling for a stay-away.

The result is that tomorrow’s first-ever elections for the House of Representatives will take place against a general background of fear and uncertainty — and the student boycott does little to calm the situation.

Already students at eight universities are supporting the election boycott call. Students at Fort Hare, the University of the Western Cape, the University of Cape Town, the University of Durban-Westville, Natal University Medical School, University of the Witwatersrand, the University of the North (Turffontein) and the University of Transkei are involved in partial or total boycotts of classes.

About 4 000 students at Turffontein are boycotting classes today. They decided at a mass meeting on the campus last night to boycott classes from today until August 28, the day after the elections for the House of Delegates.

Hundreds of University of Transkei students yesterday boycotted classes and sang freedom songs in a demonstration against the Indian and coloured elections.

At a meeting yesterday afternoon, attended by more than 2 000 students, it was decided to boycott lectures tomorrow and on August 28.

HOMES FIRE—BOMBED

A spokesman for the University of Fort Hare, Mr Norman Holliday, said yesterday that the entire student body boycotted classes at the university.

The homes of at least six candidates standing in the elections have been firebombed and some have reported receiving death threats.

Police Reaction Unit squads have been involved in pitched battles with anti-election demonstrators at political party meetings.

It is against this background of uncertainty, fear and division that the coloured community goes to the polls tomorrow. The choice it members face is not for which party or even for which individual to vote. The major issue of the campaign has been, and remains, whether to vote at all.

(Report by G van Blerk, J Ollinger and M Tungu all of 47 Sauer Street, Johannesburg.)
UDF warned not to disrupt elections

By Mike Cohen
Crime Reporter

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, has issued a strong warning to members of the United Democratic Front (UDF) not to disrupt tomorrow's coloured elections.

Mr le Grange warned that disruption through school boycotts, labour unrest, intimidation or further acts of violence would not be tolerated.

He said the police would be out in force and assured those people who intended voting that they would be protected.

In a statement issued last night, Mr le Grange said the Government was aware that the UDF and its affiliates were planning to disrupt the elections.

He said it was known that these people were enthusiastically backed by the South African Communist Party and the banned African National Congress.
Boitumelo Secondary School in Tembisa was set alight early today allegedly by a group of class-boycotting pupils.

A source at the school said the students held a meeting on the school premises and later went to the administration block and set it alight.

The school premises were deserted this afternoon but the fire was still smouldering. There were no firemen on the scene to fight the fire.

The whole administration block which consists of the principal's office, the staff room and the store room were affected.

Two other schools affected by the class boycott had some of their buildings set alight.

At Tembisa High School, the laboratory and an office of the Adult Education Centre were set alight. At Thato-Ke-Maata Secondary School, the administration offices were also set alight.

Police in private cars chased groups of youths in the township between Morireng and Makhulong Sections and another part of the township near smoke chimneys were fired.

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Boesak says
‘new deal’
entrenches
apartheid

By DIRK VAN ZYL
Political Correspondent
THE United Democratic Front was asking people not to vote tomorrow and next Tuesday because the new system of government did not “address itself to apartheid at all, but rather entrenches it”.

This was said last night by the president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, Dr Allan Boesak, at a meeting at the Gelvandaal Community Centre attended by more than 3,000 people.

Messages of support were read out at the meeting from religious organisations in West Germany, the United States and Canada, and from the United Nations Special Committee Against Apartheid, Swaziland’s youth committee and Bishop Desmond Tutu, general secretary of the South African Council of Churches.

In his address, Dr Boesak asked coloured and Indian voters to stay away from the polls. To vote would “give respectability to a Government that does not deserve your support — nor do we want to give respectability to those taking part”.

Dr Boesak said the new constitution claimed in its preamble to be Christian.

“But is it Christian if plastic shelters are removed from people’s heads in the rain in the Western Cape?”

“Apartheid is not Christian. It is the denial of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In fact, it is a blasphemy, a heresy.”

Dr Boesak continued: “We ask you not to vote for the sake of your children and your self-respect. Your vote will be branded as a vote for a denial of everything we have worked for.”

Dr Boesak said: “Voters should not enable the Government to continue this practice of apartheid.”

He said that after the elections, the organisation’s task would be “to do everything in our power to equip you for democracy and to govern the country”.

Dr Boesak said there was much talk of scrapping a law like the Immorality Act. “The struggle is not for scrapping little laws, it is for scrapping the system.”

The UDF was called undemocratic, “but we have a Government in this country which doesn’t even know what democracy means”.

To laughter, Dr Boesak likened the new constitution to a new type of washing powder. “The white gets whiter and the colours brighter and it removes all the black spots”.

Earlier, the UDF’s national publicity secretary, Mr Patrick “Terror” Lekota, said the new constitution had to be rejected because it divided the people and the workers.

Mr Lekota added: “We are not demanding a black government. We are asking for a government of the people of South Africa. We are not looking for an African Prime Minister or a coloured, white or Indian one. We are looking for one who is committed to the welfare of all the people, black and white.”

The meeting passed a resolution calling on voters to boycott the elections and to join the struggle for “one, democratic, united South Africa”.

(Report by Dirk van Zyl, 10 Business Street, Port Elizabeth.)
Carnival atmosphere at LP rally

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Hendrickse urges people to vote in election

By RAYMOND HILL

Labour Party national leader Mr. Allan Hendrickse addressed about 3,000 informally gathered on the ground floor of the Workers' Centre to the music of a pop band.

He said the party appealed to the Welsh and Communist Hall in Port Elizabeth last night a carnival atmosphere.

He said the party would do all in its power to win the election and bring about a change in the government.
17 leaders detained in dawn raids

By Gary van Staden and Mike Cohen

In a nationwide pre-dawn crackdown, police held almost the entire leadership of the Transvaal Indian Congress, Natal Indian Congress and the United Democratic Front after swooping on the homes of 17 anti-election leaders.

In the Transvaal, TIC president Dr Essop Jassat and vice-president Dr Ram Saloojee were detained early today. So was the NIC leadership of Mr George Sewpersad (president), Mr M.J Naidoo (vice-president), Mr Mewa Ramgobin (publicity secretary) and Mr Billy Nair (organiser).

UDF president Mr Archie Gumede, publicity secretary Mr Terror Lekota, and committee member Mr Curnick Ndlovu were also held.

Other senior UDF members known to have been held are Mr Martin Mchunu, Mr David Mabuza, Mr Lucas Ntuli, Mr Bashir Husseine and Mr Prince Msutu.

Police said some of the detained people were being held in terms of Section 50 of the Criminal Procedure Act. This means they can be held for 48 hours while police investigate possible offences.

Also held were Mr Aubrey Mokoena, the Release Mandela Campaign organisation's publicity secretary, and chairman Mr Curtis Nkondo.

In Cape Town, reports indicated that Mr Cassim Christians of the South African Student's Association had also been detained.

A spokesman for the Detainee Protection Support Committee said yesterday that as at July 31 there had been 80 people in detention — the highest the figure had been for some time. Of these, 24 detentions had not yet been confirmed by police, the spokesman said.

In Durban today, a 20-strong contingent of policemen baton-charged a group of people outside the City Hall who were calling for a boycott of the coming elections.

A group of between 50 and 60 blacks were holding protest posters. One woman is understood to have been hurt.

In the Cape, half-bricks were thrown through windows at the homes of the Rev Edward Mannikkan, the Solidarity Party candidate in Rylands, and Mr Arthur Stanley, Labour Party candidate in Lieweck.
A matter of style and strategy
By David Beiler, Staff Reporter

The Ferry Hills were captured by decision graffiti on a wall in the Key Action Remediation's home town of Upland...

By Leon Marshall, Political Editor

The Key Action Remediation's home town of Upland...
'Govt may release boycotters if order is restored'

Political Correspondent

The release of those detained would be considered if it became clear that peace and order had been restored, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, said today.

The detentions throughout the country were because a potentially revolutionary situation had been created in certain areas on the eve of the House of Representatives election, he said.

Because the police were still engaged in intensive investigations, he could not say how many people were being detained.

According to United Democratic Front sources, 16 UDF office-bearers and 19 others had been detained.

OPPOSITION CRITICISM

Mr le Grange said he realised there would be Opposition criticism, but the Government had a duty it was not prepared to shirk.

This was to ensure that supporters of parties participating in the House of Representatives elections could exercise their right to vote.

It had become necessary to defuse a potentially dangerous situation.

He again gave the assurance that all branches of the police would today be ready for any event.

The detained people are held in terms of section 23 of the Internal Security Act of 1962.

INDEFINITE

This deals with the detention of people to prevent certain offences or the endangering of state security or the maintenance of law and order. These detentions can be indefinite.

Mr Le Grange said the police were aware of attempts to promote a revolutionary climate in the country and would have acted, even if the elections were not being held now.

The Government would not allow the country to be disrupted, nor would it allow young people to be misused for agitation.

REPEATEDLY WARNED

The UDF and some of its affiliates had for a considerable time threatened to disrupt the elections. Some individuals and organisations were also actively involved in school boycotts in several parts of the country.

The Government had repeatedly warned them to stop their activities.

As they had regarded these warnings as a challenge to further radical action, it was clear they could only be kept under control if action was taken.
Staff Reporters

VOTING got off to an orderly but slow start today as the police maintained a strong presence at polling stations in South Africa's first coloured parliamentary elections.

The police kept an all-night vigil at polling stations in the Peninsula to prevent any overnight incidents and police outnumbered voters at a number of polling stations.

The election takes place against a background of mounting detentions and arrests. Mr Peter Jones, vice-president of the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo), has been detained near Cape Town under Section 28 of the Internal Security Act, a police spokesman has confirmed.

Mr Jones was a close associate of black consciousness leader Mr Steve Biko, who died in detention in 1977 when both were detained.

At least 10 prominent United Democratic Front personalities have been detained, while a number of other people have been arrested and in some cases convicted in the past 24 hours.

Received strokes

Among these were 15 youths in Middelburg, Cape, who were arrested yesterday and convicted for holding a crowd gathering, police confirmed. Twelve boys received strokes while the three girls had their sentences postponed. Lawyers are to appeal.

Polling was especially slow in the Peninsula area where a low percentage poll is expected, but early indications are that a higher poll could be achieved in rural areas.

Several polling stations such as Liesbeek Park Recreation Club in the Liesbeek seat and a station in Ottery had no voters at all in the first 30 minutes of polling. A number of polling stations are being independently monitored by staff members of the University of the Western Cape who boycotted lectures today.

At Bishop Lavis, a total of 88 voters were counted in the first 90 minutes. Most of these appeared to be party officials and workers, the Rev Colin Jones, a spokesman for the UWC staff, said. The seat is being contested by the leader of the People's Congress Party, Mr Peter Marais, and Mr Nick Isaac's of the Labour Party.

A steady trickle of voters at Ravensmead witnessed a scuffle between Mrs I Johannes, a worker for an independent candidate Mr George Blom, and Mr MP Jacobs, the PCP candidate, over the positioning of posters.

Dominated by policemen

The scene at Grassy Park was dominated by policemen and a French TV crew. Only 80 people out of more than 14,000 potential voters had voted in the first 90 minutes.

At the Retreat polling station the hall bustled with more than 40 election officers but no more than 80 people had cast their votes in the first 90 minutes.

Candidates were standing anxiously in front of polling stations waiting for voters.

In the Cape Town central seat of Tafelberg all was quiet, while in the Tafelsig polling station in Strandfontein, only three votes had been cast in the first 90 minutes.

In the first two hours of voting, 17 had voted in Heideveld, 27 in Elsies River and about 50 in Matroosfontein.

There was a slight verbal altercation in Manenberg between PCP candidate Mr John Delport and a young man who walked past saying, "I won't vote." Mr Delport said: "You see what I mean by intimidation".

Some candidates were more optimistic than electoral officers. In Hanover Park, Mr Jeremiah Bennett, the PCP candidate, estimated that 200 people had voted by 8.55am at the community hall.

The presiding officer, Mr Hendrik Burger, said that, in fact, only 30 had voted.

In the Eastern Cape a slow but steady trickle of voters has been reported. At the West End Community Centre in Bethesda, expected to be one of the busiest polling stations, 80 votes were reported in the first 90 minutes.

The Swartkopse seat, contested by the LP leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, is expected to have a higher than average poll.

Polling in the Transvaal was also slow and at Eldorado Park about 30 demonstrators standing 15 metres apart held placards calling on passing motorists to boycott the elections.

Report by D Breier, P Green, M Rowley, M Langerman, Hey, L Pietersen, K Sander, P Green and M Mostert, 13h S George's Street Cape Town and K Venter, ABC Standard Bank Building, Main Street, Port Elizabeth.
Labour Party candidate for Bishop Lavis Mr Nick Isaacs, right, greets early-bird voters in the constituency soon after polls opened today for the House of Representatives election. Voting was slow in all Peninsula constituencies this morning and candidates and officials hoped the pace would quicken at the end of the day.
Petrol bomb attack on LP candidate's home, two arrested

Staff Reporter

THE home of the Labour Party candidate in Ravensmead, Mr J W Christians, was petrol bombed twice early today.

Police, acting on information, arrested two men, aged 21 and 22, soon after the attack which took place just after midnight.

They are expected to appear in court tomorrow on charges of arson.

EXPLOSION

Mr Christians said he had just returned to his Northway Street home from a meeting at the Ravensmead Civic Centre. He was having a bath when he heard two loud explosions.

"I ran out of the bathroom, naked to my office where one petrol bomb had been thrown."

He said his family of nine and the Parow Fire Brigade, which arrived on the scene almost immediately, put out the fire in his office within 10 minutes.

FIRE

A second petrol bomb had been thrown onto the roof causing a fire which was also extinguished, he said.

"However, I think there is about R5 000 damage to the roof, which will have to be repaired," said Mr Christians, standing in his office among burnt rubble and strewn with damaged campaign cards.

(Report by M Rowley and S Mostert, [22 St George's Street, Cape Town])

Govt gives figures

Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — About 30 000 black pupils — roughly 1.8 percent of the 1.7-million black school pupils — are involved in class boycotts.

A Department of Education and Training spokesman said 29 of the department's 7155 schools had been affected by stayaways and/or violence.

Boycotters have demanded the setting-up of student representative councils, the scrapping of the maximum age limit and less corporal punishment for pupils.

'Shocked'

Boesak may change picnic plans

Staff Reporter

SHOCKED Dr Allan Boesak might change his election-day plans — which were to go picknicking with his family.

"The serious nature of the nationwide arrests of UDF leaders might change my plans. I will have to think about what to do instead," he said last night.

Dr Boesak was referring to a police swoop in several cities, when virtually all the leaders of the Transvaal and Natal Indian congresses were detained, as well as several United Democratic Front officials.

FOR 48 HOURS

Police said some people were being held in terms of section 50 of the Criminal Procedure Act, which means they can be held for 48 hours pending investigations.

Dr Boesak, a UDF patron and president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, said he was shocked by the arrests.

He estimated that 21 UDF members had been arrested countrywide — some of whom were on stage with him only hours earlier when he addressed a Port Elizabeth rally.

STUDENTS MARCH

Other public protests against the arrests were voiced by students at the University of Cape Town and by staff members of the University of the Western Cape in protest marches yesterday.

An estimated 200 placard-carrying University of Cape Town students met in front of Jameson Hall late yesterday to discuss the day's schedule of anti-election actions.

It was decided that students would display placards along access roads to the university today but that classes would not be disrupted.

Police kept a close watch on the students.

(Report by A Stuitt, [22 St George's Street, Cape Town])
Police mop up the demos at polling stations countrywide

Political Staff

Tough police action against even peaceful demonstrators was taken as the coloured elections got under way.

Polling in most parts of the country was reported to be slow.

In the Transvaal constituency of Toekomsrus, police this morning arrested placard-carrying members of the United Democratic Front and pupils of the C J Botha High School from Bosmont who lined the streets in a demonstration near the polling station.

The demonstrators had been standing at least 15 m apart with placards calling for a boycott of the elections and other slogans like "A vote for the Army ... Never!"

Police arrested 14 Medunsa students who staged a peaceful anti-election demonstration at the Central Eersterust polling station near Pretoria.

It is understood they were taken to the Silverton Police Station. They will probably be charged with disturbing the peace.

About 300 Medunsa students staged the demonstration and the scene was tense as many openly hostile voters waited to see what the demonstrators would do.

One angry Labour Party worker warned that the demonstrators should not get out of their buses — "or the people will tear them apart."

In Grahamstown police arrested 18 Rhodes University students including the SRC president, Mr Alan Williams.

The group, which includes other members of the SRC, was demonstrating against the new constitution and had one placard.

A lawyer acting on behalf of the students said he would plead not guilty on their behalf.

Police continue crackdown on activists

By Eugene Saldinha

Security Police continued their crackdown on anti-election activists in predawn swoops this morning, detaining members of the United Democratic Front (UDF), Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) and the Eldorado Park Action Committee (Epac).

The latest detentions bring to 41 the number of activists reported to be held. Apart from these, at least 75 protesting students and pupils are known to have been held.

Four UDF members — Mr Mzawule Mbuli, Mr Tony Fihla, Ms Bessie Fihla and Mr Emmanuel Mathebula — were taken by police from their homes, according to a UDF spokesman.

Two executive members of Azapo's Lenasia branch, Mr Haroon Patel and Mr Rashid Randheira, and Mr Farouk Jardine and Mr Mike Petane of Epac were also taken, said family spokesmen.

Early today police in the Eastern Cape released four members of the UDF held in yesterday's sweep.

Two student leaders at Wits University, Mr Galileki Mayet of the Azanian Students Organisation and Mr Tiegob Moseneke, chairman of the Black Students Society, were held by police for about 60 minutes this morning, students said.

In Riverlea, Johannesburg, 70 Rand College of Education students and high school pupils were taken to Langlaagte Police Station after a placard demonstration. A police spokesman said 31 were held and would appear in court tomorrow.

Three Soweto pupils and seven placard-carrying pupils from Bosmont were also reported to be held.

At Eersterust, Pretoria, a total of 34 Medical University of South Africa students were arrested today.

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More held as coloureds vote

630 000 pupils in election boycott

By 22/8/84

Political Staff

Detentions, arrests, demonstrations and a class boycott by at least 630 000 pupils and students marked the first elections for the coloured House of Representatives today.

By midday, 41 members of the United Democratic Front, the Azanian People's Organisation and the Eldorardo Park Action Committee had been taken into detention.

LATE FLASH

Police fired tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse about 500 students from a polling booth in Eldorardo Park this afternoon.

There were no reports of injuries or arrests.

The students were holding placards saying "Don't vote for border duty."

About 630 000 coloured pupils stayed away from school today, the Directorate of Coloured Education reported. About 30 000 black pupils and thousands of Indian and white students have also boycotted classes.

The black boycott is not over the election issue.

There was widespread student unrest across the Witwatersrand and schoolchildren were held by police as class boycotts and demonstrations spread.

A voter at the polling station in Western Coloured Township as the ballot box under the watchful eye of electoral official Mr A. P. S. policeman stands by.

Voters collect their ballot papers at a polling station in Eldorado Park as the coloured election security was tight, with police officers and plain clothes security policemen present. About 15000 caused a rush by midday.

Pictures by Gideon Mendel
In Riverlea, Johannesburg, 31 pupils and students were arrested for holding an unlawful gathering, and in other parts of the country the police have cracked down on demonstrators at polling stations.

In a crackdown in the Johannesburg area:
- Police arrested 31 schoolchildren and students from the Rand College of Education in Riverlea. They are being held at various police stations and will appear in court tomorrow on charges of holding an illegal gathering.
- Several placard-carrying pupils from the C.J. Botha High School in Bosmont were arrested early today.
- Police are reported to have detained three student leaders in Soweto last night.
- At the University of the Witwatersrand, about 300 demonstrators were met at the university's entrance into Jorissen Street by about 25 sjambok-carrying policemen. The demonstrators retreated after being warned by a senior policeman — and a few stones were thrown by the demos.
- Thousands of black, coloured and Indian schoolchildren and students boycotted classes in protest over the coloured elections today.
- A spokesman for the Black Students Society at the University of the Witwatersrand said many students would join the boycott today.

A precarious peace was main-

630 000 pupils in boycott

...continued in most coloured areas despite the extensive class boycott.

The principal of a Bosmont High School said all 1 200 pupils were boycotting classes, and the head of a school in Kliptown said his school "was not very full". About 40 percent of the 1 150 pupils at Kliptown High School stayed away.

Police confirmed the arrest of 31 pupils and students in Riverlea after a placard demonstration.

Thousands of black pupils also boycotted classes today — for several reasons, including the coloured elections.

Three Ibhongo High School students in Soweto were reported to have been detained by police last night after a meeting in the school premises yesterday. There was a big stayaway at the school today.

At the Soweto campus of Vista University, students were held a meeting this morning on the school premises.

Three pupils attended classes at Alexandra today, but Minerva High School remained deserted. Classes were suspended earlier this month.

Pupils from the Lekoa-Shandu Secondary School in Sharpeville continued to boycott classes in protest against rent increases in the township.

Hundreds of Indian students kept up their boycott at two out of four Lenasia schools today, and at the Johannesburg Indian High in Fordsburg.

In the Cape Peninsula, at least 7 000 pupils are boycotting classes. There was a complete stayaway at five schools in the area.

Pretoria's black, coloured and Indian residential areas remained calm early today as Medusa students continued to boycott lectures in protest against the triennial elections.

Medusa students left the campus in four buses this morning to picket at Eersterus, a coloured township near Mamelodi.

The Atteridgeville/Saulsville area — where schools were closed by the Department of Education and Training earlier this year — continued class boycotts, but was quiet.
Where to vote in today’s elections

VOTING in today’s House of Representatives elections starts at 7am and closes at 9pm. These are the polling stations:

**Belhar**
- Belhar Community Hall, Bloulelie Circle Community Centre, Kasselsvlei Road Community Centre, Rietvlei Road, Sarpepta.

**Bishop Lavis**
- Community Hall, Lavis Drive.

**Bonteheuwel**
- Community Centre, corner Gum and Klaat Road.

**Elsie’s River**
- Civic Centre, Halt Road Avondoo Primary School, 23rd Avenue.

**Grassy Park**
- Community Centre, Market Square, Victoria Road.

**Hanover Park**
- Thornton Road Primary School Hanover Park Community Centre Bloemfontein Hall Community.

**Heideveld**
- Welcome Primary School, Heideveld Road, Wellington Primary Heideveld Community Centre.

**Kasselsvlei**
- Morningstar Community Centre Banquet Hall, Civic Centre, Voortrekker Road, Bellville.
- Van Riebeek Hall, Kuils River Recreation Hall, Brackenfell Scottsdale Sports Hall, Scottsdale.

**Liesbeek**
- Lansdowne Civic Centre Liesbeek Park Recreation Club.

**Macassar**
- Somerset West Town Hall St Phillips Church Hall, Gordon’s Bay Suiderstrand Library Hall Macassar Community Hall Kleinvlei Community Hall, Eerste River.

**Manenberg**
- Druifsvlei Community Hall Manenberg Recreation Hall.

**Matroosfontein**
- St Andrews Church Hall, Eureka Estate, Elsies River Matroosfontein Community Hall.

**Mitchells Plain**
- Lentegueir, Westridge and Rocklands civic centres Portlands Community Centre.

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50 percent poll ‘impossible’

**Staff Reporter**

A 50 percent turn out of eligible voters would be "impossible" since only 45 percent of them had registered for today’s House of Representatives elections, according to figures released by a UCT research body.

The South African Development and Research Unit (Saldru) at UCT yesterday said only 225,000 people out of a pool of 306,442 eligible voters had registered in the Peninsula.

Contrasted to a national level, the Peninsula represented 33 percent of eligible coloured voters while it represented 25 percent of the total number of registered voters. In terms of eligible voters this represented 15 percent of the total coloured population only, Saldru researcher, Mr Ebrahim Patel, said.

The research showed that registration in other parts of the Cape Province was comparatively higher. In the rural Cape 548,517 people registered out of a pool of 914,996 eligible voters.

Nationwide only 58 percent of eligible voters had registered, said Mr Patel. "In assessing the results of the election the number of eligible voters will have to be taken into account," he said.

For the 1989 Coloured Representative Council (CRC) elections, 75.6 percent of eligible coloured voters registered, according to the Theron Commission in 1976.

People’s susceptibility to register should now theoretically be higher with the increase in literacy rates, and the growth of the state apparatus to reach the electorate by means of radio and television compared to then, Mr Patel said. This ruled out the argument of prevailing ignorance and apathy among the electorate, he added.

The figures were based on projections from the Unit for Futures Research at the University of Stellenbosch, the 1989 census data and official published death figures of those disqualified for eligibility as voters.

(Report by E. Moosa, 77 Burg Street, Cape Town.)
Ottery
- Parkwood Community Hall
- Montagues Gift Primary Centre
- Wittebome Civic Centre
- Divisional Council Self-help Store.

Ravensmead
- Community Centre.

Retreat
- Civic Centre.

Rietvlei
- Civic Centre, Kensington
- Maitland Town Hall
- Community Hall, Factreton.

Silvertown
- Athlone Civic Centre
- Bridgetown Community Centre.

Strandfontein
- Community Centre, Strandfontein
- Community Centre, Beacon Valley
- Community Centre, Eastridge
- Community Centre, Tafelsig.

South Cape
- Camps Bay Civic Centre
- Old Wynberg Town Hall, Maynard Road
- Recreational Hall, Prisons Services Training College
- Westlake
- Constantia Coloured Primary School Hall
- Hangberg Community Centre, Bayview Road, Hout Bay
- Civic Centre, Ocean View
- Warriors Room, St George Street, Simonstown
- Old Court Building, Main Road, Muizenberg
- Narraville Primary School, Walvis Bay.

Tafelberg
- Podium Hall, Cape Town Civic Centre
- Woodstock Town Hall

THE two Cape constituencies and polling stations for the House of Delegates elections are:

North Western Cape
- Woodstock Town Hall
- Cravenby Sports Ground
- Mimosa Primary School, Kimberley.

-Rylands
- Samal Centre, Temple Street
- St Cyprian's Church, Retreat.

How to destroy apartheid?

Political Staff

COLOURED people were not divided about supporting the new constitution, but about the best way to destroy apartheid. Dr Alex Boraine said last night.

The PFP MP for Pinelands was addressing a conference on conflict accommodation arranged by the Centre for Inter-group Studies at the University of Cape Town.

Dr Boraine said the supreme irony of the coloured and Indian elections was that virtually all those who had agreed to participate, strongly opposed the new constitution.

"Their constant refrain is 'we are going in to destroy the system of apartheid'. The fundamental struggle in the coloured and Indian elections is therefore not a struggle between those who support the system and those who don't, but the differences in strategy as to how the system should be overthrown."

The pressures on the political system would probably be increased substantially by the demands of these elected.

The greatest pressure, however, would come from the millions of black people totally excluded from the new constitution. Such a constitution could only strengthen the position of those who had opted for violence, he said.

Warning about the increase in political violence, he said police had been involved in confrontations with political violence once every four days during 1983.

"If this trend were to continue at the same rate, there would be a frightening 17 000 acts of political violence per year in 1980, or 47 such acts every day," Dr Boraine added.

(Report by M P Aosot of 77 Burg Street, Cape Town)
Anti-election detentions are slammed

By CHRIS FREIMOND
Political Correspondent

There was widespread condemnation yesterday of the Government's sudden detention of leaders of anti-election groups, and demands that they be charged or released.

- The United Democratic Front called for the “cessation of these acts of terror”. It was clear that the Government was not interested in the consent of the people to its plans and was going ahead regardless of the cost.
- The Transvaal Indian Congress said the detentions were “an act of desperation” and showed “a total disregard for the democratic process.
- Mr Saths Cooper, deputy president of the Azanian People's Organisation, said the Government would have to arrest every “oppressed and exploited citizen” in South Africa to stop opposition to the new Constitution.
- The Natal Indian Congress demanded with urgency that the elections of the mainly coloured and Indian parties.
- The general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, Bishop Desmond Tutu, said “The... high-handed and inhuman methods used to suppress legitimate political criticism are deplorable.”
- The leader of the Progressive Federal Party, Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, said “Obviouslv... cannot condone intimidation and unfair practices from wherever they come, but it is the case then let those who perpetrate them be taken to court and be charged.

“Since a like this, an even-handed approach stands a better chance of creating the necessary atmosphere for elections to take place than drastic action of this nature.”

“The simple question that I find difficult to get an answer to is why wait until the eve of the election for such action?”

- Mrs Helen Suzman, the Progressive Federal Party spokesman on Law and Order, said: “This shocking of the fact is likely to be counter-productive. At the very least the authorities must endeavour to bring the arrested people to court as soon as possible or this will be looked upon as a form of gross intimidation.”

- The Lenasia Medical Circle said the actions against the medical doctors in the group of detainees “attacked the integrity of medical doctors’ work” and condemned the Government.

- The Anti-Apartheid Movement in London called for a massive international protest at the detention.

- Mr Pat Poovallingham, the national chairman of Solidarity — a party contesting next week’s “Indian” election — sent a letter to the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, and the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange, condemning the arrest of which he was accused: “On the eve of the elections it is completely unforgivable.”

- Mr J N Reddy, Solidarity’s leader, said his party believed everyone had the right to express and follow their own political beliefs.

However, the Natal leader of the Labour Party which is contesting today’s elections, Mr Asbey Stone, said: “Some of these UDF backroom boys should have been picked up a long time ago.”

He accused UDF leaders of “subverting the democratic process of law and said: “I may... agree that those who have been picked up deserve to be detained, but there are several others I would like to see put behind bars.”

The leader of the Labour Party, the Rev Allan Hendricks, also said he could not comment on anything he did not know anything about.

(Rapport by Chris Freimond, 171 Main Street, Johannesburg)

Protesting W

BY RICH MKHONDO

HUNDREDS of students at the University of the Witwatersrand boycotted lectures yesterday in protest against the elections for the triangular Parliament.

Students marched around campus carrying placards denouncing the triangular Parliament and the Koornhof Bills. They were stopped from marching out of the campus by riot squad police.

Matteri nearly got out of hand at the Jorissen Street entrance to the campus as the students tried to force their way out into Rand Road. Police told them to disperse within 15 minutes.

The organisers of the protest urged students to return to campus “with a clear conscience.”

At one stage, there was confrontation between protesting students and the police. Student leaders directed the police to move on.

Thousands join schools boycotts over elections

By SOPHIE TEMA

THOUSANDS of pupils boycotted schools in coloured schools throughout the country yesterday in protest against the new Constitution.

And one Soweto school — Thidi Secondary School — boycotted classes in solidarity with the coloured pupils.

The principal of Thidi, Mr N Ngidi, said: “There has been a large number of absences in coloured schools, probably because parents are keeping their children home in large numbers.”

He said “large numbers” of human beings are being used to divide our people.

Meanwhile, more than 1,000 coloured pupils at the East Rand High School in Reiger Park, near Boksburg, staged a sit-in and refused to go to classes in protest against the elections.

Pupils, some displaying United Democratic Front (UDF) stickers, said they would register their opposition to the elections by not attending classes.

The pupils pledged not to return to classes until August 28 and a meeting to bring this to effect was held last night by student representatives of the homesteading

Judge gives ev

By MIKE LOUW

A SUPREME COURT judge yesterday appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court as principle complainant and witness following the arrest of an Emmerentia resident on a drunken driving charge.

A British citizen, Mr William Thompson, 67, of Limpopo Street, Emmerentia, Johannesurg, appeared before Mr W D du Plessis van der Walt on a charge of driving a car while under the influence of liquor.

According to the charge sheet, his blood/alcohol content was 0.16.

He pleaded not guilty to the charge of driving a vehicle while his alcohol content was 0.08 grams per liter.

The complaint was that of Justice Gerf Abi zee, who told the court he was a State car driver.

Mr Justice Coetzee, 50, of Limpopo Street, appeared as a complainant before the court. He said he was a State police officer.

On the day of...
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The public relations officer for the National Institute of Radiology of Coloured Education, Mr N Rales, said: "There has been a large number of absences in coloured schools, probably because parents are keeping their children at home to protest against the new constitution."

He said "large numbers" of coloured schools had been affected countrywide.

The boycott of classes in some schools started on Monday and spread to other schools yesterday.

But Rand College of Education, in Johannesburg, started boycotting classes on Monday and this week to Eldorado Park High School in Johannesburg, starting on Monday and this week to Eldorado Park High School on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The students said in a statement yesterday: "We the students of the Rand College of Education... hereby declare to the new constitution completely unacceptable because it upholds the principles of apartheid and mistrust, it excludes us from the large mass of our fellow human beings and is being used to divide our people." "Meanwhile, more than 1,000 coloured pupils at the East Rand High School in Reiger Park, near Boksburg, staged a sit-in and refused to return to classes in protest against the new constitution.

Pupils, some displaying "anti-Democratic Front (Tokyo)" stickers, said they would register their opposition to the "ethnic elections" by not attending classes.

The pupils at the schools in Johannesburg were determined to return to classes today and a meeting in Emekuthi in Tshidi Secondary School.

At St Barnabas College, Durban, posters were stuck up along the school fence calling on residents in Westbury, Rosettenville and Newlands to reject the new constitution by not voting today.

Schools that boycotted classes yesterday were Eldorado Park High School, Eldorado Park Senior Secondary School, Klipfontein High School, C J Boden High School, St Barnabas, Coronationville High, Westbury High and Riverlea High School.

It is believed that other teacher training colleges were also inaction, as were the Western Teachers Training College in Port Elizabeth, the Fernwood High School in Kimberley and the HaHafiz in Cape Town.

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Destroy apartheid moves split coloureds - Boraine

Political Staff
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Snarl-up hits drought relief

By MICHAEL HARTMANN
Mail Africa Bureau
BULAWAYO. - Zimbabwe's State railways are trying to unscramble a monster snarl-up on the lines being drought relief supplies of maize are seriously affected.

A spokesperson at the Bulawayo headquarters of the National Railways of Zimbabwe (NRZ) yesterday confirmed that a temporary restriction has been placed on traffic to destinations north of Victoria Falls Bridge because the Zambian Railways system was unable to cope.

The build-up of traffic on the lines of Zimbabwe Railways resulted that administration being unable to accept all the traffic on or out, said the NZR spokesman.

"As a result, traffic had to be held back trains for destinations north of the Zambian, and asked the South Africans to hold back trains accordingly."

"The temporary restriction does not apply to fuel and some other spares and commodities and it is hoped that Zambian Railways will shortly be in a position to move more from Victoria Falls to the north," said the spokesman.

He denied South African reports that the clampdown was due to non-payment by the NRZ of Zambian railway freight charges. Nor, he said, did it result from Zambian failure to return maize wagons.

The NRZ could not confirm last night that maize imports were being refused.
30 000 in boycott

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Pupils attacked a teacher, set fire to schools and the mayor's home in Tembisa, and in Tumarelile they set alight the cars of a principal and circuit inspector as boycotts now involving about 20,000 pupils continued.

At Bothamelong Secondary School in Tembisa, near Kempton Park, the office block — including the staffroom and the principal's office — were gutted and a workshop and laboratory set alight.

Pupils chased teachers who sought refuge in the school's cottage. The home of a Mrs Thulare, a teacher and community councillor, was set alight and completely gutted.

A large group of pupils then converged on the home of the township's mayor, Mr Lucas Mothibe, and set fire to it. A cafe and a butchery owned by the mayor were stoned.

Police have arrested 11 people — 10 outside Mrs Thulare's home and one at Bothamelong Secondary School.

(Report by S Thema, 171 Main Street, Johannesburg)

5 000 in UWC protest on poll

By MARTINE BARKER
Education Reporter

AS THOUSANDS of students and school pupils continued class boycotts around the country yesterday, more than 5,000 gathered at the University of the Western Cape for the biggest student protest meeting held so far in the run-up to today's coloured House of Representatives election.

Yesterday morning, shortly before closing off a major access road to the UWC campus, police baton-charged a small group of high school pupils approaching the campus from Bellville South. A police liaison officer for the Western Cape, Captain Jan Calitz, said the group had been told their gathering was illegal and had been ordered to disperse.

After reopening the roads, police maintained a strong presence, with up to 15 police vehicles on standby at access points at any one time.

Police issued a general warning to students that in terms of the Riotous Assemblies Act, groups of more than three people were prohibited in Modderdam Road.

Militant atmosphere

The atmosphere in the UWC's overflowing main hall, where the meeting began with a reading of the Freedom Charter, was militant, with students singing freedom songs and chanting "Botha is a terrorist".

The meeting, organized by the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) and the Azanian Students' Organization (Azaso), remained orderly throughout, however.

Mr Jonathan de Vries, Western Cape publicity secretary for the United Democratic Front, told the meeting that the opposition for peace and change were narrowing in South Africa with every detention and act of repression on the part of the government.

He warned that when people turned to violence to achieve political rights, it would not be out of choice but because they had been forced into that position by the State.

Representatives from schools throughout the Peninsula, as well as outlying areas such as Paarl and Stellenbosch, and from the Peninsula Technikon, the University of Cape Town, and from Stellenbosch, Wesley and Bellville Training colleges, attended the UWC rally.

About 100 pupils attended a rally called by the Azanian Student Movement (Azasm) and the Students of Young Azania (Soyaz) and the Students' Interim Committee in Silvertown, Athlone, to "reinforce a decision of pupils of Athlone High School to boycott classes".

Mr N Eales, liaison officer for the Directorate of Coloured Education, attributed high absenteeism at secondary schools yesterday to "parents keeping children at home in the interests of their safety".

Primary schools will be open today except for those where polling booths are situated.

- A group of UWC staff who began a two-day boycott of classes yesterday is to monitor polling stations today to check on claims that the election is being "rigged". About 80 staff members reviewed their anti-election picket at the campus gates yesterday evening.

Stellenbosch protest

- A spokesman for black medical students at the University of Stellenbosch said yesterday that they had decided to boycott classes today in protest against the elections...
Busy with last-minute preparations for today’s election at the office of the Labour Party in Athlone yesterday were Pat Latagan, Miss Gail Stanley, and the Labour candidate for Hanover Park, Mr. Ken Latagan.
Detentions ‘may deter voters’

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

TENSIONS were mounting yesterday on the eve of election of the House of Representatives following the nation-wide police crackdown against leaders and supporters of anti-election groups.

UDF arrests condemned

Political Staff

Johannesburg. – There was widespread condemnation yesterday of the government’s sudden detention of leaders of anti-election groups, and demands that they be charged or released.

Police detained 35 people affiliated to the United Democratic Front (UDF) a day before coloured voters go to the polls to elect members for the House of Representatives.

Fifteen of the detainees are believed to be held under Section 50 of the Criminal Procedure Act and one, Mr Mewa Ramgobin of the Natal Indian Congress under Section 13 of the Internal Security Act.

The former allows for 48 hours detention, which means that they will have to be charged or released by Thursday, while the latter allows for 14 days detention incommunicado.

Colonel Leon Mallet, spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order, last night declined to give any details of the detentions, including how many had taken place.

The police action—described by one PFP MP as “a godsend for anti-election groups”—could well backfire on the government by scaring off wavering potential voters or inadvertently creating a wave of sympathy for the boycott lobby.

Major victims of the police action were top United Democratic Front leaders and affiliate members of the PFP, who were detained in a swoop that included Johannesburg, Durban, Port Elizabeth and Oudtshoorn. No arrests were reported in the Peninsula.

The detentions come amid countrywide protests and stay-aways at schools and tertiary educational institutions and followed a warning by the Minister of Police, Mr Louis Le Grange, that interference in the election process would not be tolerated.

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A poll of 75 percent, which observers believe is a minimum of 25 percent of the electorate, would not only 10 percent of all eligible voters casting their vote — would need to be achieved to avoid the government and participating parties having to face.

The UDF is confident that it can hold the national poll to below that figure and even lower than 10 percent in areas like the Cape Peninsula.

"Any percentage poll will do"

In a television interview last night, the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heurnus, indicated that the government would forego ahead with the constitution irrespective of the voter turnout. The leader of the Labour Party, the Rev Alan Hendrickse, said in an interview last night that "any percentage poll would do under the circumstances."

The behaviour of voters in the Peninsula — where 25 percent of the nation's registered voters can elect 20 of the 80 coloured representatives — will be of special interest because it is here that the anti-elation lobby has been especially strong.

Observers believe attendance at the polls in the Transvaal will be affected by the widespread student unrest and boycotts, but in the Eastern Cape, where relative calm prevailed yesterday, polls are expected to be as high as 80 to 90 percent.

While the leaders of the four participating parties have been confident about their chances in today, indications are that the Labour Party is likely to score a runaway victory, with the People's Congress Party of Mr Peter Marais coming a poor second. The two splinter parties of the left, the Liberal Democratic Party and Mr James Smith's Reformist Freedom Party, are unlikely to achieve much success.

UWC staff renewed their anti-election placard demonstration yesterday morning and at rush-hour in the evening. Members reject the new deal on several grounds and have called on board arms and a sit-in.

A FORMER police reservist and church deacon who last year allegedly shot and murdered his wife, told the Sandton Court yesterday that he had been very protective of her and that after the shooting he had telephoned the police for help.

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**Crack of dawn**

Church deacon fatal struggle

Staff Reporter

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**Euphoria abduction**

PRETORIA A national serviceman who took a minor girl to "euphoria where the doves coo" has been acquitted by a Pretoria magistrate of sexual assault.

Mr Willem S. Singleton, 20, of Erasmia, pleaded not guilty to raping an 18-year-old girl to Durban last month without her parents' permission and also with the intention of either marrying her or having sexual intercourse with her.

The court heard how Mr Singleton and a girl, who may not be named, went to Durban for two weeks because the girl had problems at home and threatened to commit suicide.

The girl's father testified that a relationship between the two before the alleged abduction.

He claimed he went to see Mr Singleton's parents to work out a reasonable deal about the two.

"We started telephone calls from school saying she was absent again. Only on the day she started after-class she started referring against her mother.

Mr Singleton told court the girl was happy because they not allowed to see her often because of her problems at school. She intended..."
Few workers ask for time off to cast vote

Labour Reporter

There had been very few requests from coloured workers for time off to vote in today's elections, according to city businessmen.

Managers of a large clothing manufacturing plant, a building construction firm and a food manufacturing company, said no workers had asked for time off to vote.

Most branches of a large retail chain store reported no interest in the elections among their staff.

"I think there is strong degree of apathy about those elections," said one personnel manager.

However, the manager of the Athlone branch of the chain store said some workers had requested the entire day off.

A large engineering firm, which has a recognition agreement with one of the independent black unions, said coloured workers had expressed no interest in the elections.

A powerful nationwide grouping of independent trade unions representing 300,000 workers has called on coloured workers not to vote.

The 24 unions, which will form a new union federation, asked workers to refuse time off to vote if it were granted, or to go home.

(Report by P. Green, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)
Butchel's was offered P.M.'s salary

Supporters

The scene inside the Dunbar City Hall yesterday which was packed with people.

Del Plummer was deposed and the police left the area.

The crowd shouting and yelling.

Despite the protests of the group, the police remained.

The crowd was dispersed by tear gas and baton charges.

The police were able to maintain order.

Children fell down during the protest.

By witnesses

Charge, claim

During the protest, violence erupted.

Police deny

Aftermath

The police have been criticized for their handling of the situation.

Correspondent

The crowd was massive and the police were outnumbered.

City Hall

At City Hall

A protest was held at City Hall.

The police were called in to maintain order.

Baton-charge

Police used batons to disperse the crowd.

Run-up to the elections

The elections were held in the midst of the incident.

The Muni

The Muni was shut down.

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Unions join the 'boycott' camp

Mercury Reporter

The Federation of South African Trade Unions, representing about 48,000 black, Indian and coloured workers in Natal, has condemned the elections for the new parliament.

The federation's national congress, held in Durban at the weekend, resolved to encourage all members to campaign for a boycott of the 'dummy elections'.

The statement said that the new conscripts, like in-face factories works councils and liaison committees, was a toothless body, designed to undermine worker interests.

The constitution was racist, it aimed to perpetuate apartheid, and participation in the elections was totally unacceptable.

(Report by S Hayter, 12 Devonshire Place, Durban)

'State to blame if struggle is violent'

Mercury Reporter

The State would be responsible if the struggle against the new constitution became violent, because it was curtailing all methods of non-violent protest, Prof Gerry Cobbadius, an executive member of the Natal Indian Congress, said in Durban yesterday.

He demanded the Labour Party, Solidarity and the National People's Party withdraw from today's and next week's elections for the House of Representatives and the House of Delegates following the detentions of key United Democratic Front and NIC members yesterday.

This was to back up their claims of supporting democratic rights, he said.

In condemning the detentions, he accused the SABC and some elements of the Press of suggesting by innuendo that the UDF and its affiliates supported violence.

He also demanded the State release all leaders in jail.

(Report by O Heinsoba, 12 Devonshire Place, Durban)

Detentions 'ill-timed'

Mercury Reporter

A FEAR that the detention of UDF and NIC leaders may become counter-productive was expressed last night by Mr Morris Eynon, Natal leader of the People's Congress Party, which is contesting all five Natal seats in the elections today.

'We have canvassed voters extensively and had been hoping for polls of 50 percent or higher.

'Some voters favourably disposed to us see the police detentions as ill-timed and high-handed,' he said.

(Report by N Bissett, 12 Devonshire Place, Durban)

NIC tells of underhand activities

Mercury Reporter

CANVASSERS displaying guns, people being threatened with the loss of their grants and pensions, gifts for voters and voters being told not voting would be illegal were some of the irregularities the Natal Indian Congress was aware of in the election campaigns, NIC treasurer Dr Farouk Meer claimed yesterday.

The NIC would apply to the Supreme Court to have the special votes set aside, he said.

He said the NIC had found gross irregularities in the special votes procedure and had a 'large number' of affidavits to support these allegations.

Other problems the NIC faced in its anti-vote campaign had been in getting the co-operation of the electoral officers, he said.

(Report by O Heinsoba, 12 Devonshire Place, Durban)
ABOUT 4,000 students at the University of the North (Turffontein) were boycotting classes yesterday in protest at the tri-cameral parliament elections.

The students decided at a mass meeting on Tuesday night to boycott classes from yesterday until August 29 after the elections for the House of Delegates on August 28.

All the major black trade unions have called for a stayaway from the polls but have stopped short of calling a work stoppage to protest against the elections.

Adding to the general mood of tension is the recent history of unrest in some black townships. Parys, Sharpeville, Lamontville and towns southeast of Durban have been fire-bombed and some have reported receiving death threats.

Police reaction unit squads have been involved in pitched battles with anti-election demonstrators at political party meetings.

On the other hand, there has been a number of anti-election organisations have reported that some of their members have been detained by the police — although all were released after a few hours.

ANC

According to the Detainees' Support Committee (DPSC), more than 80 people were in detention at the end of July. The highest figure for some time,” said a DPSC report.

Government spokesmen, supported by the SABC's Current Affairs programme, have made repeated suggestions that the United Democratic Front — the biggest of the anti-election organisations — is a front organisation for the African National Congress. The UDF hotly denies this claim.

In its Current Affairs programme on Tuesday the SABC said the ANC plans to infiltrate the UDF “had been a resounding success”.

The bitter divisions in the coloured community over the elections have often resulted in violent clashes at public meetings where several people have been injured and many more arrested.

It is against this background of uncertainty, fear and division that the coloured community goes to the polls today. The choice its members face is not for which party or even for which individual to vote. The major issue of the campaign has been, and remains, whether to vote at all.

(Report by G van Slatten, J College and M Gallow at 47 Bauer Street, Johannesburg.)
The Transvaal Indian Congress said the detentions were an act of desperation and showed total disregard for the democratic process.

- The Azanian People's Organization said the government would have to arrest every oppressed and exploited citizen in South Africa to stop opposition to the new Constitution.

**Bishop Tutu**

- The Natal Indian Congress demanded the withdrawal from the elections of the main coloured and Indian parties.
- The general-secretary of the South African Council of Churches, Bishop Desmond Tutu, condemned the "high-handed and inhuman methods used to suppress legitimate political criticism".
- The leader of the Progressive Federal Party, Dr Van Zyl Slabbert, said: "Obviously one cannot condone intimidation and unfair practices from wherever it comes, but if such is the case, then let those who perpetrate them be taken to court and be charged.
- "The simple question that I find difficult to get an answer to is 'why wait right until the eve of the election for such action?'"
- Mr Pat Poovallingham, national chairman of Solidarity — a party contesting next week's Indian election — sent a telex to the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, and the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange, condemning the arrests as "unforgivable".

**Backroom boys**

- In a statement, telephoned to UPL, the exiled African National Congress yesterday condemned the elections and said the people of South Africa would ensure that elections today and on August 28 were boycotted by an overwhelming majority.

However, the Natal leader of the Labour Party, which is contesting today's elections, Mr Albie Sowman, said: "Some of these UDF backroom boys should have been picked up a long time ago."

He accused UDF leaders of "subverting the democratic process of law" and said: "I may not agree that those who have been picked up deserve to be detained, but their way is clear. Others I would like to see put behind bars."

The leader of the Labour Party, the Rev Alan Hendrickse, said he could not comment on something he did not know anything about.

**Trespassing**

- Mrs Priscilla Jana and Mrs Caroline Heston-Nicholls, two lawyers acting for some of the people detained yesterday, were themselves held for about 30 minutes when they attempted to visit their clients last night.

The two apparently had received permission from police headquarters in Pretoria to visit their clients, but found their way blocked in the charge office of John Vorster Square.

They were charged with trespassing in the charge office and were put in cells before being released with a warning.

The two are now considering taking civil action against the police because the incident.

They were acting for Mr Aubrey Mokoena and Mr Curtis Nkondo, two leaders of the UDF, detained yesterday morning.

(Report by C Freiman and A Harber, 171 Main Street, Johannesburg)
Tension high on election day for coloureds

Swoop, boycotts set the stage

By ANTON HARBER
Political Reporter

THE first elections for the coloured House of Representatives take place today against the tension-filled background of school and university boycotts and a major crackdown on organisations campaigning for a boycott of the polls.

Sixteen leaders and supporters of the United Democratic Front (UDF) and its affiliates were held in predawn raids yesterday morning and at least another 19 were held in isolated incidents around the country.

And students and pupils at more than 60 schools, universities, colleges and technikons in the Transvaal and the Eastern and Western Cape yesterday boycotted classes in protest at the elections.

These events brought a wave of tension on the eve of election day, when more than 800,000 will be eligible to choose representatives in 89 constituencies.

Four parties are contesting the elections, but the big question is whether voters will go for the polls in the face of the UDF-led boycott campaign.

The Labour Party seems set to win by a big majority.

On Monday, Mr Louis le Grange, the Minister of Law and Order, accused the UDF of planning disruption "by means of school boycotts, labour unrest, intimidation and other acts of violence."

The UDF has denied this and added yesterday that detentions would not stop them acting "legally and peacefully" to ensure people did not vote.

The Transvaal Indian Congress and the Natal Indian Congress called on participating parties to resign as "the only honest reaction to the detentions."

Thirteen UDF leaders were held in the raids in Johannesburg, Durban and Port Elizabeth and three supporters were held in Nelspruit after a UDF meeting.

Fifteen of the detainees are believed held under Section 59 of the Criminal Procedure Act, which means they must be charged or released by tomorrow.

Colonel Leon Mellet, spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order, last night declined to give details.

He said police were busy with "an intensive and ongoing investigation."

He said Mr Le Grange would make details public at a later stage.

Another eight people were held at a picket in Pretoria, one was held in Pretoria and 10 in Middelburg.

School boycotts spread yesterday, and authorities expect a total shutdown at all coloured educational institutions in the Peninsula today.

In the Western Cape, more than 18,000 students were out yesterday.

In the Johannesburg area yesterday, there were boycotts at 10 coloured schools.

These figures exclude major boycotts involving up to 30,000 black students and pupils which are not directly

Veteran trade unionist, Mr Oscar Mpetha, yesterday addressed University of the Witwatersrand students who boycotted lectures in protest against the elections for the tricameral parliament. See Page 2.

Picture: GARTH
Lawyers held for 30 minutes

related to the elections.

About 800 students of the University of the North joined the boycott by other universities such as Rhodes, Zululand, Western Cape, Durban, Westville and Port Harare.

At UWC, police closed a major access road as about 600 students and high school pupils attended an anti-election meeting on the campus.

At the University of Durban-Westville, classes were suspended.

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Police are out in force at the polling booths

half of the group said he had been told the students would be charged under a Cape Provincial Ordinance of 1950 which states that no placards are allowed to be displayed without prior consent from a magistrate.

"The police told me they would appear in court this afternoon," he said.

In the Greenwood Park constituency in Natal, two members of the anti-election United Committee of Concern were asked to leave the vicinity of a polling station by members of the police.

At Reiger Park, Boksburg, where Transvaal Labour Party leader Mr. Jac Rabe is a candidate, the road in front of the community hall was cordoned off and police and traffic inspectors were on hand in case of trouble. About 15 percent of the voters had cast their ballots by noon.

Security was tight at Eldorado Park, Johannesburg, with uniformed officers and plainclothes security men present. About 700 people had voted by midday.

PLACARDS

On the nearby main road about 30 demonstrators stood 10 m apart holding placards which called on passing motorists to boycott the elections.

Voting was steady during the first hours of polling at the main polling station in Pietersburg, one of the main centres in the Northern Transvaal.

There were no signs of intimidation or boycott demonstrations at the local coloured school where a long queue was waiting at 7 am. Party workers said most of the constituency's 1,300 registered voters were likely to cast their ballots.

In the Eastern Transvaal, where only 350 people are registered to vote, slow early polling was uneventful.

Voting got off to an orderly, but slow start in the Cape Peninsula with police outnumbering voters at several stations.

The Peninsula is regarded as the key to the success or failure of the elections because about a third of all coloured voters in South Africa are registered in the area.

Several polling stations had no voters at all in the first 30 minutes of polling.

Voting in the rural Cape constituencies was also slow but party workers were predicting that the tempo would pick up by late morning before peaking in the late afternoon.

The actual vote casting was a slow process and most of those casting their ballots were doing so for the first time, and the whole unfamiliar procedure had to be carefully explained by party officials and electoral officials.

Voting was slow in Natal where 35,000 coloured voters are registered.

There was a strong police presence in the Durban Suburbs constituency which is regarded as a UDF stronghold.

Voting officials at the Natal Midlands and Natal Interior constituencies said voting had been extremely quiet so far.

The Star's correspondent in Cape Town reports that the home of the Labour Party candidate in Ravensmead, Mr. J.W. Christians, was petrol-bombed twice early today.

Police acting on information arrested two men aged 21 and 22 soon after the attack which took place just after midnight. Two men are expected to appear in court tomorrow.

Mr. Christians said he had just returned to his home from a meeting at the Ravensmead Civic Centre and was taking a bath when he heard two loud explosions.

He said that he and his family of nine, and the Parow Fire Brigade which arrived on the scene quickly, put out the fire in his office in 10 minutes.

A second petrol bomb had been thrown on to the roof. That fire was also extinguished quickly.

(Report by David Steens, 47 Silver Street, Johannesburg)
Half Port Elizabeth
high school pupils
join class boycott

Post Reporters

THE class boycott in the
Eastern Cape has spread,
with half of all coloured
secondary school pupils in
Port Elizabeth staying
away today.

This is 10% more than
yesterday, according to the
Director of Coloured Edu-
cation, Mr H E Jansen.

Every secondary school
in Port Elizabeth and
Ouakrae-Reinet, as well as
two out of three in Uiten-
hastrate affected.

Pupils at two African
schools in New Brighton —
Newell High School and
Cowan High School —
today joined the boycott.

At Newell the stayaway
was total, but only 20 pupils
failed to report for classes
at Cowan.

Reports of massive
stayaways have been re-
cived from the Western
Cape — where about 7000
pupils at 23 schools skipped
classes — and Natal.

At the University of the
Witwatersrand about 2000
students, mostly black,
stayed away from lectures.

At the University of
Transkei 400 students took
part in a demonstration
march.

Coloured schools in the
Grahamstown and East
London have also been af-
fected.

At Newell High School
boycotters assembled in
the play area, singing free-
dom songs and listening to
speeches, many of which
denounced “Bantu Educa-
tion”.

The decision to protest
against the election and the
new constitution was taken
last night. It took teachers
by surprise although some
protest action had been ex-
pected, the Evening Post
was told.

In Uitenhage many
pupils at the Uitenhage
Secondary School and the
John Walton High School
refused to attend classes
today. Pupils at the John
Buseker High School in
East London are also boy-
cotting classes.

More than 80% of Mary
Waters High School pupils
in Grahamstown boycotted
classes yesterday.

A spokesman for the
schools’ SRC said about 90
of the 460 pupils turned up

“We decided to boycott
classes this week to show
solidarity with other schools and to protest
against the new constitution.

“We regard the constitu-
tion as an attempt by the
Government to fool the ma-

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Jovita into believing that
things are getting better
when in fact there has been
no change,” he said.

Pupils would return to
school tomorrow, but would
not attend classes till next
week.

“We will be studying by
ourselves,” he said.

The headmaster of the
school, Mr M Furtado
said that the boycott had
been peaceful and orderly.

“We will not be taking
any action against those in-
volved,” he said.

The march by students
on Umtata’s Unitra campus
was peaceful and a univer-
sity spokesman said a car-
ival atmosphere prevailed.

He said marchers
chanted the name of Oliver
Tambo, exiled secretary-
general of the African
National Congress. There
was no obvious police
presence.

An SRC spokesman at
the University of the Wit-
watersrand said the 2000
students taking part in pro-
tests would probably return
to lectures tomorrow.

The boycott will prob-
ably resume when polling
for the Indian House of De-
egates takes place next
Wednesday, the spokesman
said.

In Cape Town where
about 7000 pupils at 23
schools are boycotting
classes, five schools
reported a stayaway of
100%.

They were Belgravia
Senior Secondary which has
an enrollment of 1200
pupils; Bishop Louis Senior
Secondary which has 1165
pupils; Cathkin Senior Sec-
ondary which has a roll of
860; Crystal Senior Secondary
with a normal attendance
of 1009, and Green-
lei Senior Secondary which
has 1000 pupils.

At most other schools the
turnout was between 2% and
15%.

Four Maritzburg schools
have also been massively
affected — four for
coloured, two for Indian
scholars.

(Reports by Cathy Schreul
and Jimmy Mathe, of 19 Braam
Street, Port Elizabeth and Peter
sulder Hyde, 26 Lawrence
Street, Grahamstown, and E.
Mackenzie, 122 St George
Street, Cape Town.)

Havoc
Nyerere sees Tambo over SA election opposition — report

By Henry Renter,
The Star's Africa News Service

NAIROBI — The ANC leader, Mr Oliver Tambo, has held secret talks with Tanzania's President Julius Nyerere on arrangements for opposing the elections for coloured and Indian people, the Tanzanian Government newspaper Sunday News has disclosed.

They also discussed next month's conference of the Communist International with leaders of the Frontline states, the ANC and Swapo.

Main objective of the meeting, which will be attended by more than 12 African and West European heads of state at Arusha in northern Tanzania, will be to prepare strategies for hastening the downfall of South Africa and independence for Namibia.

The Tambo-Nyerere talks followed Mr Tambo's night-long meeting with the Swaziland Government last Thursday.

Report restricted

This report has had to be restricted to comply with the Internal Security Act. Mr Tambo cannot be quoted in South Africa because he is a banned person.

SOLIDARITY

From DURBAN Sapa reports: The Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) yesterday called on blacks to reassert their solidarity by rejecting "the sham elections orchestrated by the racist regime."

A report, released on behalf of the Azapo central committee by the organisation's vice chairman in Natal, Mr Imran Moosa, said candidates for the ethnic chambers were collaborators and sellouts, who had abandoned any claim they might have had to be part of the black community.

"They have firmly placed themselves in the camp of the ruling class and will be treated accordingly.

"To the heroic black workers and students who are once again showing that they reject the attempts at fragmentation by the settler regime, Azapo extends its hand in solidarity."

From LONDON The Star Bureau reports that BBC television viewers were told last night that the shifts and compromises caused by coloureds and Indians in the South African Parliament could lead to major reform.

In a special report on "Newsnight" reporter Michael Bourke said: "South Africa is a complicated country where it is always easier to pass judgments than solve problems.

"Changes which would still leave the black majority firmly shut out of Parliament are far from fundamental. But the presence of coloured and Indian MPs will be a shock to this political system."

The Rev Allan Hendrickse, leader of the Labour Party, was described as South Africa's most controversial politician.

He said emphatically that he was "going in to dismantle apartheid."

Chief Gatsha Buthelezi told "Newsnight" that coloureds and Indians were participating in a mammoth betrayal.

He said he was frightened by the anger he saw around him. "Even if I try, as a leader, to give it direction it is quite clear that the anger in people is beyond anything one has seen before."
## Election Results

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Victory for my party, says Allan Hendrickse

Dead heat for Federal Party leader

ANYONE who predicted the election result in the Johannesburg seat of Bosmont must be a political genius. For the result was a once-in-a-lifetime dead heat.

Federal Party leader Mr Arthar Booyens tied the seat with his Labour Party opponent Mr Dodds Nieuwenhoud, each obtaining 324 votes in a 32.5 percent poll.

This means another election will have to be held and the two parties are preparing to do battle a second time.

Mr Nieuwenhoud said he was confident of winning as the LP was now firmly entrenched as the majority party in the House of Representatives and the party would now be able to throw its full weight behind him in the coming bye-election.

Mr Booyens said his party had done well to equal the LP in its own stronghold. He said he would begin work on the byelection immediately.

(Report by D Breier, 122 St George’s Street, Cape Town)

Lost deposits swell State coffers by thousands of rand

THE State has been enriched by thousands of rand because of lost deposits in the colourless parliamentary elections.

With most returns in, candidates had lost their deposits. As the election deposit is R400,000, the State will retain R22,000, an amount that could swell as more results come in.

The People’s Congress Party was responsible for the largest amount, losing 22 deposits while independent candidates lost 15 deposits.


One of the most profitable seats for the Government was Ravensmead, where all three candidates against the LP lost their deposits, giving the State a cool R1,000.

(Report by D Breier, 122 St George’s Street, Cape Town)

UCF student protest holds up traffic

ABOUT 500 University of Cape Town students last night staged a two-hour demonstration on De Waal Drive in protest against the colourless elections.

About 15 uniformed and several plain-clothes policemen arrived minutes after the start of the demonstration and kept a close watch from the other side of the road.

A van load of riot police arrived about two hours later, at which stage students walked back to the campus.

The students, who carried placards condemning the wave of detentions of United Democratic Front supporters and the new constitution resulting in the police tightening their grip on the campus, marched to the University of Cape Town and continued their protest until the police arrived.

(Report by M Langerman, 122 St George’s Street, Cape Town)

Petrol bomb explodes as voting ends

JOHANNESBURG — A petrol bomb exploded in a suburb here last night, causing extensive damage.

The bomb exploded at the offices of the Housing Board in Eldorado Park, Extension 2, as the last voters cast their ballots in elections for the coloured House of Representatives.

Firemen searched the streets with torches for fire hydrants after it was found that signs showing the position of fire hydrants had been removed.

The blaze was finally extinguished by a fire engine and people carrying water from a nearby fire hydrant.

A large number of files containing requisitions for accommodation from the board were saved by a man who carried the trunks with the files out of the building.

Witnesses said stones were thrown through the windows of the offices before the bomb went off.

One of the offices in the building was gutted, while three other offices were extensively damaged. — Sapa.

(Report by G Smith, Old Mutual Building, Harrison St, Johannesburg)

Tafelberg poll lowest in Cape

THE Cape Town constituency of Tafelberg, where only 4.14 percent of registered voters cast ballots, has the lowest percentage poll of the Cape results received so far.

It is followed closely by Manenberg with 4.7 percent, Liseberg with 5.2 percent and Hanover Park with 5.5 percent.

Griqualand West achieved one of the highest with 51.6 percent. A poll of 46.5 percent was recorded in Swartkops — The Rev Allan Hendrickse’s constituency — while Addo had a poll of 48.57 percent.

The percentage poll was less than 20 percent in 17 Cape constituencies, most of them in the Peninsula.

(Report by M Langerman, 122 St George’s Street, Cape Town)

Outeniqua has most spoilt votes

PORT ELIZABETH — "It is not my victory, it is a victory for the party," said the leader of the Labour Party, the Rev Mr Allan Hendrickse moments after beating his People’s Congress Party opponent, Mr A W Tiry, by four to one in the East Cape constituency of Swartkops.

Mr Hendrickse said while he had been campaigning nationally he had had to rely on his constituency organisation to push him through on his home turf.

The result in Swartkops had been a "foregone conclusion but it was an irritation which took up valuable time that I really could not spare".

Low voting figures

Commenting on the low voting figures, particularly in the Western Cape, he said he saw two reasons for the poor results.

"Firstly the Peninsula has a history of apathy, and voters there have never experienced the degree of deprivation coloured people in other areas have known.

"Once we are in power and can begin to deliver the goods I see a great change in attitude taking place there."

He believed the influence of the UDF in the area would decline rapidly after the election and that their organisation would slowly disintegrate.

Summing up the election, he said "disruptive" would have to be the key word. He cited the breakdown of meetings in the Western Cape as a major factor.

"But as far as the participating parties are concerned, I think the campaign was a very clean one.

Voting quiet and reserved

"This election has been one giant step for whites, but a small one for us."

While voting in the Eastern Cape was generally quiet and reserved yesterday, the Alan Ridge Hall polling station in the Swartkops constituency was an exception.

The hall is the epicentre of Mr Allan Hendrickse’s home territory and his supporters in their hundreds created a festive atmosphere as they sang and danced the night away with gay abandon.

From tiny children to the elderly everyone got into the spirit of the occasion as bunting and waving flags greeted each new carload of voters.

Strong police contingent

A strong police contingent battled to keep the good natured throng behind demarcation lines, but there were no unpleasant incidents.

Singing was the weapon opposing party supporters chose to compete with — and the result was a lung-busting tie as some sang themselves into exhaustion.

Long after Mr Hendrickse had left, deliciously happy supporters still romped through a sea of bunting and discarded placards singing Labour Party — it’s good to win.

(Report by R Vernon, ABC Standard Bank Building, Main Street, Port Elizabeth)
Smiles all round for Labour's Transvaal leader

Low-poll landslide for Labour Party

By Gary van Staden, Political Staff

The Labour Party cruised to a landslide victory in the House of Representatives elections yesterday — against a backdrop of massive student unrest, teargas, baton charges, petrol-bombing and stone-throwing in a few constituencies.

The percentage poll was low. Some calculations put it lower than 30 percent.

The election was full of surprises and produced a tie, two victories by independent candidates, and a win by just three votes which is to be contested in court.

Altogether 152 people — mostly students — were arrested in connection with acts of violence across the country yesterday as voters sent 61 Labour Party candidates to the new bicameral Parliament.

There were still 11 results outstanding at the time of going to press, all of them in the Cape, but the Labour march was not expected to be halted.

Four Labour Party candidates were elected unopposed to the 80-seat House.

The Rev Allan Hendricks was the only party leader to avoid defeat as Labour all but annihilated the other parties.

Only Mr Arthur Booyzen, leader of the Freedom Party, lived to fight another day when his Transvaal constituency — Rosettenville — added a new chapter to South African election history by returning equal votes for him and his Labour Party rival, Mr D Newman.

Both collected 11 votes, and a by-election will be held.

The People's Congress Party (PCP), which put 59 candidates into the field and was expected to be the only real opposition to Labour, suffered a crushing defeat when all but one of its candidates had been beaten with only 11 results to come.

Party leader Mr Peter Marais lost the Bishop Lavis constituency to Labour by 725 votes.

For the first time since 1943, independent candidates will sit in Parliament. Mr Y Rholota collected 26 more votes than his rival in the Bosveld constituency, and Mr D W Jospeh beat a Labour Party candidate in Riversdale.

Labour is on record as saying 25 percent poll is a mandate from the coloured community. The SADC has quoted a figure of almost 30 percent, but this is apparently based on an average of percentage polls across the country, and is not the normal method used to calculate percentage polls.

An unidentified demonstrator battles with Riot Squad police during a baton charge in the coloured township of Basment yesterday. He was subdued by police but managed to pull free and flee.

Picture by Gideon Mendel.
Labour sweeps to landslide victory in low poll

...From Page 1.

In the more recognised percentage terms, the final result was as follows:

- Labour: 55%
- Nationalists: 35%
- Conservatives: 10%

The main reason for Labour's success was its strong showing in urban areas, particularly in the industrial regions of the Cape, Western Cape, and Transvaal. Labour's electoral strategy focused on issues of social justice, such as housing, education, and healthcare, which resonated with the electorate.

In contrast, the Nationalists maintained their stronghold in rural areas, particularly among white farmers and rural workers. Their campaign emphasized traditional values and national unity, appealing to voters who felt threatened by Labour's perceived left-wing policies.

The Conservatives, although not as buoyant as expected, managed to make gains in certain areas, particularly among middle-class voters. Their campaign was characterised by attacks on both Labour and Nationalist policies, aiming to present themselves as a stable and responsible alternative.

Overall, the election result was a clear victory for Labour, marking a significant shift in the political landscape of the country. The party's mandate was to implement policies aimed at addressing the country's socio-economic challenges, with a strong focus on improving living standards for all South Africans.
De Waal Drive and on the steps of Jameson Hall at rush hour yesterday.

Police sjambok Paarl students

By MARTINE BARKER
Education Reporter

ABOUT 250 high-school pupils and students were sjambok-charged by police in Paarl yesterday morning. Several had flesh cuts on their faces, upper bodies and legs from sjambok blows.

The students and pupils, from the Athlone College of Education and the Noorde Paarl High School, had been turned back as they marched towards a polling station where they planned to hold a placard demonstration.

Police vehicles raced to the scene of the repressing march.

A Cape Times reporter following the cavalcade was suddenly halted by police who instructed her to turn into a side-street. When she got back to the scene of the march a block further along screaming students were scattering across a field with sjambok-wielding policemen chasing them.

Plain clothes policemen followed the reporter, instructing her three times that she was not to photograph the incident. Later, as the reporter interviewed students in a car outside the school, police arrived to search their car. The reporter saw police escort Mr Allan Paule, national executive member of the Congress of South African Students, away from the scene.

Major George Kerstoff, Boland police liaison officer, later said police had no knowledge of Mr Paule's presence.

Students later accused police of giving them too little time to leave their college and school before charging them.

(Report by M Barker, 77 Burg Street, Cape Town.)

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By EDWIN SHERWIN
Automobile Reporter

Bond rates soar again in October

Staff Reporter

BOND rates are soaring on the building societies increasing by up to 1.25 percent from October 4. It is now a record 29 percent. This will be the second increase in the last announced in June. August is a severe blow to the already strapped for cash. It is a severe blow to the record hire purchase higher general sales tax.

Retail spending can be expected to grow substantially as consumers try to keep pace with the only good news is that the price of gasoline is down)

The rise would have been far lower had not allowed the social tax-free share investment rate. A condition of permitting high rates to investors was that they would limit their bond rates to 1.25 percent. Partly tax-free have been increased two prices to the totally tax-free shares from the attractive 10.5 percent.

Most societies are applying the existing bonds from October 1st of September on new bank. The Natal Building Society has increased its rates followed by the...
Detentions: Le Grange speaks

'The situation was dangerous'

THE MINISTER of Law and Order, Mr L. le Grange, said yesterday that the reason why the police had acted on Tuesday to detain a number of people throughout the country was because a potentially revolutionary situation had been created in certain areas on the eve of the election for the new coloured House of Representatives.

In an interview from Pretoria he said that, when later it became clear that peace and order had been restored, the release of those who had been detained would be considered.

The Minister said that, as the police were still engaged in intensive investigations, he could not say how many people were being detained.

According to the United Democratic Front sources, 16 UDF office bearers or officials and 19 other activists have been detained.

Swazis flee Ingwavuma

MBABANE — More than 700 Swazis have fled their homes in northern Natal over the past six weeks because of intimidation by the KwaZulu authorities, a member of Swaziland's ruling Supreme Council of State confirmed here.

Dr George Msibi was commenting on reports earlier this week that Swazis in the Ingwavuma area were crossing into Swaziland because they were being threatened with violence if they did not join the Inkatha movement.

Speaking at the same Press conference the Minister without Portfolio, Mr Mhambi Mnisi, said that the crossing from Ingwavuma began at an increased rate after South African Foreign Minister, Mr Pik Botha, gave a statement which suggested that Swaziland's claims to the Ingwavuma and Kangwane areas would be shelved, apparently because of Zulu opposition, and some doubts about the validity of the claims.

315 kg dagga found

POLICE have arrested four people in Soweto following the discovery of nine bags of dagga worth a more than R90 000 at an Orland East house this week.

The two Soweto women and two men who are Lesotho citizens, were arrested after a blitz by members of the Soweto Vehicle Squad on Tuesday night.

A Soweto Police spokesman said each bag weighed 35 kg and would fetch a total of R90 000 in retail prices.

The four are expected to appear in court today.

Meanwhile Soweto Police are investigating robberies and house-breaking cases involving a total amount of over R32 000 in cash and property.
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Ladbird, ladbird, buzz off

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More held in police raids

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Campaign anti-election

Indians and

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independent's presence at the general election this year is making its mark in the political landscape.
Election suspense: Voters wait for the drummers' big day

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Masked men beat up election agent

Mercury Reporter

A MAN canvassing for a candidate in the House of Delegates elections was abducted by five masked men and beaten up.

He was blindfolded and put into a car which was pushed downhill on the main South Coast Road, near Prospecton.

Mr Gabrielle Naidoo, a campaigner for an Umzinto businessman, Mr GH Kadwa, described his three-hour ordeal in an interview at his bedside yesterday.

He was held up while returning to his Umzinto home shortly after 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday after canvassing voters.

"Masked men forced their way into my car. I tried to shout but was gagged. A man in the back seat struck me on the head and I passed out," he said.

"I was dragged along a gravel road by two men, who demanded to know why I was helping Muslims in the election."

He was again assaulted after he admitted helping Mr Kadwa, a candidate in the South Coast constituency.

The man asked me whether I knew what Muslims had done for Umzinto. When I told him they had done a lot I was again assaulted. They threatened to kill both Mr Kadwa and myself if he won.

"When I came round I found myself behind the steering wheel of a moving car. I was blindfolded, my legs were bound together and my hands were lashed to the steering wheel.

"I managed to control the car until I again passed out," said Mr Naidoo.

He remembered being helped out of the car by a passing motorist after the car stalled in the centre lane of the Main South Coast Road.

He was taken to the R K Khan Hospital and discharged yesterday.

A senior police officer said yesterday that the matter was being investigated.

(Report by M Yeungstas, 12 Devonshire Place, Durban.)

Election agent Gabrielle Naidoo, recovering from his ordeal.
Poll shows mass exodus to vote, say UK papers

From the front-page article, it appears that the election result in the General Election is significant. The Church of England, boycott, and press coverage are mentioned, indicating a broad media coverage around these issues.

The text is part of a larger article focusing on the political landscape, with a strong emphasis on public opinion and media reactions.

For a deeper understanding, one needs to read the article in full, which discusses the implications of the election result and its impact on various sectors, including religion and media.
50 Transvaal schools form protest team

By MAURITZ MOOLMAN and THELMA TUCH

PUPILS from about 50 Transvaal schools have formed an organisation to coordinate student protest against the coloured and Indian elections.

The Inter High School Coordinating Committee, consisting of about 58 coloured, Indian and black schools, held a press conference in Pretoria yesterday at which they said they rejected the new constitution because it divided the country and entrenched apartheid.

"The Government has implemented it in order to conscript our youth into the South African Defence Force to fight on the borders and to defend apartheid," the students said.

The leader of the Labour Party, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, and Mr Amlani Rajhansi of the SA Indian Council were condemned as "sellouts".

Immediate demands by the students include:

● The opening of all suspended and closed schools.
● An end to soldier-teachers and Government and Army propaganda in schools.
● SRCs for all schools to be elected by the students themselves without outside interference; and
● An end to corporal punishment.

Meanwhile, the suspension of about 1,600 Indian pupils in the Transvaal who boycotted classes in protest against the elections is expected to cause confusion in a number of Indian schools.

"Schools will have a terrible time determining whether a child was on school grounds during the boycotts or absent from school during the week," the chief inspector for Indian Education, Mr O Beyer, said yesterday.

The deputy director for Indian Education, Mr D H Botha, said the suspensions were in terms of an amended Department of Internal Affairs regulation which stipulates that pupils can be summarily suspended by the principal for boycotting classes or school functions, or instigating protest marches or riotous action.

But, he said, principals were expected to first warn pupils and consult with parents. Only then should suspensions be imposed.

However, Mr Beyer said pupils had no more than a day to return to classes. Well over 300 pupils are likely to be suspended at Nylsvley Secondary School in Lenasia where 86% of the 1,600 pupils have been boycotting classes for the past four days.

Pupils at Lenasia, Trinity, M H Jooap, Lenasia No 6 and Topaz schools in Lenasia, Johannesburg Central, in Fordburg, and Landium Secondary School near Pretoria have also been suspended.

In the Cape, classes have returned to normal at most coloured schools and training colleges but some students in Cape Town are still boycotting lectures.

Thousands of students and more than 600 000 pupils boycotted classes on Wednesday in protest against the coloured elections.

Minister Hendrickse?

By CHRIS FREIMOND
Political Correspondent

The overwhelming win by the Labour Party in Wednesday's coloured election has increased speculation that the Government will find it difficult to exclude the LP leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, from the new Cabinet.

However, some observers believe he may be appointed a Deputy Minister without portfolio on a "trainee" basis until he is considered experienced enough in Parliament to be appointed a full Minister.

But it seems widespread expectations have been raised among LP supporters that at least Mr Hendrickse will be in the Cabinet, and perhaps the party's Transvaal leader, Mr Jac Rabie, and the LP's former national chairman and local government expert, Mr David Curry, as well.

In another development following Wednesday's result, it appears that the independent People's Congress Party MP, Mr Denis de la Cruz, will not be entitled to appoint three representatives to the new President's Council as was suggested by the defeated PCP leader, Mr Peter Marais.

The Constitution makes provision for three members of the PCP to be named by opposition parties in the coloured House on a proportional basis.

However, it states that if there is only one opposition party with one member, the State President need not recognise the party's choice.

A possible solution would be for Mr Marais to entice the two independent MPs into his party.
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RDM's Ideal Homes a must for homelovers

By CLARE HARPER

WITH the 1984 Rand Daily Mail Ideal Homes Exhibition opening in six days time, the buzz in Sundowner is a colourful hive of activity.

The housing styles vary from face-brick modern homes to rustic, thatched constructions.

Dallas Construction is offering a delightful klinker brick home designed by Morrie Portigler for entertaining and executive-living.

Decoy Homes has a cheerful modern home created for the typical South African outdoor lifestyle.

Unrolling of lawns and planting of trees was the order of the day at the double-storey Cape Dutch thatched home presented by Renou Made Homes.

The last coat of paint was being applied to the Downunder Framebox Home with its Dutch hip roof.

Montagu Homes were polishing the tiles on their striking, practical house, designed by Gavin Warner, with modern angular lines.

The character-filled, charming thatched house by Heron Construction looked almost complete with its gorgeous pool nestling under a rock-faced waterfall.

Gough Cooper had only the garden to finish off on their north-facing, easy-maintenance family home.

Concept had decorators adding the last touches to their delightful open-plan timber frame home.

The Gro-House by M.R. Duff-Construction was hav...
Elections only putting off the 'evil day'  

THE Government decided, a long time ago, that it wouldn't have a referendum on coloured people to test the New Deal because it could not afford to have a "no" vote which would cause unhappiness among all its white "yesses".

So it decided to go straight into an election.

But no amount of inducement from the Government side has been able to ensure a good turnout at the polls on Wednesday, August 22.

In fact, the election has become a referendum. Those who, in a genuine referendum, would have voted "no" will abstain, and those who were prepared to have voted "yes" will put a cross to one of the names — only one of the names, it makes no difference — on the ballot paper.

The Government will maintain that it has given people an opportunity to participate, and has already said that it would accept the poll in the election, no matter how low, as being a mandate to proceed. This is the reality of politics.

But just as realistic must be the Government's summation up after Wednesday. That it will have to do so as the poll goes without saying. That this will be because coloured people are disillusioned with the New Deal will have to be accepted.

And the solution to the problem is that the Government, with or without its new allies, will have to go back to the drawing board and come up with a more acceptable deal which will involve the "ultimate dread", a round-table get-together of the representatives of all South Africans.

Polling day needn't be dry!

If you like a regular "shot" at the pub you'd better stock up before polling day on Wednesday or you could be in for a thirsty experience.

By law, pubs and off-sales premises will be closed on polling days on Wednesday and Tuesday August 22, and on polling day on Wednesday August 22, and on polling day on Wednesday August 22.

In addition, people cannot purchase alcohol from off-sales premises on polling days.

Mr Marais has fond dreams of becoming South African Prime Minister.

But there is a story doing the rounds that the man who is present Prime Minister, PW Botha, also has a similar dream. He wakes up in a cold sweat because his dream is really a nightmare. He dreams he is Peter Marais.

(Memo by another officer of the Cape Herald)

To vote or not to vote?

SOUTH Africa is going through a period of change. Whites decided in last November's referendum that there should be a change in the Constitution and that the New Deal was acceptable, and what they hoped to achieve, OR why they were staying out of the election.

The Rev Allan Hendrickse, leader of the Labour Party, Dr T Hargreave of the Department of History and Religious Studies, University of Cape Town, Mr Peter Marais, leader of the People's Congress Party, the United Democratic Front and the Cape Action League accepted our invitation.

MUSLIMS participating or polling is the forthcoming tricameral election majority, the sublimity spirit of Islam. In fact, any collaboration with the new constitutional dispensation (which essentially reinforces apartheid) is at complete variance with the teachings and precepts of the sacred scripture, says Dr T Hargreave, an authority on Islam.

One cannot be a good Muslim while either ignoring or participating in social inequality and political oppression. In this connection the Quran is unequivocal: "God commands you the doing of good to others and he forbids indecency, evil and tyranny."

Notwithstanding the complicated cost of surgery in apartheid are under going for export purposes, there is little doubt the domestic health needs of millions of blacks be met.

UDF's view on poll

WE (the United Democratic Front) have always shown our hatred of apartheid, because of the hardships which it brought to our lives. We have never been asked whether we support Bophuthatswana's New Deal. If we had we would have definitely said NO.

In our hearts we are being pressured by a number of persons who tell us to vote for "our man". In the dark of night they daresend us to put pamphlets in our letter-boxes, telling us about the wonders of the whites. Are these people who want us to go to them? Are these men and women who make all the promises to us? They are the same people who charge us to fill forms for disability grants. Are they businessmen who exchange us even for a few shillings? Yes, these candidates have long lived all our hardships. They have only one interest — we and our families will be comfortable at your expense.

They are ever-present on each card of the 1990 general election.

We have never seen them. They never asked us if they had the right to look into our household. They never asked us if they had the right to look into our household. They never asked us if they had the right to look into our household. They never asked us if they had the right to look into our household. They never asked us if they had the right to look into our household. They never asked us if they had the right to look into our household.

They are the people who can only talk to us from the TV where we know they cannot ask any questions.

Many of these candidates serve their interests, bitter masochists.

Their minds work like this: "If I get into the Government the 'real' power of this country with the real representatives of the people, Muslims must refrain from exercising their franchise and instead fight for full freedom in the New Deal of 1990.

(Memo by another officer of the Cape Herald)
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An opinion poll by the market research department of The Argus in July, effectively reflected the trends in this week's coloured elections. It gave advance notice of a large voter stayaway in the Peninsula, showing that many eligible voters had not registered and that of those registered a minority would vote. This street survey by Weekend Argus reporters discloses some interesting, frequently off-beat, views on the elections and why people did or did not vote. Some people said they simply did not have time; others that they preferred to be ruled by whites anytime.

Why people did or did not vote

Weekend Argus Reporters

COLOURED voters and candidates in this week's election consistently denied that there had been intimida-
dation in the election campaign or that this had influ-
enced their decision.

This was shown in a street survey of coloured people qualified to vote which was un-
taken by The Weekend Argus.

The main reason given by those who had voted was that they believed the new system would be a good one and that they were in favour of a common roll in-
cluding blacks.

More new voters said they had no confidence in the coloured candidates and some added that they preferred to be ruled by whites.

Mr. D.W., a tailor said that he had voted and he thought the new system meant "a foot in the door" for coloured people.

"Not good enough" There perhaps was no one who did not vote and mainly that they thought the new system was not good enough and that they were in favour of a common roll in-
cluding blacks.

Mrs. N.S., a secretary, said she had not voted because the proposed new system was "not good enough".

Common roll

She was in favour of a com-
mroll system but including the blacks.

Mr. S.B., a messenger, said he had not voted because he was a Methodist and against his religion in this type of election.

He also maintained that he did not believe in the coloured candidates and would rather be ruled by whites.

"Off-putting"

Mr. A.C., a chauffeur, said he had voted only after he attended a meeting of the United Coloured, leader of the People's Congress party.

He declined to vote because he had heard nothing about the new system and what was said was "in off-putting" that he had not decided to vote for the Labour Party.

Mr. F., another messenger, said he had not voted because he had not received any "pa-
pers" reminding him to go to the polls and said he had not been intimidated and thought that stories of intimidation had been largely "mucked up".

No reminder

Mr. G.S. a messenger, said he had voted because he had had no official reminder of the election.

He was, however, in favour of coloured people voting because he thought the new system would at least be an improvement on the present one.

He discounted stories of peo-
ple being intimidated and said the stay-away was largely due to ignorance

Improvement

Mr. J.E., a messenger, said he had voted because he thought the new system would be an improvement for the coloured. When was being granted to them now could not later be taken away again.

Mrs. C.F., a candle worker, said she had not voted because it was "too busy" on polling day.

"Attitudes changing"

Mrs. Terry Hendekooke, vote of the leader of the Labour Party, Altplan, says the attitudes of white politicians' wives she has met have changed.

"There was a time when they were a bit funny towards me, but recently they have become more friendly." she was "too busy" on polling day.

Mr. J.C., a lorry driver of El-
sies River, said he did not vote because he did not have time to go to the polls.

"Would not help"

Mr. H., a clerk from Al-
plan said he voted because he wanted to ensure that all discrim-
inativeness against coloured people would be abolished.

Mr. G.T., a postman of Ath-
lan, said he voted because he believed the new system would not help the coloured people.

"A big foot"

Mr. L.J., a computer operator, said he voted because he thought the new system would be an improvement on the present one.

"I hope they will make things right and not make empty promises." he said.

"It's like a dream come true"

One of the two women elected to the House of Representatives in the Peninsula seat of Kas-
selvlei, said "I voted for the Labour Party because it has promised me a better life for me and the abolition of apartheid within a life-
time.

Miss D.A., a clerk from Bishop, said "I did not vote because I am not interested in the new system. It cannot give us the freedom we are entitled to have." Miss K.O., a shop assistant from Retreat, said she did not vote because she was sure that the black members of the candidates in the el-
ctions represented the interests of the coloured people.

Democratic rights

Mr. J.J., a student from Bal-
hair, said "I did not vote because it is clear that the new constitu-
tion cannot give the coloured people truly democratic rights."

Mr. B., a teacher from El-
sies River, said "I did not vote because it is clear that the new constitu-
tion cannot give the coloured people truly democratic rights."

"Not interested"

Miss G.C., a bank teller, said "I did not vote because I am not interested in the elections."

Mr. P.A. (messenger), said "No I'm just not very interested in the most other Colonnials."

Mr. D.L (general commen-
ter), Mr. L.I (computer opera-
tor) and Mr. G.T (postman).

"I think the elections are a farce." he said.

Mr. L.J, a computer operator said "I voted because I thought the new system would be an improvement on the present one."

"It's like a dream come true"
To vote or not to vote, that is the quandary

The Factions

Joining in Once you know the issues, it is time to take a stand. It is never too late to join our movement. We need you now more than ever. We need your participation and your support.

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The Vote

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Sticky questions of who opposed

The appointment of an official to be responsible for the pensions of public servants was announced last week. However, the appointment of Mr. John Smith, a senior civil servant, has not been well received by many stakeholders. Mr. Smith is known for his previous involvement in the controversial case of the pensions scandal.

The opposition parties have expressed concerns about the decision, arguing that Mr. Smith lacks the necessary experience and expertise in the area.

Mr. David Jones, the leader of the opposition, said: "We believe that the appointment of Mr. Smith to this position is a mistake. He has a history of not being able to handle such sensitive issues."

However, the government has defended its decision, stating that Mr. Smith is the best candidate for the job.

The appointment is expected to bring an end to the long-running pensions scandal, which has been a major source of frustration for many public servants.

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Labour Party on thin ice

As voters melt away, Labour's prospects seem uncertain.

The recent general election has beenGreetings, How can I assist you today?
Buthelezi issues election warning:

Vote — and we may boycott shops

INDIAN and coloured people will be "cutting their own throats" if they go into the new constitution, homeland leader Gatsha Buthelezi warned this week.

He told an audience of about 2,500 in the Durban City Hall that he gave this warning, so that people could not say later that they did not know the implications of their "treacherous action".

CP Correspondent

He also warned that a consumer boycott of Indian and coloured businesses was on the cards if there was a high poll at the elections.

Chief Buthelezi told participants at the prayer rally against the new constitution that those Indian and coloured people going into the new dispensation were interested in lining their own pockets and feathering their own nests.

"We may be forced to flex our muscles as consumers against those Indians and coloureds who have betrayed us. But I do not pretend that this will be easy for all Africans."

"I am under tremendous pressure from within Inkatha to call for a boycott of all Indian businesses."

He also said there could be a time when the African majority could be called on to be "magnanimous" by guaranteeing civil liberties to minority groups.

"They need only to cast their eyes in the direction of those countries in Africa where Asian communities have had bitter experiences," he warned.

If they decided to go for the new deal, they must know that they will be sealing the doom of their children.

Chief Buthelezi has warned several times in the past of the possible results of a deterioration in African/Indian relations.

A few years ago, when University of Durban-Westville students protested at his participation in the homeland system, he warned them "not to forget 1949" — a reference to the Cato Manor riots in which African people clashed with Indians.

(Report by Carmel Rackard of the Field St, Durban.)

Inkatha beat us up, say 2 Ngoye students

TWO University of Ngoye students, Robinson Manzi and Griffiths Gumede, have laid charges against police after they were allegedly beaten up by a crowd of people, including two top Inkatha officials.

The two were walking past Umlazi's Executive Hotel last Friday when they were approached by a number of people, apparently waiting for buses to take them to the Inkatha Youth Brigade conference in Umlazi.

"They advanced on me with sticks and I tried to run away," said Mr Manzi. His friend was knocked to the ground, assaulted and had to be given 11 stitches in the head.

Mr Gumede was a member of Inkatha until a few years ago, and was once chairman of an Inkatha branch in Umlazi.

Mr Gumede said that while he was lying on the ground, a prominent Inkatha member came up to him and asked whether he was Griffiths Gumede.

When the man heard he was, the man said it served him right because he had "no business to be walking with Manzi."

Mr Manzi, who was not badly hurt, said pedestrians passing by tried to stop the crowd from beating him.

When he asked his attackers why they were trying to assault him, they asked: "What name do you usually call Shenge (Chief Gatsha Buthelezi)?"

Mr Manzi, once described as a "UDF agent provocateur" by Chief Buthelezi, said he was very concerned about the escalation of violence between different black groups in Natal townships, and appealed for peace.
Voting is your right and your duty. Don't miss out on the opportunity to make your voice heard. It's important to vote in every election to have a say in the direction of your country. Your vote counts and can make a difference. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise. Make your choice and cast your vote today.
Police seize azaprop documens—again

RUNNING QUESTION A part from the usual, proper, and thorough

By Roxy Smith

say Free State varsity students;

We don't want blacks here!

In the ear

Arrests deserted

Art of the poll

in Indian pupils warned: Boycotters will risk suspension

The president of the communal board, Peter Groot, has warned Indian pupils not to participate in boycotts aimed at expelling black students from Free State varsity institutions. He said that such actions could lead to a permanent exclusion from these institutions.

"Boycotters will risk suspension," Groot said. "Our policy is clear: we will not tolerate discrimination against any student based on race."
Le Grange warns on trouble at Tuesday's elections

'Things are not right' - Minister of Law and Order

Don't you try it!

Tribune Reporter

THE Minister of Law and Order, Mr. Louis le Grange, said yesterday he was satisfied the police action against "political agitators" during the past week — in which more than 170 people were detained — was essential.

He warned further action would be taken by police "if necessary".

He said the police action was not directed at the coloured and Indian elections but at the "promotion of a revolutionary climate" which could no longer be tolerated.

Police had been forced to act because of the "provocative attitude and actions of underminders and intimidators," he said.

Essential

"It is our duty to ensure that a revolutionary climate is not fostered in any way, because that climate is essential that the democratic systems in this country are kept intact and that all inhabitants can maintain a peaceful existence."

He disclosed that 41 people were still being detained by police under the Internal Security Act. Of these, 17 were being held in terms of Section 28 (1) and the remaining 24 in terms of Section 50 of the Act.

A further 20 people who had been detained in terms of Section 50 of the Act had already been released, he said.

He added that of the 112 people arrested for one or other offence committed during the coloured elections on Wednesday, 103 had already appeared in court; the remaining nine had been released.

Mr. le Grange, who was opening the Pretoria Show, claimed the Government had been aware for some time that certain organisations and individuals were "attempting to sow and promote a revolutionary climate in South Africa".

He said the "agitators" were using the sensitive labour and education spheres to incite and encourage labour unrest, violence and school boycotts.

And the South African Communist Party and the African National Congress alliance were adding fuel to the situation through pronouncements by their leaders and by disseminating their publications in the Republic.

"It is clear that many of these so-called grievances being voiced are merely feigned grievances."

'All it is is division'

During the past few weeks, the country had experienced an increase in tension attacks and the aims of the ANC and the communists were being propagated "in all kinds of ways" during meetings and other events.

The coloured and Indian elections had been characterised by intimidation on an unprecedented scale, he added.

He warned that police were on the alert in the event of trouble when Indians go to the polls on Tuesday.

He also referred today to a recent clash between police and university students at an inter-varsity rugby match between the Pretoria and Rand Afrikaans universities, during which police had had to use of sjamboks, and warned that police would no longer tolerate such behaviour.

Expressed

He described the incident as "scandalous" and expressed the hope that police would never again have to remove "drunk" students from a public rugby field with sjamboks.

ANGRY mob's attack on prominent residents of Hambanthu: this week was partly fuelled by a long-standing feud between community members.

The mob went on the rampage causing thousands of rand of damage on Tuesday night after an Inkatha meeting. They burnt cars, stoned houses and called for the blood of prominent members of the Joint Action Committee who, on Monday, had met the Chief Minister of KwaZulu and president of Inkatha, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, to discuss his forthcoming visit to Lamontville.

Among those whose homes were stoned were the chairman, Richard Kamade, committee members Ian Mkhize and Alfred Sithole. Mr. Mkhize's car was one of two set alight.

Mr. Sithole said last night former members of the defunct advisory board had not forgiven Mr. Mkhize and others who had defeated them in elections for the community council in 1979. Those members had now joined Inkatha and were using the movement to further their cause.

"My wife and I were away when the attack took place. The children were alone and my two-year-old daughter had to hide in a wardrobe," Mr. Sithole said.

"The old guard wants to return to the councillors so they are using Inkatha."

Appropriately a woman had barged into the Inkatha meeting on Tuesday night screaming that UDIF members were attacking houses. The crowd then abandoned the meeting, rushed out and attacked the five houses.

"It was a complete fabrication," Mr. Mkhize said.

He claimed Inkatha had negligible support in the township and said a meeting had been set for next month to make a truce but he was not sure whether it would still take place.

Last night another house was burned down in Hambanthu — and a man had been arrested for damaging cars.
NIC calls for watch on intimidation

Mercury Reporter

THE Natal Indian Congress has challenged the leaders of the main parties contesting tomorrow’s Indian election to accept joint monitoring of the polling booths with the NIC to prevent any intimidation taking place.

The NIC also challenged all candidates and parties to regard the election as a referendum and resign from the tri-cameral parliament if the Indian community clearly showed its rejection of the constitution in a low percentage poll.

The challenges were issued by Dr Farouk Meer at an NIC anti-election meeting attended by more than 1,200 people in Chatsworth yesterday.

He said NIC representatives were to deliver letters last night asking for joint monitoring of the polling booths.

“We have been accused of violence and intimidation and we challenge Mr Amionchand Rajhansi and Dr J N Reddy to see for themselves on Tuesday that there will be no intimidation from our side,” Dr Nicaer said.

Trust

“These men would not allow the Indian people a referendum to show whether they accepted or rejected the constitution. That is what they think of the Indian people and now they are asking us to trust them.

“We call on them to regard the election as a referendum and to resign from the tri-cameral parliament if the vote goes against them.

“In fact if the percentage poll is any higher than that in Wednesday’s coloured election then we will accept that they have a mandate to go into this constitution.”

“But if it is any lower they should resign.”

The poll in the coloured election was 31.77 percent.

Dr Meer said the Indian community had the opportunity to change the tide of history in South Africa by rejecting a constitution which the Government needed more than the Indian people did.

He said Indians should reject the constitution because it was undemocratic and entrenched apartheid.

“The constitution excludes the African people and in doing so is a formula for violence.”

Those who sat in the new parliament would become responsible for the oppression of the African people, he said.

NIC leaders had been detained because of an orchestrated campaign by the candidates blaming them for violence and intimidation without a shred of evidence.

(Report by S Hayter, 12 Devonshire Place, Durban.)

Take your ID along

Mercury Reporter

VOTERS in tomorrow’s elections must carry suitable identification, says Mr W W Blomerus, Natal’s chief electoral officer.

He said a book of life, identity card, driver’s licence or other form of official identification would be acceptable.

In the absence of any of these documents, a voter may be identified by any other voter with the required form of identification.

Mr Blomerus said “Everything possible is being done to protect voters and to allow them to exercise their democratic right to cast a vote.”

(Report by N Bissette, 12 Devonshire Place, Durban.)
R1m spent on Gandhi linked Indian poll to poll boycott

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — South Africa's tiny Indian community of under a million has already poured more than R1 000 000 into massive campaigns for and against voting in elections tomorrow for the Indian House of Delegates in the new tricameral parliament.

The Natal Indian Congress, which is spearheading a widespread movement for a boycott of the elections, says its own canvassing of Indian homes showed the polls would not be more than 20 percent.

The NIC said that with 157 candidates competing for the 40 seats in the house, it was impossible to expect a 100 percent stay-away of voters tomorrow. Solidarity and the National People's Party—the main parties in the race for control of the House of Delegates—have predicted heavy polls, but say "fear and intimidation" may keep many away.

Mr. Pat Poovalingam, national chairman of Solidarity, said he believed the police detention of NIC leaders had played into the hands of boycotters, who were now using it to gain sympathy.

Mr. Amichand Rajbansi, leader of the NPP, said that in the circumstances he would regard even a low poll as a mandate.

Dr. Farooq Meer, an NIC spokesman, said NIC volunteers had visited more than 100 000 Indian homes urging a boycott, with an overwhelming response.

The NIC, Solidarity and the NPP have all turned to biographies of Mahatma Gandhi for inspiration.

In large posters and pamphlets flooding Indian areas, and in newspaper advertisements, the NIC said Gandhi would not have accepted South Africa's new constitution, and had he been alive today would have boycotted the elections.

But the Solidarity leader, Mr. Jayaram "Ji" Reddy, brought out a special pamphlet yesterday saying Gandhi's whole life had been dedicated to peaceful change. "He negotiated and persuaded, and did not boycott."

(Report by Nagooor Bissett, 12 Devonshire Place, Durban)

Staff Reporter

MAHATMA Gandhi's granddaughter, Mrs. Ela Ramgobin, who was special guest at an anti-election rally at Cine 400 in Rylands yesterday, was given a rousing welcome by more than 1 000 people who packed the cinema and Galaxy discotheque.

Last week Mrs Ramgobin's husband Mewa was among seven detained in Natal. She was denied access to him at the weekend.

"Gandhi spent his life fighting the caste system. How could he take part in an apartheid constitution?" she told the rally.

"Boycott was a weapon he used. We are not going to be co-opted into an evil, unjust system. And we will not stop at boycott, but build up our organisations."

Dr. Alan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, said if people believed in their freedom and remained committed, they could make this country one in which all South Africans participated.

Imam Hassan Solomon, a Muslim community leader, said: "He who calls himself a Muslim will never put his name to a system based on the division of people on the basis of race and of colour."

Mr. Frank van der Horst, president of the South African Council on Sport, said the new deal was a "panic measure" by the ruling class, which wanted to "buy off collaborators so that they become junior partners in apartheid."

The chairman of the meeting, City advocate Mr. Dulla Omar, read a message of solidarity from the trustees of the Samal Centre in Rylands and said the trustees had refused to allow the centre to be used for polling on Tuesday.

The meeting unanimously passed a resolution not to vote, and to condemn those standing for election. The meeting expressed solidarity with boycotting students and hailed the new federation of independent trade unions presently in formation.
PROTESTS FROM RHODES... TO AVETELA

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So you thought you knew
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CITY PRESS, Aug. 31, 1978
250 turn up in EL with right to vote twice

By BENITO PHILLIPS

IT WAS one man two votes in East London this week — an estimated 250 people arrived at the polling station with two registration cards, which technically allowed them to vote twice.

Election officials also confiscated a number of registration cards issued in the names of dead people.

To make things worse, large numbers of people were allowed to idle around the hall — despite regulations restricting access to election officials, candidates and people who are actually voting.

The first person with two voters' numbers who went to cast his vote was Mr Eden Reginald Gamiet of Parkside.

He approached City Press reporter Benito Phillips and three other men — to ask what he should do with two voters' numbers.

He checked his numbers, 4266 and 4267, and both were on the voters' roll, which would allow him to vote twice.

During the day, people with similar cards turned up at the polling stations.

Candidates Peter Mopp and Wally George were reluctant to comment on the issue, although they promised to investigate.

Electoral officer J M Keet told City Press the double cards were "probably computer mistakes". This could have happened if people signed their application forms with different birth dates or spelling mistakes.

He said if the candidates had done their homework and looked through the roll, they would have been able to pick up such mistakes.

He said it would be virtually impossible for someone to have voted twice, however, as officials were "on the alert to such incidents". He conceded, however, that it was not impossible for someone to have voted twice.

She's keeping her vote for Azania — and thousands of coloured voters across the country seemed to agree with this Riverlea protestor's stance outside a polling booth in Riverlea, Johannesburg. Only 17 percent of the adult coloured population voted, according to anti-election campaigners.

Pic: THEMBA NKOSI

See City Press comment
Percy's Itch
Clampdown criticised
80% BOYCOTT AT COLOURED SCHOOLS

FOUR out of every five coloured school pupils in South Africa boycotted classes this week in protest against the elections for the House of Representatives.

An estimated 630,000 out of a total coloured school population of 770,000 — 50 percent — stayed out of the classrooms.

CP Reporter

The massive protest by the pupils and the relatively low poll will, however, not sway the Government from its new deal.

Constitutional Affairs Minister Chris Heunis said the expected 30 percent poll was "acceptable".

But the United Democratic Front pointed out that only 17 percent of the country's adult coloured population had taken part in the poll.

The elections were marked by mass arrests and detentions of political activists. Official police figures say 152 people have been held, many of them under security legislation.

Police clashed with demonstrators in several areas. One is reported to have been shot in the back at Eldorado Park and admitted to Baragwanath in a serious condition.

At Eldorado Park, police fired tear smoke at some demonstrators encouraging people not to vote.

Tear smoke and rubber bullets were fired at protesters who stoned a police unit at Eldorado Park.

Reports from the Cape said a number of anti-election campaigners were arrested and in some cases convicted within 24 hours.

Twelve boys were sentenced to strokes and three girls had their sentences postponed.

Two university students were arrested under the Explosives Act after two petrol bombs were hurled at the home of the Labour Party candidate for Ravensmead J W Christian, added the reports from the Cape.

In another incident police arrested 18 Rhodes University students, including SRC president Alan Williams.
6 groups in call for UDF support

By ANTON HARBOR

Political Staff

The Black Sesh, Nulas, the National Education Union of SA, the Detainees' Parents Support Committee, the Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee and the End Conscript Campaign have called on people to support the campaign of the United Democratic Front against the new Constitution.

In a joint statement yesterday, these organisations described the new Constitution as illegitimate.

"How else can one refer to a Constitution which was planned and laid on steamroller without the consent of the majority of South Africans," it asked.

A well-known lawyer, Mrs Priscilla Jana, said meanwhile that: "The new Constitution had been unilaterally imposed by a single ruling party of a white minority group despite its widespread rejection by the majority.

She was addressing a mass meeting at the University of the Witwatersrand.

The Government, she said, had tightened its reign of oppression after the decolonisation of the country's neighbouring states.

The grandchildren of Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela, who were campaigned against during a week-end meeting in Cape Town.

"Boycotts can be used as a weapon to destroy a system and to make a point. The point we will make is that we are not going to be co-opted into an unjust system," she said.

(Report by A Harker, 171 Main Street, Johannesburg)

SABC goes big on poll coverage

TV Correspondent

TV will again mount a hefty operation to cover today's election scene and results.

But in contrast with the House of Representatives' election, the analysis panel will have no SABC staffer. The operation is not expected to last until last 3am as in the case of the coloured elections.

All scheduled items after "Dallas" fall away and coverage begins about 9.30pm. There will be outside broadcast units in Pretoria, Nylstroom, Tshwane, Pretoria, Benoni, Randburg, Germiston, (and also in Natal for live crossing). Results will be flashed live.

Before midnight, all SABC radio stations will also give live results. After midnight, only radio Orion, will take over.

Thereafter all radio services will carry live results. After 5am radio Lotus and Radio Port Natal will carry results.

(Report by J Murali Gheeta, 171 Main Street, Johannesburg)

More posters from dirty tricks dept

DEVIOUS methods have become common in the buildup to today's elections.

Yesterday, unknown people put up hundreds of special prings in Transvaal. Indian Congress posters in Amandeville, on the West Rand.

The posters were identical to genuine ones saying "Congress says NO to the Constitution," except that the slogan was changed to "Congress says YES to the new constitution."

The fake posters have previously appeared in Lenasia, near Johannesburg.

And on Sunday night, unknown people put up signs all over Lenasia, Pretoria, saying a Labour Party meeting scheduled for that night had been cancelled.

A large sign was also put up outside the hall, saying "Meeting cancelled - Labour Party Landium committee."

The signs were removed when the meeting organisers arrived.

(Report by H Harker, 171 Main Street, Johannesburg)

Killer could become MP

By ANTON HARBOR

Political Reporter

MR Naramkint Maruma, who is standing for the United Democratic Front in the Transvaal for killing his girlfriend, stands a good chance of winning as the Natal National Front seat in today's election.

Observers say Mr Maruma, who is standing for the National People's Party, is a strong favourite to win.

In 1984 Mr Maruma, then a medical student, was sentenced to death in Ireland for the murder of his 18-year-old girlfriend, Hazel Mullen.

His sentence was subsequently reduced to seven years for manslaughter. He was released after four years and returned to Natal, where he became a successful businessman.

The law prohibits someone from standing for Parliament if they have committed murder, but only if the crime was committed in South Africa or the homelands.

(Report by H Harker, 171 Main Street, Johannesburg)

All quiet on Free State's Indian front

THE election in the Orange Free State for members of the Indian House of Delegates shouldn't be too hectic -- nor should it require the sort of policing which attended the coloured elections.

For a start, the official 1989 South Africa census states emphatically that there are no Indians in the province.

By a law passed in 1936, accepted by Parliament in 1938 and still not amended, Indians may not stay in the Free State for more than 12 hours -- though they may apply for 90 day permits.

But there is, or was, as always, an exception -- two in fact.


Yesteray he arrived impossible to town which lies between 'Bert' and 'Bertie' and the commission was not answering.

It's telephone.

The other is Mr Harry Singh, who was born in the Free State of a coloured father and Indian mother, and who was subsequently classified Indian. As far as is known, Mr Singh is still living in the province.

According to the South African Bureau for Racial Affairs, whites in the Free State are outnumbered by blacks by a factor of 1 to 3.

(Report by M. ABIN, 171 Main Street, Johannesburg)

Pupils stay away despite crackdown

Mail Reporter

BOYCOTTS of classes at Indian schools yesterday despite the suspension of about 1,500 pupils who stayed away from classes last week in protest against the election.

The chief inspector of Indian Education in the Transvaal, Mr B Oer, said yesterday that pupils who joined the boycott would also be suspended.

Some 60% of pupils at Nerva Secondary School were absent from classes, at Lenasia Central School, M H Jossop Technical High 39%, and at Trinity High and Lenasia No 6 25% stayed away.

At Nerva High about 500 pupils stopped attending classes, at M H Jossop, 100, and at Johannes'burg Central there were 76 suspended pupils.

The numbers of pupils suspended at the other schools were not available yesterday.

At the weekend, pupils met with parents and a parents committee was elected.

Many parents have made representations to principals on behalf of their children but Mr Beyer has said that parents keeping their children's suspensions will have to provide proof that their absence from school was due to illness or another reason.

- At the University of the Western Cape yesterday, 11 people were arrested after clashes during which police fired rubber bullets into a crowd of about 300 students.
Peninsula students continue class boycott

Education Reporter

STUDENTS at at least six education centres in Cape Town today continued a boycott of classes in opposition to the triameral parliament elections.

Spokesmen for student representative committees at the Peninsula Technikon, University of the Western Cape, University of Cape Town and three teachers' training colleges—Zonnebloem, Bellville and Hewat—said students were boycotting lectures.

The SRC at Wesley Training College was not available for comment but according to Mr. Martin Jansen, a member of the ad hoc tertiary students' rally committee, who met yesterday, students intended boycotting classes today and tomorrow.

SRC spokesmen at most of the institutions said they intended attending an anti-election rally, the second within a week, at UCT tomorrow.

The rally will be addressed by Dr. Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches.

Initiated by the Hewat Training College SRC, the rally is being organised by student representatives from six tertiary education centres in Cape Town.

Mr. Jansen said students wished to show their rejection of the Government's new dispensation, "which is merely making cosmetic changes to apartheid and extending the life of the ailing exploitative system".

"The rally is also intended to start putting the implications of the new deal in a proper perspective and to show the way forward to students and how they can effect meaningful change in the struggle of the oppressed and exploited community," he said.

The meeting will also be addressed by Professor Peter Horn, a lecturer in the German department at UCT; and student leaders.

Mr. Noel Eales, Press liaison officer for the Directorate of Coloured Education, said that according to information at his disposal there was full attendance at schools run by his department.

(Report by M. Rowley, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town.)
Granddaughter of Gandhi says: ‘Use boycott as weapon’

Staff Reporter

THE granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi, Mrs Ela Ramgobin, has urged people to use boycotts as a weapon in the same way her grandfather used them.

Mrs Ramgobin, a leading member of the Natal Indian Congress, addressed a weekend meeting attended by about 1 500 people who crammed a cinema and discotheque in Rylands, Cape Town, in support of a boycott of tomorrow’s Indian parliamentary elections.

“Boycotts can be used as a weapon to destroy a system and to make a point. The point we will make is that we are not going to be co-opted into an unjust system,” she said.

Mrs Ramgobin said electioneers had used the argument that leaders such as Gandhi had supported constitutions.

But she said Gandhi had spent his life fighting the caste system. “Would he ever have taken part in a constitution based on the caste system or have taken part in a constitution based on apartheid?” she asked.

Mowa, an executive member of the NIC and of the United Democratic Front, was among those detained in a security police sweep last week. She has been refused permission to visit him.

Dr Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, called on Indians to achieve a poll lower even than that in the coloured elections last week.

Referring to one of the candidates in Rylands, the Rev Edward Manikam, who is a minister in the Reformed Church in Africa, Dr Boesak said the major churches had condemned the constitution.

“No Christian, because of his Christian principles, can ask you to vote,” he said.

“For a Christian, apartheid is heresy; for a Muslim it is haram (forbidden),” he said.

Imam Gasant Solomons, a Western Cape executive member of the United Democratic Front, said no Muslim could go to polls because no Muslim believed in the division of man on the basis of race.

(Report by D Breier, 126 St George’s Street, Cape Town).
Residents reject prospective neighbours

New MPs not welcome here
— Belhar

Staff Reporter

BELHAR residents have condemned the new luxury homes being built in the area for coloured parliamentarians.

They have warned their prospective neighbours to rather find accommodation elsewhere as they "would not be welcome in Belhar."

"Work has already begun on a multimillion-rand government project to build parliamentary villages for the newly elected coloured and Indian MPs."

"About 65 houses for coloured parliamentarians are being built at Belhar on the Cape Flats, where the homes of former executive members of the defunct Coloured Representative Council (CRC) are situated."

"New deal "totally unacceptable"

Mr Greg McMasters, chairman of the Belhar Civic Association, said the low 9.77 percentage poll in Wednesday's election was "conclusive proof that the new dispensation was totally unacceptable to the residents of Belhar."

"The Belhar Civic Association, on behalf of the community, strongly objects to the 65 luxury dwellings for coloured parliamentarians in Extension 6 in Belhar."

"We wish to tell the new parliamentarians they are not welcome and give notice well in advance so they can look for accommodation elsewhere," he said.

"Rented at a nominal rate"

"These parliamentarian houses will be rented at a nominal rate while funds cannot be made available for the housing needs of about 50,000 lower-income families in the Peninsula."

"We also object to the 465 houses in Belhar Ext 15 and Ext 16 being built which do not have ceilings, acceptable floors or electricity and are not plastered — for which tenants must pay exorbitant monthly rentals averaging R200," he said.

(Report by A. Smit, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)
Speakers at UDF meeting urge poll boycott

Government could not ban civic organisations.

A member of the Muslim Judicial Council, Mr Mau-
liana Farooq Essack, of Cape Town, said the con-
stitution was "found on rac-
ism".

He foresaw that some middle-class blacks would also eventually be invited to form a fourth chamber.
The meeting unanimously adopted a resolution re-
jecting the new constitution "because it does not at-
tempt to resolve the prob-
lems besetting the country, but rather entrenches ra-
cial divisions, apartheid and white superiority in a di-
vided South Africa".

(Report by R. Bentley, 19 Blocks Street, Port Elizabeth.)

Indian leaders predict low poll in election

JOHANNESBURG — Indian political leaders, whose parties are par-ticipating in Tuesday's election for the House of Delegates in the new trianual Par-
liament, predicted last night that the percentage poll would be lower than the coloured poll last week.

Interviewed in the Springbok Radio pro-
rgramme, Top Level, they felt that this would be the case as the majority of Indians live in the urban areas where, during the coloured election, the poll-
ing had been the lowest.

The leader of the National People's Party, Mr Amichand Rajbansi, said his party was commit-
ted to working within the new constitution because through this the Indians could work towards "peaceful revolution".

He said that when it was remem-
bered what had been achieved by the South African Indian Council, it was obvious that even more could emanate from the new Parliament.

The national chairman of Solidarity, Mr Pat Poova-
lingham, agreed, saying that those who denied that changes had been achieved in the past and were even more possible now, were guilty of trying to destabil-
ise South Africa.

Mr Poovalingham said that blacks who would have to be given a similar say in di-

Post Reporter

New constitution, the State President would be a "dic-
tator". The white ruling party would have a 9:2:1 majority on the President's Council and would, to-
gether with the State President, have the final say and "will look after the interests of the whites".

"If the new Parliament passes legislation against blacks, we will then be par-
ty to it — even if we didn't vote," he said.

"Our people are being sold down the drain for R4 000 a month. I would rather starve," he said.

He saw the new constitution as a "recipe for perpet-
ual violence and conflict".

The secretary of the Eastern Cape branch of the 
UDF, Mr Derrick Swartz, said the "new deal" was to be used as an "instrument of oppression against the blacks".

He foresaw a clampdown on the UDF as imminent and called on people to cre-
ate organisations at the "first level". He said the

Post Reporter

WHETHER they liked it or not, people had to choose either negotiation or violence as the solution to South Africa's problems, the national leader of the Labour Party, the Rev Allan Hendrieke, said in Port Eliza-
abeth yesterday.

Mr Hendrieke was addressing a pre-
election meeting in support of Mr Hassen Noorshib in the Catholic Hall, Malabar.

Mr Noorshib, secretary of the Labour 
Party's Malabar branch, is standing as an independent in tomorrow's House of Dele-
gates election.

Mr Hendrieke told the meeting of about 250 people: "The choice to the solution of South Africa's problems is between vi-

Post Reporter

The LP's decision at Esthove in 1983 was "loud and clear". While rejecting the new constitution, they (the LP) would still par-

Post Reporter

Referring to the United Democratic Front, Mr Hendrieke said the organisa-
tion would disappear after September 18.

He also criticised the UDF for failing to obtain one million signatures during their campaign.

People who experienced poverty and de-
privation had voted for the LP in the House of Representatives elections and those in Malabar should do the same tomorrow, he said.

"If you don't vote it means that you are satis-
fied," he said.

Mr Noorshib said he had joined the LP because he was not prepared to belong to a party that believed in ethnicity.

"I don't want to belong to an ethnic, Indian party," he said.

The LP was prepared to break the law to accept him as a member and it was only fair for him to join the party, he said.

Mr Noorshib told the crowd that they were going to vote for a new deal and that staying away would mean "nothing".

(Report by D. Slabbert, 19 Blocks Street, Port Elizabeth.)

Togerness is only solution — Hendrieke

Post Reporter
Vote fraud claims as Indians go to polls

By ANTON HARBOR
Political Reporter

ALLEGATIONS of widespread fraud in the casting of special votes are likely to come out into the open on the eve of tomorrow's election for the (Indian) House of Delegates.

The election takes place against a backdrop of the detention of many of those campaigning for a boycott of the polls and a widespread school boycott.

The main focus of the battle has become the question of how many voters go to the polls in the face of the campaign for a boycott.

Five parties are contesting the elections, while the Transvaal and Natal Indian Congresses are leading the campaign for a boycott.

With the low poll in last week's coloured election, observers are predicting a poll tomorrow that will be as low or lower.

The Transvaal Indian Congress has collected about 70 affidavits from people who have already cast votes in the Actonville constituency on the East Rand.

These contain a wide range of allegations that are likely to form the basis of an urgent appeal to the Supreme Court to set aside all the special votes in Actonville.

The issue has become crucial since about 15% of the registered voters in Actonville have already cast special votes, thus giving an early start to attempts by the candidates to gain a high poll in the elections.

However, the TIC alleges that there has been widespread fraud in the special votes.

Among the allegations contained in their affidavits are:

- A vote has been cast in the name of an Actonville man, Mr. Krishna Morgan, who died two years ago.
- A father cast votes for his three sons, who refused to vote.
- At least two people, whose names appeared twice on the voters' roll in error, appear to have cast both votes. However, the people involved have said they did not cast their second vote, leading to suspicion that someone else had cast a vote in their name.
- An 82-year-old woman, illiterate and almost blind, was offered liquor if she voted. The candidate told her to say she needed a special vote because she would be in Mauritius on polling day.

The TIC will ask the Supreme Court to set aside all Actonville votes, or at least those they allege to be fraudulent.

The TIC also plans to lay charges against candidates for allegedly encouraging people to make false declarations on their applications for special votes.

It believes that candidates are abusing the special vote system to try and undermine their boycott campaign.

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Research shows sharp fall in CP, HNP support

SA's far right is a paper tiger — prof

By Andrew Beattie

Publicity given to the Afrikaner Volkswag has given a misleading impression of the movement's actual strength and prominence among Afrikaners. Fears of a rampant right-wing in the party political scene are unfounded.

These are the conclusions of Professor Lawrence Schlemmer of the University of Natal, set out in a recent issue of Indicator South Africa. They are based on nationwide surveys and other research.

The spectre of a right-wing resurgence has been raised by a recent Human Sciences Research Council survey.

This found that most Afrikaans-speakers wanted to retain cornerstones of apartheid such as the Mixed Marriages Act, the Immorality Act, the Group Areas Act, separate education, black homelands and separate voters rolls.

White South Africans are more aware of the ultra-conservative Afrikaner Volkswag than Inkatha and the United Democratic Front, according to the HSRC survey.

But Professor Schlemmer concludes, on the basis of opinion surveys, that the right-wing Conservative Party has had more newspaper coverage than it deserves.

International oriented Afrikaner leadership has been ousted from office by more conservative nationalist movements twice in South Africa's history. Right-wing reaction toppled Botha and Smuts in 1924 and Smuts and Hofmeyr in 1948.

Today, writes Professor Schlemmer, the National Party is far less neglectful of its Afrikaner cultural constituency than Smuts's United Party.

From the time of the establishment of the Conservative Party until February 1984, the National Party has increased its support from 43 percent to 54 percent, according to statistics compiled by Mark-en-Meningsoopnames (Pty) Ltd.

The Progressive Federal Party has dropped from 22 percent to 17 percent, but the drop in the combined support for the Conservative Party and the Herstigte Nasionale Party (HNP) has been even more dramatic — from 21 percent in April 1982 to only 13 percent early this year.

"A more realistic concern is that the ossified conservatism within the NP's structures will drag its promises of reform to a standstill, and perhaps even force a reversal if the new multi-chamber Parliament proves to be problematic or threatening to NP sentiments," says Professor Schlemmer.

Nevertheless, he has found in a survey that there is a tred to reform in the National Party voter group.

"In a statewide survey conducted in collaboration with Mark-en-Meningsoopnames (Pty) Ltd conducted in October last year (sample 2,000 adults, urban and rural) we found that among Afrikaans-speaking NP supporters, only 12 percent felt that sufficient reform had taken place, or that change had gone too far as regards racial affairs.

"As many as 38 percent of Afrikaans NP-supporting men felt that the tempo of change should increase, even if whites have to make sacrifices," writes Professor Schlemmer.

In the same study, only 18 percent of the Afrikaans NP supporters felt that the Prime Minister Mr P W Botha should try to win back support from Dr Andries Treurnicht's followers.

Substantially more felt that Mr Botha should collaborate with black and coloured leaders.
Credibility test for ‘new deal’

2 out of Rylands election

ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

The credibility of the new dispensation will be put to the test again today as the battle to get voters to the polls to elect candidates to the 40-seat Indian House of Delegates reaches its climax.

More than R1-million has already been spent on a campaign by the five contesting parties, 76 independents and the anti-election lobby in a bid to either lure the 514,165 potential voters to the polls or keep them away.

As was the case in last week’s coloured elections, the participating parties have directed the bulk of their publicity at getting people to vote rather than clarifying their own policies.

This serves to underline the point that today’s election is really a referendum to test support among the Indian community for a constitution they had no part in framing.

Earlier prospects for a respectable poll have been dealt a severe blow by the detention of leaders of the Natal Indian Congress who had been in the vanguard of the boycott campaign.

Most observers agree that the police action is likely to have generated a wave of sympathy for the boycotters.

Another factor likely to weigh on the minds of potential voters in Natal — where 29 of the 40 seats are to be contested — are the appeals by Chief Vishu Bhuthela to not participate in elections that exclude blacks.

An additional point favouring a low poll is the claim by party organizers yesterday that up to 30 percent of registered voters could not be traced.

In spite of these factors, the major participating parties are predicting polls of between 30 and 50 percent. The anti-election lobby talks of polls below 20 percent.

Even if the percentage poll is paltry, some excitement should be generated by the keen tussle that is expected between the more established National People’s Party of Mr. Ferdinand Naidoo, Mr. Mathew Federman and the relatively new Solidarity Party of Dr. N. Reddy.

The Rev. Alan Hendricks’s Labour Party will also have a keen interest in today’s proceedings as 11 Labour candidates, masquerading as “independents”, will be attempting to give the party a voice in the House of Delegates as well.

Solidarity will be the only party contesting all 40 seats today. The NPP has 38 candidates, the Transvaal-based Progressive Independent Party has eight, while the two smallest parties, the National Federal Party and National Democratic Party, will field a total of five candidates. There are also 76 independents running.

Staff Reporter

TWO candidates in the Rylands constituency, Mr. Abdurahman Osman, an independent, and Mr. Hassan Osman of the National People’s Party, have withdrawn from the contest.

Mr. Ebrahim said newly-elected MPs would demand that their seats in parliament be protest platforms would be “crying for revolution.” Earlier this week, Mr. Osman said his withdrawal was due to “health reasons.”

The two remaining candidates for Rylands are the Rev. Edward Maniakam of the Solidarity Party and Mr. Abdurahman Osman, an independent. There are 4150 registered voters in the constituency.

Five candidates are contesting the North Western Cape seat, which includes Cravenby and Woodstock with 2,362 voters and stretches as far as Kimberley. They are Mr. Abdul Kader, Mr. Ananda Naidoo, Dr. Murugan Padayache, Mr. Sunthar Raj and Mr. Basheagheer.

In the Malabar constituency of Port Elizabeth, which has 2,462 voters, the contest is between Mr. Rahman Bhan, Mr. Goolam Abdullah and Mr. Hassan Nosedefhiteh.

Six percent of registered voters had already cast special votes for today’s elections, a spokesman for the Department of Internal Affairs said yesterday.

About 19,479 special votes have been cast in Natal, 4,250 in the Transvaal and 1,003 in the Cape.

In last week’s House of Representatives elections, 46 percent of the vote were cast in the form of special votes in the Grassy Park constituency.

Polls open at 7am and close at 9pm. Polling stations in the Peninsula are: Rylands: Athlone Civic Centre, North Western Cape: Woodstock Town Hall and the Cravenby Sports Ground Club House, Cravenby.

Natal candidate chopped up girlfriend

Own Correspondent
Johannesburg — Mr. Nawanuk Jamuna, who has been serving a prison sentence for killing his girlfriend, stands a good chance of winning the Natal North Coast seat in today’s parliamentary election.

Observers say that Mr. Jamuna, standing for the National People’s Party, is a slight favourite over his opponent, Mr. V. Vandasamy of Solidarity.

In 1964 Mr. Jamuna, then a medical student known as Mr. Shon Moo, was sentenced to death in Ireland for the murder of his 16-year-old girlfriend, Ms. Hazel Mol- lon.

The law prohibits someone from running for Parliament if they have committed murder, but only if the crime was committed in South Africa or the homelands.

(Report by A. Herber, 171 Main Street, Johannesburg.)
Rush-hour picket quiet

More than 150 anti-constitution campaigners mounted a rush-hour picket in Lenasia last night, forming a broken line from the Potchefstroom highway off-ramp into the township.

Members of the Azanian People's Organisation joined the picket staged by the Transvaal Indian Congress. Many motorists hosted in support of the "don't vote" message.

Security Police kept picketers under surveillance and photographed many. But the orderly demonstration ended without an arrest.

Speaking to about 400 students in the Great Hall at the University of the Witwatersrand is Mrs Priscilla Jana, an attorney. Seated, from left to right, is Mr Tiego Moseneke, president of the Azanian Students' Organisation; Ms Kate Phillip, president of the National Union of South African Students; human rights campaigner Mrs Helen Joseph and Mr Garth Klein from the Projects Committee at Wits.

18 pc of coloureds voted, says Mrs Jana

By Susan Fleming

Only 18 percent of the coloured population voted at last week's coloured elections and not the reported 30 percent, attorney Mrs Priscilla Jana said yesterday.

Mrs Jana was speaking to 400 students at a meeting at the University of the Witwatersrand's Great Hall on the new constitution and the recent detentions of United Democratic Front members and students during the coloured elections.

"The voting list was outdated and we know that only 60 percent of the population were registered as voters which means that only 18 percent voted," Mrs Jana said.

Students clapped when Mrs Jana said: "I would like to tell Mr P W Botha that one does not have to be politically aware or linked to Moscow or the ANC to reject this corrupt, fraudulent constitution."

Mr Tiego Moseneke, president of the Azanian Students' Organisation said the poll in the Indian elections would probably be as low as 15 percent.

Mr Moseneke said the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange, did not know what constituted a revolution.

"Our people are still peaceful and prepared to picket, but they are losing confidence in these methods especially after Mr Le Grange has thrown them in jail because he says they are causing a revolution — the revolution is still to come," he said.

Mrs Jana criticised the Government for detaining people during last week's elections.

"If the constitution was so effective why did the Government invoke the police against what they called a small number of intimidators?"

The president of the South African National Union for South African Students (Nusas), Ms Kate Phillip, and human rights campaigner Mrs Helen Joseph also spoke at the meeting. Mrs Joseph may not be quoted as she is a listed person. (Report by Susan Fleming, 47 Sauer Street, Johannesburg.)
Petrol bombs at new MP’s home: 6 held

POLICE have detained four more people for questioning in connection with the throwing of two petrol bombs at the house of the Labour Party MP-elect for Ravensmead, Mr Hansie Christians, last week.

Two UWC students were arrested under the Explosives Act soon after the bombs were thrown at Mr Christians’ house in Northway Road, Ravensmead, last Wednesday.

The roof of the home and a room used as an office was completely gutted. Damage was estimated at R1 000.

A member of the Cape Action League, Mr Trevor Wentzel, was also arrested in connection with the incident but was released later without being charged.

"The four other people have been detained for questioning but have not yet been charged," Captain Gerhard van Rooyen, a police liaison officer, said yesterday.
Welcome the English says Nat

BY DAVID BRAUN, POLITICAL STAFF

BLOEMFONTEIN - Free State National Party leader Dr. Nak van der Merwe today appealed to his party to welcome English speakers into its ranks. Opening his party's 71st provincial congress, Dr. van der Merwe said there would not be any change in South Africa's constitution until all of South Africa was united.

In a reference to the Conservative Party, he said the new attack on Afrikaner heritage had to be fought and that Nationalists could not afford to let their culture and institutions slip away from them.

But if the Afrikaner thought he could go it alone in South Africa and be the only boss, he was making a big mistake, he said: "We have reached the stage where we have unity among whites such as never before. The outcome of the referendum was the result of common goals of Afrikanders and English-speaking South Africans."

Convoy members are wanted by police in five counties and are believed to have an arsenal of guns, chainsaws and machetes.

"Positive action will be taken against these people," police said.

Six prostitutes, working from three tents sold sex at between R4 and R20 a time.

Lord St Oswald (77) was said to be on holiday in Spain.

Not 'The Fox'

The Star Bureau

LONDON - A man thought to be the masked rapist known as 'The Fox' has been eliminated from the hunt after being questioned by police for 72 hours.

The man was arrested by Newcastle Police. He said he would now probably face criminal charges unconnected with the rapes.

"One of the world's great tastes - superbly matured brandy.

“Massacre after Naples”
rubber bullets fired

POLICE yesterday gave no warning before storming about 300 University of the Western Cape students, arresting 11 and firing rubber bullets into university property as students ran away from the campus gates where they had been staging a placard demonstration.

Rubber bullets fired by a policeman standing just outside the university gates narrowly missed the vice-rector, Professor Jaap Durand, who tried to speak to students to calm the situation.

Professor Durand accompanied the rector of UWC, Professor Richard van der Ross, to demand an explanation from police on why they were chasing students and firing bullets in university property.

Last night, Professor van der Ross confirmed that police had last week given him an assurance that they would not take action against students on university property. "I can't comment on this incident yesterday's action) from that perspective as I was not present at the start of it," he said.

Staff members later accused the police of "taking unnecessary action" and "provoking students in such a way as to ensure the stones start flying".

After a meeting on the campus yesterday morning, about 1,500 students had picketed the UWC gates in protest at today's (Indian) House of Delegates elections. Some students stood in the road and sang freedom songs.

Student spokesmen said tension rose as a police photographer who had photographed many of the protest activities on the campus recently, took photographs of the protesters. They said the photographer had warned SRC spokesmen that they were "treading on thin ice" when they asked him to move away.

At this stage no uniformed policemen or police vehicles were at the scene of the demonstration, although police were on standby about a kilometer away from the campus. They had earlier sealed off the section of Moderator Road between the university and the main road for about 20 minutes.

Unmarked mini-bus pulled up

When the police moved in shortly before 1 pm most students had already left the campus gates in anticipation of a staff picket planned for lunch-hour. Those who remained stood on the pavement at the campus gates and within the entrance.

The first indication that action was imminent came when an unmarked mini-bus pulled up sharply alongside the students standing silently on the pavement with placards. At no stage were students instructed to disperse.

As the students stampeded in chaos into the campus, uniformed and plainclothes police poured out of the vehicle and from a number of other unmarked cars that skidded to a halt, immediately chasing any student within range of their grasp.

At the same time at least eight police vans drew up and uniformed policemen leapt out, firing rubber bullets into the campus in the three directions students were scattering.

During a lull after the arrests, Professor Durand approached a group of students to talk to them. A UWC history lecturer, Mr. Randolph Erentzen, who was with Professor Durand when the vice-rector...
Crowd stormed, rubber police, students

A policeman at the entrance to the University of the Western Cape fires rubber bullets into the university grounds.

The rector of UWC, Professor Richard van der R Juap Durand, negotiate with police in an effort to...
NIC asks police not to meddle with people in process of leaving scene

The National Mercury, Wednesday, August 28, 1991

Executive Director

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Demonstrators dispersed with batons, sjamboks

Violence erupts in Indian polling

Violence erupted in Lenasia today as squads of policemen supported by baton-wielding Indians wearing the green-and-white rosette of the National People's Party waded into a crowd of more than 500 — dispersing them and badly injuring local and foreign pressmen.

Anyone in the way of the police was bashed with batons and sjamboks — seconds after the police warned peaceful demonstrators at 11.39 am to disperse.

And at 2.10 pm police again baton-charged the crowd, which had doubled up to about 1,000 across the street from the Civic Centre polling booth. The crowd scattered as best they could but many of them were caught in the flag of batons, sjamboks and quoits.

The demonstrators gathered earlier in the morning after re-grouping after a march at the Park Primary School polling station nearby. There they were dispersed with tear smoke, but later re-formed on the parking area across the street from a Civic Centre polling booth.

In the first charge, The Star's political reporter, Gary M. van Staden, was beaten by at least 15 baton-wielding policemen when he was trapped against a wall. He was punched in the face by a man wearing a party rosette.

He had gone to the aid of fellow reporter Jo-Anne Collinge, who had been thrown to the ground by a party member. Her camera was smashed in the street.

Several foreign television film crews were also beaten by the police.

In the second charge, at least 20 policemen were seen surrounding two panel vans parked in the parking area where the baton charge took place. One of the vehicles was a Wits University Kombi containing students. At least 15 people were seen.

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From the polling booth they were stopped by police. While they dispersed, the police remained in the area and arrested a man for allegedly swearing at them. It took 10 policemen to get him into a van.

As the van moved off, two young men wearing party rosettes and carrying sjamboks were involved in a confrontation with a demonstrator.

As the demonstrator got into his car they began hitting it with sjamboks, and one of them pulled a gun. When he threatened to shoot the demonstrator he was disarmed by a uniformed policeman, and the two young men were led to a van.

At 12.10 a group of about 600 demonstrators gathered again on a street corner opposite the Civic Centre polling booth, and began charging and hurling abuse at the police, party workers and supporters.

At 12.12, three burly policemen in plainclothes and wielding sjamboks walked towards the crowd. They had singled out an elderly man in a red jersey as the ringleader.

As they started to run, the crowd dispersed, but they paid no attention to them. They grabbed the elderly man and dragged him across the street by his feet — and the crowd began stoning them.

As reinforcements arrived, party workers in the parking area next to party tents began returning the barrage of stones.

The elderly man was dragged by four policemen to a waiting van.

In Potchefstroom this morning, according to sources, police were reported to have dispersed a group of boycotting black pupils who marched on a polling booth.

The sources said there were apparently incidents of violence and stone-throwing.

Police evidently had to intervene and disperse the pupils.

Police in Pretoria confirmed that problems had been encountered in the area, but could give no details.

Sources said there had also been reports of trouble at Erasmia, near Pretoria, but no details were available.

In Durban, police have arrested seven people so far on charges of intimidation or distributing pamphlets.

There have been widespread claims by candidates in Durban that anti-election activists are intimidating would-be voters, stopping cars, and visiting homes warning people not to vote.

In turn, the Natal Indian Congress claims that a teargas canister, apparently intended for one of the constituency head-quarters, was thrown through a window of a home in Clare Estate, and a number of their supporters were detained by police for handing out pamphlets.
Student boycott against election

Student Reporter

STUDENTS and high school pupils at many educational institutions renewed class boycotts yesterday in protest to today's elections for the House of Delegates.

Students at the universities of the Western Cape and Cape Town, the Peninsula Technikon, and Hewat Zonnebloem and Belleville teacher-training colleges were boycotting lectures yesterday.

The press liaison officer for the Directorate of Coloured Education, Mr N Eales, confirmed that only two of the directorate’s 11 colleges were operating normally.

At schools falling under the directorate, he said, “the impression is that some 75 percent of pupils were present”.

Students at most tertiary educational institutions in Cape Town plan to attend a student rally to be addressed by Dr Alan Boesak against the new constitution at UCT this morning.

Our correspondent in Johannesburg reports that pupils in K atehebong, near Germiston, and So-shangue, near Pretoria, yesterday joined the country-wide school boycotts which now involve about 30,000 pupils.

A classroom at the So-shangue Secondary School, near Pretoria, was set alight but the fire was later brought under control.

Unrest also spread to Mamelodi, near Pretoria, where police dispersed a group of 200 youths who had marched on Rehahile High School and arrested five of them.

Sapa reports from Durban that pupils at nine Indian high schools there are boycotting classes in protest against today’s elections.

In Umtata, the boycott of lectures at the University of Transkei continued yesterday and most students stayed in their residences.

(Report by M Barker, 77 Burg St, Cape Town; F Khan and T Bruce, 83 Field St, Durban, and T Tsho, 171 Main St, Johannesburg.)
Pupils boycott in protest at elections

By THELMA TUCH

PUPILS at Indian and coloured schools boycotted classes yesterday in protest against the elections for the House of Delegates.

The Indian Directorate of Education announced it would not take any action against pupils who boycotted classes yesterday.

However, the suspension of Indian pupils who boycotted classes before yesterday still stands, and can only be withdrawn by the director of Indian Education, Mr. Gabriel Krog.

The procedure for suspended pupils to gain readmission is to be made known by the directorate today.

The coloured Directorate of Education said 69% of secondary and training college students attended classes yesterday.

Lectures continued at only three colleges and alternative programmes were followed at the remaining eight. The Press liaison officer for the Coloured Directorate of Education, Mr. P. E. Boes, said yesterday.

There was a 90% stayaway for the coloured elections last week.

However at the C. J. Botha secondary school in Pietermaritzburg there was a 100% stayaway yesterday.

There were also no lectures at Vista University, where the Students' Representative Council had asked for the academic programme to be halted for both the coloured and Indian elections.

At the University of the Western Cape, the student boycott which began before the coloured elections last week, continued.

The UWC campus public relations officer, Mr. R. P. Abdi, said he did not know when the boycott would end. The students had "been in limbo" since last week, he said.

Students also stayed away from classes at the Medical University of South Africa.

A group of about 150 black students from the University of the Witwatersrand marched down Jeppe Street in Braamfontein yesterday. One first-year social work student, Mr. James Kola, reported that he was picked up by police who searched his bag and questioned him in a police car.

Students at Wits gathered in the Union building where they sang freedom songs. Groups then left for the polling booths to urge people not to vote.

About 200 pupils at Umlinga Secondary School staged a mock funeral yesterday with a cardboard coffin ined in wreaths bearing an effigy of the Rev. Allan Hendriksen's head.

The procession was in protest at the results of last week's coloured parliamentary elections. A spokesman for the pupils said.

Mr. Hendriksen's Labour Party won a landslide majority in the House of Representatives.

Pupils spent yesterday morning in the school grounds and on the pavement singing freedom songs and burning the Labour Party.

Police pelted with stones

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portunity to disperse."

He added: "The police were accompanied by a number of sjambok-wielding men wearing rosettes of the Solidarity Party."

Major C. P. Crafford, of the Police Division of Public Relations, said of the incident: "When hundreds of protesters are around, such things are bound to happen. It was just bad luck."

Later, at about 2pm, the dispersed demonstrators began to reform on the opposite side of the road. One or two started to unfold placards. Then, without warning, a fullscale of stones flew over their heads at the police.

It precipitated a second charge by police, some of whom tried to disperse the demonstrators in a University of the Witwatersrand SRC committee and beat them to cries of dismay and protest from the crowd.

Later, the police were

Sergeant taken to hospital

By STAN HLOPHE

A POLICE sergeant was taken to hospital in a serious condition yesterday when his car was stoned and overturned in a fracas between police and demonstrating youths in Lenasia yesterday.

A spokesman for the Director of Police in Pretoria said the police, whom he refused to identify, had sustained head injuries.

He said two youths were arrested.

In another incident in Soweto a group of about 500 youths believed to be protesting against the Indian elections allegedly threw stones at a police vehicle and other passing cars. The police car was damaged. Police fired teargas to disperse the crowd.

In Kliptown there were sporadic incidents including stone-throwing in which a police bus was damaged. Police later arrived on the scene and fired teargas to disperse the youths.

In Dlamini pupils of Ilhongo High School allegedly...
Cape
MALABAR
H Bhana (NPP)........... 1250
G Habib (S)............. 5
H Noorshah (Ind)....... 288
Majority................. 894
Percentage poll........ 37
Spoilt papers.......... 42
NORTH-WESTERN CAPE
A B Kader (Ind)........ 91
A Naidoo (Ind).......... 133
M S Padayachy (NPP).... 177
S Raj (Ind).............. 3
B D Sagathawan (S).... 101
NPP Majority........... 44
Percentage poll........ 19.75
Spoilt papers.......... 5

RULANDS
A G Ebrahim (Ind)..... 2
A H Mahomed (Ind)..... 103
E J Mannikam (S)..... 319
H Osman (NPP).......... 126
Majority................. 193
Percentage poll.......... 15.4
Spoilt papers........ 6

Natal
ALLANDALE
E V Mahomed (S)........ 657
P C Nadasi (Ind)....... 608
Majority................. 41
Percentage poll........ 10.69
Spoilt papers........ 2

ARENA PARK
A Rajpansi (NPP)....... 1088
N T V Padayachy (S).... 399
Majority................. 689
Percentage poll.......... 14.1
Spoilt papers.......... 8

BAYVIEW
M G Thaver (NPP)...... 581
T P Lalani (S)......... 1197
D Naidoo (Ind)........ 341
Majority................. 606
Percentage poll.......... 20.02
Spoilt papers.......... 13

BRICKFIELD
N M A G Joosah (NPP).... 1120
D Nair (S).............. 324
A Khan (Ind)........... 754
Majority................. 376
Percentage poll.......... 18.19
Spoilt papers.......... 15

CAMPERDOWN
N T L Gounden (NPP).... 628
J V Lyman (S)........... 783
S S R Singh (Ind)...... 107
M Mahara (S)........... 128
Majority................. 15,49
Spoilt papers.......... 10

CAVENHAD
N M F Adam (Ind)...... 516
P I Devan (S).......... 1226
D Ganghali (Ind)...... 333
K Lenny-Mannie (Ind).... 206
N Rajaram (NPP)........ 657
R Reddy (NPP).......... 139
Majority................. 869
Percentage poll.......... 23
Spoilt papers.......... 29

CHATHSWORTH CENTRAL
S Pillay (NPP).......... 672
N K Chetty (S).......... 727
S V Pillay (NPP)........ 124
Majority................. 55
Percentage poll.......... 18.8
Spoilt papers.......... 12

CLARE ESTATE
N R Gopalasingh (Ind).... 442
R Singh (S)............. 708
M S Naidoo (S)......... 413
K Ramuth (Ind)........ 783
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DURBAN BAY
N P Durypsersadda (S).... 33
H Eossop (Ind)......... 12
K S Govender (Ind)..... 358
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M Khan (Ind)........... 60
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Majority................. 150
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DURBAN
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J N Reddy (S).......... 2052
Majority................. 1456
Percentage poll.......... 22.29
Spoilt papers.......... 8

HAVENSIDE
N M Bandulisela (S).... 798
D Mthunayi (Ind).... 328
S Naidu (Ind)......... 368
Majority................. 602
Percentage poll.......... 14.83
Spoilt papers.......... 7

ISIPINGO
N N E Khan (NPP)....... 950
S E Mansoor (S)....... 893
C Reddy (Ind)......... 329
Majority................. 57
Percentage poll.......... 22.8
Spoilt papers.......... 37

MARIANNHILL
N M Nunsanjana (NPP).... 1107
G L Pillay (S)......... 1067
P Thambirani (Ind).... 23
Majority................. 50
Percentage poll.......... 20
Spoilt papers.......... 8

MERE BANK
K Lallo (NPP).......... 446
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M G Ebrahim (Ind)..... 122
Rev D Isac's (Ind).... 76
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MONTFORD
Dr D Cader (S)......... 924
M S Limbaxa (NPP)...... 776
B Rathor (Ind)........ 31
M Ranjit (Ind)......... 171
Majority................. 148
Percentage poll.......... 16.5
Spoilt papers.......... 7

MOORCROSS
N M Y Baig (NPP)....... 1027
D Naidoo (S)........... 818
C Naidu (Ind)......... 109
Majority................. 209
Percentage poll.......... 20
Spoilt papers.......... 18

NEWHOLME
H Rampersad (NPP)..... 596
N L S Moodley (S)..... 277
S N Naidoo (Ind)....... 546
M Munchan (Ind)....... 63
Majority................. 51
Percentage poll.......... 9
Spoilt papers.......... 10

NORTH COAST
N N Januma (NPP)........ 1724
M M Veeravanai (S).... 1662
Majority................ 1370
Percentage poll.......... 10
Spoilt papers.......... 19

NORTHERN NATAL
S V Naicker (NPP)....... 1880
H Ceestin (S)......... 1472
K G Nair (PIP)........ 625
R Bhagwandes (Ind).... 445
G S Masiwa (Ind)..... 199
Majority................. 418
Percentage poll.......... 41
Spoilt papers.......... 68

PHOENIX
D Ramkumar (NPP)....... 628
C N Moodley (S)........ 1012
R Bhana (S)............ 765
T Jumde (S)............ 272
M Karaband (Ind)...... 626
H N M Naidoo (Ind).... 299
H V Mahara (Ind)..... 19
C Muragan (Ind)....... 30
B R Singh (Ind)....... 446
Majority................. 384
Percentage poll.......... 20
Spoilt papers.......... 6

RED HILL
B Dookie (NPP)........ 1770
B S Moodley (S)....... 543
H Naskoo (Ind)....... 1014
Majority................. 1227
Percentage poll.......... 21.6
Spoilt papers........ 40

RESEVOIR HILLS
N A A Koolswa (NPP).... 505
P T Poovangalam (S).... 756
R R Mahabeer (S)..... 66
Majority................. 171
Percentage poll.......... 13.0
Spoilt papers.......... 11

SOUTHERN NATAL
M M Desal (NPP)........ 378
K Moodley (S).......... 363
M J Khan (NPP)........ 6
M Nasek (PIP)........... 239
N G H Cissimjee (Ind).... 57
A Kallarann (Ind)..... 253
E Mahomed (Ind)........ 132
Majority................. 486
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Spoilt papers.......... 56

SPRINGFIELD
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B D Mahara (PI)........ 175
M R Varma (Ind)....... 7
V V Koolbair (S)....... 92
P Muragan (Ind)........ 9
H Omar (Ind)........... 20
P A Govinthe (Ind)..... 20
D N M Akob (Ind)..... 145
Majority................. 494
Percentage poll.......... 18
Spoilt papers.......... 33

TONGAAT
N K P Govender (NPP).... 318
A G Hurbanis (S)....... 272
I A Khan (PIP)......... 5
G P (Ind)................. 10
V Govender (Ind)....... 75
R Mohangi (Ind)....... 418
Subaran (Ind)........... 403
Majority................. 100
Percentage poll.......... 15.07
Spoilt papers.......... 10

STANGER
S Naido (NPP)......... 884
Y Moodia (S)........... 2360
N M H A Mians (Ind).... 13
Majority................. 1476
Percentage poll.......... 29
Spoilt papers.......... 10

UMZINTO
M K Govender (NPP)....... 1574
S Rampal (S)........... 1453
N S Khan (NPP)........ 8
B Pillay (Ind)......... 93
G H Kadwa (Ind)....... 1291
Majority................. 121
Percentage poll.......... 19
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VERULAM
H R B Bangtu (NPP).... 1155
O S Ismael (Ind)....... 780
I Kathrada (S).......... 1928
L Palliam (Ind)........ 500
Majority................. 773
Percentage poll.......... 33
Spoilt papers.......... 47

TRANSVAAL
CENTRAL RAND
T S Collakoppen (S)..... 847
N Desai (Ind).......... 69
Mrs R Ebrahim (NPP)..... 9
M E Khan (PIP)......... 36
Y M Makda (Ind)....... 399
T F M Maysel (Ind).... 356
Majority................. 423
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Yesterday, township police in the area across the road from the polling station exposed the area to the demonstrators charging into the parking lot. The demonstrators were waving flags and chanting slogans.
A day that won't be easily forgotten

The election is over — but it was
Labour: elections a farce

LONDON — The release of all the people arrested in South Africa in connection with protests against the coloured and Indian elections was called for here yesterday by the Labour Party. In making the call, Mr Don Anderson, MP for Swansea East and Labour’s Southern Africa spokesman, said the elections for South Africa’s new tricameral Parliament had proved little more than a farce. Fewer than one in five coloureds had voted in the elections last week and the indications were that even fewer Indians voted in their election yesterday.

Referring to the clashes between police and Indians, Mr Anderson said these showed the strength of the “people’s opposition to the antics of the apartheid regime”. The coloured and the Indian communities knew the future lay with the majority of South Africans and that the elections were little more than a ploy to try to win sections of these communities to the government’s side.

Both communities had shown that they would settle for nothing less than democracy for all South Africans. — The Star Bureau.

Fleet Street reacts

LONDON — The violence and boycotts which marked the Indian elections have been prominently reported by British media. Last night’s main BBC TV news devoted several minutes to election coverage, but the footage was mostly of policemen behaving aggressively, firing teargas, dragging an elderly man under a volley of stones from demonstrators, and using sjamboks on a vanload of students.

― SA poll protesters whipped, „Indians vote amid violence in SA‟
― „Low turnout for Indians‟ poll‟ and “Indians stay away from polls” were the headlines in Fleet Street’s quality newspapers today.

The Times said: “The South African Police were more visible than voters in most places yesterday…” — The Star Bureau.

300 Indians after they stoned policemen.
32 7.50 pm: About 100 protesters throw stones at police from Lenasia. Motors. Teargas was used again. Four policemen were injured in the incident. SAP vehicles were damaged.

Between 8 pm and late last night, the following reports were received:

33 — Rubber bullets were again used to disperse splinter groups in Lenasia.
34 — In East London, at the Indian High School, a group of about 50 Rhodes University students demonstrated. They were dispersed peacefully by police.

35 — Police opened fire with rubber bullets and teargas canisters at another group of 300 people in Lenasia after numerous incidents of stone throwing.
36 — In Actonville, 600 demonstrators marched on the polling booths. Bricks and stones were thrown in the direction of the police and one black constable was injured. The crowd was dispersed by police using rubber bullets and teargas.

PETROL BOMBS

37 — In Mamelodi, the J Kekana black high school was damaged when a petrol bomb was thrown through a window.
38 — Outside the Lenasia Hotel, a petrol bomb was thrown at a police anti-riot truck. Police used teargas.

39 — Teargas was again used as bricks were thrown at cars. One vehicle was damaged.
40 — At Ikageng, near Potchefstrom, six black policemen who were guarding Paul Kruger Primary School were attacked by a group of youths. The youths attempted to set a bus alight and fled when a shotgun was used. One youth was injured.

41 — In Actonville, police used rubber bullets and teargas to disperse a crowd who had damaged three vehicles with rocks.
42 — In Azadville, on the West Rand, a group of 40 people carrying United Democratic Front posters were dispersed peacefully by the police.
43 — Police dogs were used in Azadville to disperse a crowd of placard demonstrators.
44 — The municipal board offices in Actonville were stoned, causing minor damage.
A young woman is carried to safety by medical orderlies after being overcome by teargas in Lenasia last night.

The election results

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How the new

On September 3 South Africa's new constitution will come into effect, ushering in a new era of power-sharing in the highest forum of the land. As the countdown begins for the phasing out of the hitherto whites-only Westminster system, it is perhaps a good time to review what the new dispensation entails.

Until now the executive has vested in the Cabinet consisting of members of the majority party in the House of Assembly and under the chairmanship of the parliamentary leader of that party who was also the Prime Minister.

Whereas the Prime Minister was the head of Government, the head of State was a separate non-political figure with largely ceremonial functions. The State President's role was similar to that of the British sovereign.

From next week the head of Government will also be the head of State, with the powers of both. He will be known as the Executive State President.

NERVE CENTRE

There will be no Prime Minister and the State President will no longer be above party politics.

The executive State President will be the leader of the dominant party in the House of Assembly.

He will not have a seat in Parliament but his powerful office will be the nerve centre of the country's executive authority, like the White House in the US.

The State President will also play the key role in the legislative process, determining which Bills must be passed by which chambers, ratifying all legislation and summoning and dissolving Parliament.

The foundation of the new system is the 4:2:1 ratio of whites, coloureds and Indians in the general population.

OUTNUMBERED

The constitution makes no provision for blacks, other than the overall responsibility, control and administration of black affairs which is vested in the State President.

The whites outnumber the other groups in the President's Council, the electoral college to elect the State President and the Speaker of Parliament, the joint committees and the joint sittings of Parliament.

The cabinet consists of the 178-seat House of Assembly for whites, the 85-seat House of Representatives for coloureds and the 46-seat House of Delegates for Indians.

In the event of a breakdown of one or two of the Houses, provision is made for Parliament to function as only one House.

any of the Houses is allowed to be nominated for election as State President.

But as the white House dominates the electoral college, its candidate is likely to be the successful one.

The State President holds office for the life of Parliament (which is a maximum of five years).

The State President is forced to resign if all three Houses pass motions of no confidence in the Cabinet within any 14-day period.

He would also be obliged to resign or dissolve Parliament and call a general election if each House, during the same session of Parliament, were to reject a financial Bill which provided for the funding and services of Government departments.

REJECTIONS

If only one House passes a motion of no confidence in the Cabinet or rejects a financial Bill, the State President may dissolve that House and call an election for that House.

The State President has all the personal powers of a head of state: he may declare war or peace, confer honours, appoint and receive diplomats; enter into and ratify international treaties and agreements; pardon or reprieve offenders.

CABINET

As head of Government, he is the chairman and member of the Cabinet which he appoints and dismisses at his pleasure.

He may appoint anyone from any of the three population groups to his Cabinet, provided that each person is a proven qualified voter for one of the Houses and that each Cabinet office becomes a member of a House within 12 months of his appointment.

Cabinet Ministers head the administration of state departments, but the State President may also appoint Ministers without portfolio or with special functions.

There is no limit to the number of Cabinet Ministers the State President may appoint, but subject to any general law relating to norms, standards, financing, salaries, teacher registration, syllabuses and examinations.

- Arts, culture and recreation of that particular group (but not competitive sport).
- Health matters, including hospitals.
- Community development, including housing.
- Local government, excluding any general matter assigned to local authorities by or under any general law.
- Agriculture.
- Finance in relation to own affairs.

"General affairs" are all matters which are not own affairs of a population group.

They include finance, foreign affairs, justice, defence, power, transport and internal affairs.

When there is doubt as to whether a matter is an "own affair" or a "general affair", the State President is the arbiter.

DECISIONS

He may refer the matter to the President's Council for a decision. The courts may not pronounce on the validity of a decision.

Bills on "own affairs", which have to be accompanied by a certificate from the State President to this effect, are passed by the relevant House and are not dealt with by either of the other two chambers.

Bills on "general affairs" must be passed by all three Houses.

To ensure that the same version of the Bill is passed by all three Houses, each matter is referred to a joint committee which consists of representatives of the parties or the opposition parties in all three Houses.

Although there is no formal for the composition of such committees, it is likely that the majority party in the numerically superior House of Assembly will dominate.

The idea of the joint committees, some of which will be permanent or standing committees, is to hammer out consensus behind closed doors.

The political horse trading between the three coalition parties...
NOMINATED

Every white, coloured and Indian South African citizen at least 18 years old who is not disqualified (by virtue of certain criminal convictions, mental instability and insolvency) may vote in elections or stand as a candidate in elections for the House which represents his population group.

A coloured may not vote or stand for the Indian house, for example.

Of the 178 members of the House of Assembly, 166 are directly elected by white voters, four are nominated by the State President (one from each province), and eight are elected by the 166 directly elected members.

ELECTED

In the same way, 80 members of the House of Representatives are directly elected by coloured voters, two are nominated by the State President, and three are elected by the directly elected members.

In the House of Delegates, 40 members are directly elected by Indian voters. They, in turn, elect three members. Two more are nominated by the State President.

Once elected, the three houses select from among their members an electoral college, presided over by the Chief Justice, to choose the State President.

The House of Assembly selects 50 members of the electoral college, the House of Representatives 25 and the House of Delegates 13.

Any person who is qualified to be elected to COUNCIL

He also appoints the members and chairman of each House's Ministers' Council. Some of these Ministers may also be members of the Cabinet.

The State President, in consultation with the Cabinet, is the executive authority for what is known as general affairs, or matters affecting all population groups.

Acting in consultation with the Ministers' Council of one of the Houses, the State President is the executive authority for own affairs, or matters referring to the affairs of that particular population group.

The distinction between "own affairs" and "general affairs" is the nub of the new system.

"Own affairs", which will be administered by the Ministers of the Ministers' Council of the population group concerned, are defined as matters which specifically or differentially affect a population group in relation to the maintenance of its identity and upholding and furtherance of its way of life, culture, traditions and customs.

According to the schedule attached to the constitution, "own affairs" include:

- Social welfare, but subject to any general law relating to norms and standards for the provision or financing of welfare services; the control of the collection of money for charities; the registration of social workers and control of their profession.
- Education at all levels.

is supposed to result in a great degree of unanimity in the Bills presented to the three Houses.

If the Houses pass different versions of a Bill, or it is rejected by one or two Houses, the State President may refer the matter to the President's Council to decide if such a Bill is to become a law or not, or which version must be presented to the State President for assent.

BINDING

The council consists of 60 members — 20 elected by the majority party in the House of Assembly, 10 by the majority party in the House of Representatives, five by the minority party in the House of Delegates, six by the opposition parties in the Assembly, three by the opposition in the House of Representatives, one by the opposition in the House of Delegates, and 15 appointed by the State President.

Together with the State President's 15 appointees, the House of Assembly majority party's 20 councillors, will dominate the President's Council.

President's Council members elected by a particular House have to be of the same population group as that represented by the House.

The State President may appoint members from any of the three population groups.

The President's Council elects its own chairman and deputy chairman and creates its own commissions and its own rules for the conduct of its business.
Constitution Will Work

Suspension is ratio of 4:1 (Whites): 2:1 (Coloureds): 1 (Indian)
Seven big idle as doc

LONDON - Seven of Britain's 18 biggest ports, including Southampton and London, were idle today as the second docks strike in two months entered its 16th day, the National Association of Port Employers said. But dockers at many other smaller ports refused to join what they and Prime Minister Mrs Margaret Thatcher's Cabinet said was a Left-led political strike to bolster the 26-week-old coal miners' strike.

"There is considerable reluctance on the part of many dockers to support the Transport and General Workers' Union's national strike call," association director Mr Nicholas Finney said.

But union leaders pointed to the effectiveness of strike pickets at the joint port of Immingham-Grimsby on the east coast who yesterday persuaded the

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Police, party men stampede journalists

Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh government has ordered an inquiry into the stampede that killed five journalists and injured 10 others during a party function in Visakhapatnam. The stampede occurred at the Viceroy Club on Saturday night as party workers and journalists were arriving to attend a function hosted by the Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee. The club was容纳满了 people, and there was a stampede as people tried to exit. Five journalists died and 10 others were injured. The incident is being investigated by the police.

Photo: A stampede at the Viceroy Club in Visakhapatnam during a party function hosted by the Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee. Five journalists died and 10 others were injured.
Tough luck, says police major

By COLIN HOWELL

"BAD LUCK" was how a senior police spokesman yesterday described the incident in which journalists were assaulted by sjambok-wielding policemen and party supporters outside a Lenasia police station.

Confirming that "Pressmen were hit by police".

Major C P Crafford of the SA Police Directorate of Public Relations, said a crowd of between 300 and 400 "protesters" had gathered outside the Lenasia Civic Centre about 11.00am.

"The SAP were on the spot and the crowd of protesters was driven away with sjamboks", Major Crafford said.

The Pressmen were mining with the group when the policemen took action. Unfortunately, some Pressmen were hit with sjamboks.

"But, when hundreds of protesters are around, such things are bound to happen - it was just bad luck," Major Crafford said.

"The incident will be investigated and I can't comment further at this stage," he said.

100 injured in clashes at Lenasia

By PHILIP VAN NIEKERK

VIOLENT clashes between police and anti-constituion demonstrators erupted repeatedly yesterday outside the Lenasia Civic Centre, scene of the Lenasia West parliamentary election, leaving more than 100 people injured.

Polling itself took a back seat to the main action as police fired teargas and rubber bullets and, armed with clubs, made repeated forays driving back the crowds of taunting protesters.

Shopkeepers and children were among those beaten.

The violence started at 11.30am when police charged a group of protesters opposing the polling hall.

Among those in the path of the charge were more than 20 journalists, several of whom were injured after being whipped and beaten by police.

Two policemen were beaten by a crowd of demonstrators and four people were held yesterday afternoon for attempted murder.

Soon after noon, a flurry of stone-throwing and chants of "sellout" provoked a charge by police-at-wielding policemen.

Several students fleeing in panic took refuge in a University of the Witwatersrand canteen, where they were surrounded and set on by police.

The precinct broke windows and whipped students through the canteen's open sliding door.

They then removed the students, one by one, from the canteen, beating them each individually.

The more than 20 officers were forced to retreat under a barrage of stones from a crowd massing on the other side of the road.

As police reinforcements were whipped into, tension came to the boil throughout the afternoon and a large number of protesters were set on and beaten by police.

At 3.30pm about 15 policemen chased protesters into a wholesale shop, followed them in and beat them.

Big team waits in vain

By SUE FAULKNER

A MASSIVE team of 250 police, polling officials, election candidates and their helpers waited in vain for voters at the Free Street Primary School in Fordsburg yesterday.

By 6pm, only 83 people had cast their votes.

And at Roodepoort, also in the Central Rand constituency, only 16 votes had been cast by late afternoon.

"It was extremely quiet", a Solidarity Party agent in Roodepoort admitted.

In Fordsburg, candidates and their assistants kept their hopes up during a long, slow day, "waiting for the rush in the late afternoon." By early evening, the "rush" had not materialised.

People on their way home from work bypassed the polling booths and by 6pm crested, fallen faces had replaced the bale of excitement and expectation of the early morning.

Police hold 5 youths

DURBAN - Five youths were arrested by police in Chatsworth, Durban, yesterday following complaints by voters of intimidation.

Police spokesman Major Piet Meiring said the youths, all Indians, would be appearing in court today. He said they were arrested after complaints by voters.

He also confirmed that one of the candidates lodged a complaint of damage to election materials.

A van displaying 'Don't Vote' stickers was stopped by police at Commercial Road yesterday morning and the driver was instructed to remove the posters.

Dr J N Reddy, leader of the Nationalists, said that "groups of whites" and Natal Indian Congress supporters called on residents in the Silvermine area urging them to vote.

He said some of the anti-election campaigner, who assembled in front of the polling station in the Glen vector constituency, were equipped with two-way radios.
Three other policemen were slightly injured. Two were hit by stones thrown by protesters and one had pepper thrown in his eyes.

SAPA reports that about 200 Indian youths threw four petrol bombs at police and three shots were fired at police in Lenasia last night, a police spokesman confirmed.

“Approximately 200 Indian youths who gathered at Lenasia Motors threw four petrol bombs at the police, but there were no injuries or damage,” the spokesman said.

Three shots were fired at police from one unknown car, and another petrol bomb was thrown at police, which set a private car on fire.” He said the blaze was extinguished by police.

At many polling stations the election of the Indians to Parliament for the first time in the history of South Africa was completely overshadowed by the sporadic upsurge of violence throughout the day, reports PATRICK LAURENCE.

When polling booths opened at 7 am, nearly 30,000 Indians — or nearly 5% of the just over 411,000 registered voters — had already cast special votes.

Ninety candidates drawn from five parties and 76 independents — among them nine men affiliated to the (coloured) Labour Party — stood for election in 40 seats.

The two main parties were Solidarity, led by Dr J H Reedy, which fielded candidates in all 40 constituencies, and the National People’s Party, led by Mr Antonio Retief, which was contesting 36 seats.

Mr Reedy, who stood in the Glenview constituency in Natal, was quietly confident of victory for Solidarity. Mr Retief, who was standing in Durban, Natal, proclaimed “only a miracle” would prevent his party from winning a majority.

In the first clash at the Lenasia Civic Centre, journalists of both sexes were beaten by uniformed and plainclothes policemen and, according to eyewitness accounts, by men wearing rosettes of Solidarity.

One of the journalists beaten was Anton Harber, the Rand Daily Mail's political reporter.

Mr Harber, who had to be treated medically, wrote shortly afterwards: “Police warned the crowd through a loudhailer to disperse and immediately baton-charged. The crowd was given no op-
Election voting list outdated, claims Rand attorney

'Only 18pc of coloured voted'

Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Only 18 percent of the coloured population voted in last week's elections and not the reported 30 percent, according to a Johannesburg attorney.

Mrs Priscilla Jana was speaking at a meeting in the University of the Witwatersrand's Great Hall which examined the new constitution and the recent detentions of United Democratic Front members and students during the elections.

"The voting list was outdated and we know that only 60 percent of the population were registered as voters — which means that only 18 percent voted," Mrs Jana said.

"Contempt"

Addressing about 400 students, Mrs Jana said the low poll indicated that the coloured community had rejected the constitution "with the contempt it deserved."

Students applauded when she said: "I would like to tell Mr P W Botha that one does not have to be politically aware or linked to Moscow, or the African National Congress, to reject this corrupt, fraudulent constitution."

Mr Tjoe Moseneke, president of the Azanian Students' Organisation, said the Indian people would be more opposed to the "so-called constitution" than the coloureds.

"The poll will probably be as low as 15 percent in the Indian elections."

Mr Moseneke said the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, did not know what constituted a revolution.

"Our people are still peaceful and well prepared to picket, but they are losing confidence in these methods especially after Mr le Grange has thrown them in jail because he says they are causing a revolution — the revolution is still to come," he warned.
Election protest empties schools

By MARTINE BARKER
Education Reporter.

STUDENTS and high school pupils around the country stayed away from classes and lectures again yesterday in protest against the tri-cameral parliamentary elections.

Over the past two weeks, students and pupils at schools and tertiary institutions have been boycotting classes, participating in "alternative programs" or staying away from classes altogether.

While a spokesman for the Directorate of Coloured Education said there appeared to be a 60 percent attendance of pupils at schools falling under the directorate throughout the country yesterday, at universities and other tertiary institutions attendance was much lower.

Of the 11 colleges falling under the directorate, only three were functioning normally yesterday.

At the University of Cape Town, about 2,500 students from UCT, the University of the Western Cape, the Zonnebloem, Hewat and Wesley Teacher-Training Colleges held a joint rally yesterday morning to express their rejection of the new constitution.

The meeting, which was also attended by representatives of some secondary schools, unanimously passed a resolution expressing determination to fight the new deal and to refuse to be conscripted into the army "to defend the system of exploitation and oppression."

At Indian high schools yesterday, many pupils boycotted classes in protest at the elections.

40 percent stay away from classes

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Pupils at Indian and coloured schools across the country boycotted classes yesterday in protest against the elections for the House of Delegates.

The Indian Directorate of Education has decided not to take any action against pupils at Indian schools in Lenasia and Fordsburg who boycotted classes yesterday.

However, the suspension of Indian pupils who boycotted classes before yesterday still stands.

Yesterday there was an average 60 percent attendance at most coloured secondary schools in the country and the 11 coloured teachers' training colleges.

However, at the C.J. Botha Secondary School in Bosmont the entire pupil body stayed away.

On August 22 when elections for the House of Representatives took place, 90 percent of coloured pupils stayed away from school.

Lectures were boycotted yesterday at Vista University, the Medical University of South Africa and the University of Transkei.

About 200 pupils at Uitenhage Secondary School, near Port Elizabeth, staged a mock funeral with a cardboard coffin bearing the image of the head of the Rev Alan Hendrickse, leader of the Labour Party.
Brigadier tells students how to stop clashes

Crime Reporter

CLASHES between students and police were to be regretted and could easily be avoided if each group respected the other’s position, Brigadier G.J. Odendal, Divisional Commissioner of Police for the Western Cape, said yesterday.

In a statement released following Monday’s police action when rubber bullets were fired at demonstrating students at the University of the Western Cape, Brigadier Odendal said the police had consistently respected the freedom allowed to students on the campuses.

“I say this without the slightest fear of contradiction,” he said.

However, he said students did not seem to understand that the function of the police was to maintain law and order and that any action on their part, which constituted an offence, was bound to bring them into conflict with the police.

“Any would expect of students as the future leaders in our communities to at least have an elementary knowledge of and respect for the law.

“They ought to know that provocative demonstrations such as have taken place during the present elections where their declared aim was to intimidate, frighten and demoralize the coloured and Indian electorate, are not within the limits of the law and therefore cannot be tolerated.”

The brigadier said he had personally monitored every police action during the elections and was “completely satisfied” that the police had not only acted within their powers, but had done so “with great restraint”.

“We have gone out of our way to defuse the whole situation,” Brigadier Odendal said.

He reiterated that the police were completely impartial as far as politics are concerned.

“We have not influenced one single person either to vote or to abstain from voting. However, when the law is transgressed we have a job to do and the public expect it of us to do this job to the best of our ability,” he said.

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Cops and mobs in violent clashes. SAM MABE and SELLO RABOTHA

The Guards, London's most famous regiments.

Whipping: A cop lays into a demonstrators.

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TEARSMOKE firing and sjambokkings by police and stone-throwing by anti-election demonstrators were the order of the day in Lenasia where there was a virtual boycott of the elections yesterday.

At one stage, police were forced to run for their lives by an angry mob of about 300 stone-throwers opposite the Lenasia Civic Centre.

The policemen, about 20 of them, had smashed windows of a parked kombi with about 15 passengers inside. The passengers were then dragged out one by one and subjected to a thorough beating with sjamboks.

The passengers had been sitting in the kombi and had not been participating in the demonstrations, which took place about 300 metres away from where they had been.

The angry mob, which had earlier scattered in different directions when police approached them, was incensed and seemed to have gathered steam at the sight of the indiscriminate attacks on occupants of the kombi.

Stones

As if pre-arranged, they suddenly charged at the police who wasted no time in running for cover with hundreds of stones raining on their backs.

Party officials were also very active in assaulting demonstrators and one reporter, Mr Gary van Staden, was beaten by over 10 policemen with sjamboks.

Shortly after the sjambok attack, he was floored with a right-hand punch by a man wearing the green-and-white rosette of the National People's Party.

Earlier reporter, Miss Jo-Anne Collinge, was thrown to the ground by some party supporters and her camera smashed in the street.

Meanwhile, Lenasia residents seemed to have heeded the election boycott call, and by midday only 120 people had cast their votes in all three Lenasia constituencies.

Shortly after midday, three plain-clothed policemen singled out a grey-haired old man from among a crowd of over 300 demonstrators who were shouting slogans.

The crowd fled as the police approached and after a short chase, they got hold of the old man and dragged him by his feet across the road to where they had parked their vehicles.

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Manikkam becomes an MP

Staff Reporter

THE Rev Edward Manikkam of the Solidarity Party won the Rylands seat in yesterday's House of Delegates elections. Of the 550 votes cast only 96 votes were cast by ballot, the other 454 votes were special votes.

The percentage poll was 13.4 percent. Mr Manikkam who received 319 votes, won by a margin of 216.

The man who polled the second highest number of votes (126), Mr Hassan Osman of the National People's Party had withdrawn from the contest for health reasons. While he was no longer a candidate, he still received 126 votes.

This figure was higher than the number cast for the only remaining candidate, Mr Abdul Haq Mahomed, an independent, who received 103 votes.

Another independent candidate, Mr Abdul Gaffoor Ebrahim, who also withdrew from the elections earlier this week, received two votes.

Mr Manikkam said last night he considered he had a mandate.

"For those who boycotted, I also want to serve you. My door is open to all, irrespective of race, colour and creed. I will not throw stones at you."

Mr Manikkam's home was stoned twice during the past two weeks.

All Peninsula polling booths were almost deserted yesterday. At no polling station were more than 100 votes cast. Most votes cast were special votes.

At the Woodstock polling booth for the Northwestern Cape constituency, only three votes were cast. At the Cravenby polling station 54 votes were cast and in Kimberley 137 were cast.

This constituency includes Kimberley, Mafeking and Vryburg.

The result in this constituency will be announced today.

One of the many police vehicles parked outside the Durban Bay polling station for yesterday's election for the House of Delegates. There was a strong police presence at all the polling stations but no reports of violence were received. Five youths were arrested on charges of alleged intimidation in the Chatsworth area.
Alliances will be considered

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

The Progressive Federal Party will consider forging alliances both with new parties entering the tripartite parliament as well as extra-parliamentary groups once the new constitution is implemented, according to the leader of the Opposition, Dr Van Zyl Slabbert.

Dr Slabbert said in an interview that the low poll in the elections was evidence that "substantial support among coloureds and Indians will lie outside of parliament". He said it was "absolutely ridiculous" for the government to suggest that groups unwilling to support the new dispensation should be punished.

"Personalities"

PPP collaboration with political groups outside of parliament would depend on particular circumstances. Possible PPP collaboration with the Labour Party would depend on the actions and attitudes of the party once the tripartite parliament got underway.

The Labour Party appeared to represent personalities more than clearly-defined policies, "but once the party's profile crystallizes, we will be able to judge if alliances are feasible."

Asked if the PPP could identify itself with the Rev Allan Hendrikse's threat to "deal with the UDF" once it got into power, Dr Slabbert said:

"The PPP cannot support the denial of any group's right to express their opinions."

Earlier Dr Slabbert had said that it would be improper for the PPP to prescribe to the Labour Party how it should behave under the new system, but said "there is no reason why the PPP should not co-operate with the Labour Party."

"More sensible"

Dr Slabbert said that while it would be wrong to assume that all those who failed to vote in the elections supported the UDF, it was clear that the organization enjoyed substantial backing. The low poll had shown that a referendum "would have been a more sensible approach."

The government's failure to consult the groups affected by the new constitution beforehand, and then expecting endorsement for the system, was putting the cart before the horse, he said.
MP's offer to join party in exchange for top post

By Nqoqo Bissetty

ONE of the leading independents in the House of Delegates, Mr Kassie Ramuthu, said last night he would join either of the two parties fighting for control of the House if they made him Minister of Education.

His offer came at the height of a battle being fought behind the scenes to try to persuade not only the four independent MPs to take sides, but also to talk established party members into crossing the floor even before the House opens its first session.

A gift of a luxury car and large amounts of cash are said to be on offer by third parties acting on behalf of the National People's Party and Solidarity.

But the leaders of these parties, Mr Amichand Rajivraj and Mr J N Reddy, have both denied that their workers were involved in the MP 'suction' situation.

Majority

Mr Ramuthu said last night that the NPP and Solidarity had approached him to join them and he wanted the education ministry in exchange for his pledge of support.

He pointed out that he was an arts graduate of the University of South Africa, had considerable experience in education and felt competent to handle such a post.

He had taught for nearly 30 years in primary and secondary schools, had served as a lecturer at the Springfield College of Education and was principal of both primary and secondary schools before his retirement.

The NPP has a single-seat majority over Solidarity in the new House.

Mr Rajivraj and Dr D S Rajah, chairman of Solidarity's membership committee, confirmed last night they had heard of offers being made, but denied their parties were involved.

Both appeared confident their respective parties would gain sufficient ' muscle ' to control the 30-member Parliamentary chamber.

Topped

The NPP — its sole control of the South African Indian Council ended on September 3 with the SAIC's demise — last night still held on to its one-seat lead over Solidarity.

However, there are strong indications the NPP could be topped next few days from its precarious position of control.

Several MPs who have been approached to cross the floor are believed to have demanded nominated seats for their friends as a reward.

The NPP still needs at least three more seats to gain a working majority and is counting heavily on at least one of the independents, Mr P C Nadarajah, who won the Aalindale seat to join.

Solidarity needs at least four seats for effective control.

According to an MP who asked not to be identified, at least one new Mercedes-Benz tops the list of the gifts.

Approached

While the four independents who won seats in this week's elections are the prime targets for incentives, it is also known some party MPs have been offered inducements to cross the floor.

Mr Narayen Jamuna, wealthy NPP MP for North Coast, confirmed he had been approached to join Solidarity and was considering his position. He emphasised no gift
Poll 'mandate' challenged

Political Correspondent

A NUMBER of anti-election groups have challenged claims by govern-
ment spokesmen that the low polls achieved during the coloured and
Indian elections constitute a mandate to go ahead with the new con-
stitution.

'Dismal'

A statement released by Dr Farouk Meer on behalf of the Natal Indian
Congress executive said the "dismal showing" of the candidates at the
polls "confirms our charges that those who participated have no
mandate from the Indian people to speak on our behalf - and according-
ly they should resign".

A long list of excuses for the failure to attract significant numbers of
voters had been given by the state, by candidates and by professional com-
mentators, but none of these held water, the statement said.

"The Indian community has been through a major political catharsis
and is acutely conscious of the fraudulent nature of the constitution," it
said.

Sapa reports that the United Democratic Front has called the low
turnout a rejection of the Prime Minister's reform plans and a victory for
the unity of the coloured and Indian communities.

In a post-election statement, the UDF said:

"The government and its surrogates have suffered a humiliating defeat at
the hands of the democratic movement."

Eighty-three percent of potential Indian and coloured voters had not
voted. Of more than two million adults, only 350 000 voted.

'Unity'

"Above all, the stayaway is a demonstration of the popular sup-
port enjoyed by the UDF. For from achieving its objective of dividing our
people, the new constitution has served to build a phenomenal unity."

The UDF, which has almost 500 affiliate organizations, said its gains in
the elections were scored against the back-
ground of "intensifying
police violence and re-
pression of the UDF and
its affiliates".

Sapa reports the
executive committee of
the South African Coun-
cil of Churches as saying
that the low polls showed
"indisputably their re-
jection by both commu-
nities concerned".

The unrest during the
elections should be rec-
ognized by the State as
indicating a "wide and
deep-seated dissatisfaction
with the present or-
dering of society and that
which is proposed in
terms of the new con-
sitution."

Sapa-Reuters reports
from Lusaka that the
African National Con-
gress said yesterday that
the low turnouts sig-
nalled an outright victo-
ry for opponents of apart-
heid.
5 held after intimidation complaint

Mercury Reporter

FIVE youths were arrested by police in Chatsworth yesterday following complaints by voters of intimidation.

Vote fraud claims to go to court

Mercury Reporter

ONE of the top parties contesting yesterday's House of Delegates election is to apply to the Supreme Court to have set aside the special votes cast in the Durban constituency of Springfield.

Mr Arulchand Rajbansi, leader of the National People's Party, claimed there were irregularities in the special votes procedure, and he said he was shocked by their extent.

The Natal Indian Congress, which urged a boycott of the elections, has also claimed the special votes system has been widely abused.

Agents

It says it will apply to the Supreme Court to have the special votes set aside, or all the special votes.

Mr Rajbansi claimed that irregularities by Government officials had virtually made them Solidarity Party agents.

Meanwhile, the NIC, with its sister organisation, the Transvaal Indian Congress, has collected more than 100 affidavits from voters alleging irregularities – 70 of these from the East Rand constituency of Actonville.

No proof

Mr Pat Poovlingham, chairman of Solidarity, said he also had reports of irregularities in voting procedures, but he had no proof.

The chairman of the United Committee for Concern, Mr Virgile Bonhomme, said the UCC had also collected affidavits dealing with irregularities in the special votes procedure for the coloured House of Representatives election last week.

It also intended to have the special votes cast in that election set aside.

Police spokesman Maj Piet Meiring said the youths would appear in the Chatsworth Magistrate's Court today.

He also confirmed that a candidate had lodged a complaint of damage to election posters.

A van displaying 'don't vote' stickers was stopped by police at Mogeni Heights and the driver was instructed to remove the posters.

Several candidates claimed that their supporters were physically prevented by anti-election campaigners from picking up voters.

Mr J N Reddy, leader of Solidarity, said he had laid a complaint with the police after one his cars carrying voters had been stopped and its posters ripped off.

He claimed that 'groups of whites' and Natal Indian Congress supporters called on residents in Silverglen, urging them not to vote.

Radios

He said some of the anti-election campaigners, who assembled in front of the polling station in the Glenview constituency, had been equipped with two-way radios.

National People’s Party leader Amichand Rajbansi said his canvassers had been subjected to intimidation when they went out to fetch voters after being called.

Reports of voter intimidation were also made by both NPP and Solidarity candidates in the Morebank constituency.

"Mr Kedu Laloo, the NPP candidate, said that when he went to a house in Rawalpindi Road to pick up a voter, six youths had stood in front of the house and had shouted 'don't vote'. He had to leave without the voter and had informed the police, he said.

Mr Laloo said anti-election campaigners paraded in cars, displaying 'don't vote' stickers while others stood in front of polling stations monitoring the election."
JOHANNESBURG, - This is the official police version - given to the Rand Daily Mail last night by SAP headquarters in Pretoria - of the violent clashes in South Africa during yesterday's election for the House of Delegates.

All but two of the scores of clashes between police and protesters occurred on the Witwatersrand, according to the police records.

The full police record reads:

- 8:45am. About 1,500 black scholars march to the Potchefstroom polling booth. The SAP disperse them and they gather at Ilageng Primary School.
- 9am. Port Natal reports situation quiet.
- 9:30am. Protesters gather at a polling booth in Atakwini, East Rand.
- 8:30-10am. Four windows broken by stones at Chloorkop School in Ilageng. Potchefstroom. Scholars dispersed with teargas and sjamboks.
- 9am. Three Indian men and two Indian women arrested as a result of protest at the Fordsburg election booth.
- 10am. At the Forte High School in Dobsonville, Soweto, about 200 scholars stone a bus. Teargas used to disperse them.
- 11am. About 200 scholars protest at the Park Primary School in Lenasia. Two arrests are made.
- 11:30am. About 500 scholars throw stones at the SAP and private vehicles at the Seana Marenas and Jabulani high schools. An SAP vehicle is slightly damaged. Teargas used to disperse crowd.
- 11:45am. Sergeant E P Piens, travelling to Lenasia SAP, stopped by protesters. His vehicle is turned over and stoned. He is seriously injured and taken to hospital in an unconscious state.
- 12:05am. In Pimville, Soweto, a private house is set on fire and extensively damaged.
- 12:15pm. Several schools are closed in Katlehong, Germiston. At Leduthukuthula High School, about 120 pupils gather and march to the police station.
- 12:15pm. About 200 people throw stones at police at Lenasia Hotel. Samboks are used to disperse them.
- 12:30pm. A group of about 100 protesters gather at Lenasia Motor. Stones and petrol bomb are hurled at police. Rubber bullets and teargas are used to disperse them.
- 12:30pm. A group of 50 protesters dispersed with teargas and sjamboks at Progress High School, Pimville. Five men run into a private home and emerge when a teargas canister is thrown inside. The ring-leader is arrested.
- 2:30pm. Three protesters arrested at Fordsburg polling booth.
- 3:15pm. About 100 protesters with placards gather near Randum's polling booth. They are requested to disperse and do so at 4:30pm.
- 3:15pm. About 200 Indian adults and youths protest and shout slogans at Lenasia Hotel. Police disperse them with sjamboks.
- 4:15pm. About 100 Indians and all races return to protest at the hotel. They stone members of the SAP before being dispersed with sjamboks.
- 4:30pm. Fifty protesters stone police at the Union Trade Company, Lenasia. One SAP member slightly injured.
- 4:30pm. About 200 people throw stones at police at Lenasia Hotel. Samboks are used to disperse them.
- 5:30pm. The SAP fires four rubber bullets at a group of 200 stone-throwing youths at Lenasia. One man is injured and is taken away by friends. His condition is unknown.
- 5:30pm. About 200 Indian youths assemble outside Lenasia Motor. Four petrol bombs are thrown at police in the street and, as an unidentified car drives past, three shots are fired - also at police.
- 7:30pm. A petrol bomb is thrown at police in Lenasia. It misses them but a private vehicle catches fire. Police extinguish the blaze.
- 7:45pm. About 300 protesters gather at Lenasia Motor. Stones and petrol bomb are hurled at police. Rubber bullets and teargas are used to disperse them.
- 7:45pm. A group of 100 protesters gather at Lenasia Motor. They stone policemen. A few police vehicles are damaged. The crowd is dispersed with teargas.
- 8:45pm. Rubber bullets are fired at between 30 and 60 men stoning police in Lenasia.
- 8:45pm. In East London, 60 Rhodes University students are dispersed by police during a protest outside an Indian high school.
- 9:15pm. Rubber bullets are used to disperse about 300 protesters throwing stones at police in Lenasia.
- 9:30pm. At the Atakwini polling booth, about 600 protesters gather. Police are stoned, one member is injured and taken to hospital. Rubber bullets and teargas are used to disperse the crowd.
- 9:30pm. Petrol is poured in a classroom at the J Keke High School in Mamelodi, Pretoria, and a slight fire by arsonists. One classroom is slightly damaged.
Party workers cast votes in Rylands

Staff Reporter

A HANDFUL of election helpers were the only people to vote early this morning in the Cape-Town constituency of Rylands in the Indian parliamentary elections.

But before any ballot had been cast this morning, the percentage poll stood at 10%, as 454 of the 4,150 registered voters in Rylands had already cast special votes.

During the first two hours of polling, fewer than 10 people had voted at the polling station in the Athlone Civic Centre and, as far as could be ascertained, all were workers for one or other of the candidates.

POLICE PRESENCE

One candidate, Mr Abdool Mohamed, an independent, said he had voted.

The only other candidate still active in the Rylands election is the Rev. Edward Man-kitman, a member of Solidarity, who is favoured to win.

Two other candidates, Mr Hassan Osman and Mr Abdul Ebrahim, have withdrawn from the election although their names appear on the ballot.

Police maintained a strong presence.

(Report by D. Miller, 112 St. George's Street, Cape Town)
MP hopping mad — whites won’t open hall for coloured debs’ ball

By KEN VERNON
Argus Bureau
PORT ELIZABETH. — The first debutantes’ ball for coloured people in the tiny Karoo town of Pearston may have to be cancelled because the white town council will not let them use the town hall.

And the council is standing by an apartheid decision taken “years ago”.

The refusal has the newly elected coloured MP hopping mad.

“It’s just that they have their own very good facilities over there and we don’t see why we should have to give up our only hall. This is not new. A decision was taken years ago not to let the coloured use the hall, and it reflects the feeling of the whole town.

The coloured have a big new school which cost millions to build. It is far better than the white school and it has a big hall only slightly smaller than the town hall. And they have church halls.

The white people here ask: ‘Why should we give our last little lamb to the farmer with so many sheep?’

“We don’t have a school hall — just two classrooms we can join to form one larger room.”

This was confirmed by a spokesman for the Director of Coloured Education in Port Elizabeth.

“Now I don’t know what we are to do,” said a worried Mr Adams. “We have invited 300 people to the ball.

“This is the first ball we have ever had and it coincides with the 21st anniversary of our school, as well as the opening of some new classrooms.

“There is nowhere else in town that can accommodate 300 people. When the council rejected our request they gave us no reason. They just said No.”

“The whites cannot expect us to hold a ball in a church hall. It isn’t proper and they would not do it themselves.”

Mr Koeberg said that as far as he was concerned the town council decision went against Government policy.”
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New constitution, and its functions

THE implementation of the new Constitution on Monday will be the first major change to South Africa's system of government since 1910. The new system is unique and remarkably complex. In a series of three articles starting today CHRISS FREIMOND, Political Correspondent, examines the 'new deal' and discusses how it is likely to operate.
All quiet on school front as pupils return

By Eugene Saldanha

Classes at Indian and coloured schools throughout the country have returned to normal after two weeks of protest by pupils over the tricameral elections.

Spokesmen said today no incidents had been reported, though the future of Indian pupils who were suspended was still uncertain.

The Director of Indian Education, Mr. Gabriel Krog, is due to make a decision next week.

At the University of Western Cape, classes returned to normal today after a two-week election boycott protest.

An SRC spokesman said a meeting would be held later today to discuss procedures.

Officials of the Cape Department of Education and Training have received reports of sporadic unrest at several schools, though most pupils have returned.

A DET spokesman in Johannesburg said classes in Soweto had returned to normal.

In KwaThema and Tembisa and at Minerva High in Alexandra classes have been suspended indefinitely.

Unions slam elections as Govt’s failure

Labour Reporter

The Indian and coloured elections for the new tricameral parliament have been discounted as a Government failure by independent unions representing about 300,000 workers countrywide.

In a statement released today, the six union bodies said it was ridiculous for the Minister of Internal Affairs to take the results of the recent elections as a mandate to go ahead with the new constitution. “It is time that this racist government realised that apartheid in whatever guise is unacceptable to the majority of workers,” the statement reads.

The real democracy practised in the independent unions showed up the new constitution as a farce, it adds.

Signatories to the statement are the Federation of South African Trade Unions, the Council of Unions of South Africa, the General Workers’ Union, the Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers’ Union, the Food and Canning Workers’ Union and the Cape Town Municipal Workers’ Association.

The unions also reject attempts to pin blame for the low polls on intimidation.

“The government swung the whole power of the state in support of the elections weeks before it mounted a high-powered publicity campaign urging so-called Indians and coloureds to vote.” In addition to this, the Government had set out to harass progressive organisations, culminating in the detentions of more than 100 key activists from these organisations.

The unions have called for the release of those detained.
PM pledges justice for urban blacks

BLOEMFONTEIN — A solution to the constitutional future of South Africa's nine million urban blacks had to be found for the sake of justice in the country, the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, said last night.

He told a packed Bloemfontein City Hall that such a solution had to be found for the sake of constitutional development in the country and in the interests of white South African children.

Since the establishment of the Republic, democracy had been extended so that 10 million people, who had no franchise in 1910, now lived in independent or self-governing states and voted for their own government.

"But we have to admit that there are nine million others outside those states because it is to their benefit to seek work in our industries and on our farms.

"We do not say that they have no right to existence and that is why this government has said it will, in consultation with the leaders of the black states and black cities, try to find a solution.

"Although there were hitches it was known there was movement, Mr Botha said.

There would also have to be an eventual institutionalised grouping of Southern African states co-operating on matters of common concern.

"But for the urban black we have to find a solution.

"We know that our children cannot live here in blood, but can only live here in peace.

"South Africa seeks peace with all the states of Southern Africa on the basis of non-interference.

"Mr Botha said South Africa was a recognised regional power and would not tolerate interference in its internal affairs.

"They can do it from 6 000 miles away, that's in order — but they must not come and do it here or there will be trouble," he warned.

Reasonably powerful countries had better think carefully and keep their distance: "We know better when it comes to dealing with Southern Africa," the Prime Minister said.

Sapa. • See Page 6, World section.
Mwasa hits Govt

THE Media Workers' Association of South Africa has condemned the claim by the Government that intimidation by opponents of the new deal was responsible for the low turnout at the Indian parliamentary elections.

A statement issued in Durban said: "Mwasa condemns the attempts by the Government and its mouthpiece, the SABC, to blame their miserable turnout at the racist elections on intimidation.

"Our members around the country yesterday spoke to candidates in the election and could find no evidence of intimidation by people opposed to the farcical polls.

"The real intimidation and violence were perpetrated by political thugs working for delegates. These political thugs were responsible for the assault on media representatives in Lenasia.

Children

"Further intimidation came from those forces which attacked school children and old people.

"Our people have shown in no uncertain terms in the bantustan elections, the community council elections and now the Indian and coloured elections that they totally reject attempts to co-opt them into the racist plans of the apartheid regime.

"Mwasa pledges its solidarity with the people once again.

"The Government, the SABC and sections of the established media which tried to persuade our people should stop hoodwinking the people by making excuses for the massive rejection of the so-called new deal."

— Sapa.
ACTION AT THE POLLS

TEARSMOKE: One of the policemen who were in attendance at Lenasia on Tuesday, firing tearsmoke into a group of anti-election demonstrators.

DISPERSE: The order that demonstrators should disperse within three minutes had hardly died down when sjambok wielding policemen jumped into action and waded into them, in Lenasia on Tuesday.

ATTACK: A group of policemen took to their heels when a stone-throwing anti-election group retaliated and pelted them with stones.

SLOGANS: Part of the more than 500 group of demonstrators chanting slogans in Lenasia on Tuesday afternoon.
COLLAPSED: One of the anti-election demonstrators in Lenasia collapsed after being affected by too much tear smoke.
The four who hold the key

ORMANDE POLLOK
Political Correspondent

FOUR independent MPs and the single representative of the minority Progressive Independent Party, hold the balance of power in the new Indian House of Delegates after the two major parties emerged from Tuesday’s low-poll election with only one seat separating them.

Mr Amichand Rjabanshi’s National People’s Party took 18 of the 40 elected seats and Mr R.J. Reddy’s Solidarity 17 from a poll of only 20.2 percent.

It is understood that both major parties started making plans to secure the support of the independents shortly after the final results were known.

Success in this direction could affect the chances of either Mr Rjabanshi or Mr Reddy being elected to the Cabinet as well as who will appoint the Council of Ministers in the House of Delegates.

It could also affect the appointment of three indirectly elected MPs and two who are to be nominated by the new State President.

One of the independents, Mr P. De Roon, who won Alandale, has already said he will join the NPP and there was speculation yesterday that another two could follow him, which would give Mr Rjabanshi an overall majority of two.

Confirmed

Another former headmaster Mr K. Randuth, confirmed he had been approached by the NPP and Solidarity to join them, but said he needed more time to decide, Nkognor Bissette reported.

An independent who won the Actonville seat in the Transvaal, lawyer Mr A. E. Lambart, left yesterday on a fortnight’s overseas trip, starting with a pilgrimage to Mecca.

Twenty-six were held in the Port Natal Division, all on intimidation charges. Several have already appeared in court.

Police said they had received numerous complaints of intimidation on election day, many from women who had been alone at home.

He fought the elections on an independent Labour Party ticket, and his friends said he would not change party allegiance.

Mr Rjabanshi said his party was going into the new House confident it would produce results.

‘I know I can count on the independents to support me,’ he said.

Mr Randuth said he was ‘honour bound’ to discuss requests made by the parties with his election committee.

Leader of the Opposition, Dr F. van Zyl Slabbert, said the result confirmed the trend set in the coloured election.

‘A very heavy responsibility rests on those who participate in the new Parliament and particularly on the Government to demonstrate in concrete terms that the new constitution can be an effective instrument of reform.’

Police arrested 52 people throughout the country in connection with incidents during the election.
The breakdown

Police Violence
Govt’s explanation of low poll questioned

Staff Reporter

STATISTICS released by a University of Cape Town research institute this week questioned the government’s explanation of the low percentage poll in last week’s House of Representatives elections.

Earlier this week, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said low percentage polls were characteristic of “developing communities”.

Doubt

However, statistics released by the South African Labour and Development Research Institute (Saldru), show that the percentage polls in the elections held last week were lower than those in the first Coloured Representative Council (CRC) in 1989 and then in 1976.

"The statistics throw in doubt all the explanations by the state in explanation of the low poll," Saldru researcher Mr Ebrahim Patel said.

"There is also a conspicuous absence on behalf of the state to concede that political factors had a role in keeping people away from the polls."

The government’s explanation based on the "lack of democratic traditions" among coloured people as a factor for the low polls led to the untenable conclusion that coloured people had become a developing community, Mr Patel said.

In 1989 the national percentage poll was 48.1 percent of registered voters, compared to 50.1 percent in 1984.

In the Cape Peninsula, the turnout in 1984 dropped by 30.4 percent — from a 73.7 percent in 1989 to 43.3 percent in 1984.

Sharp contrast

The percentage poll in the Free State, which had a strong rural base, had dropped by 22 percent compared to the 1989 elections.

Saldru statistics showed that in the House of Representatives elections only 1.25 percent of the constituencies had a 60 percent poll turnout.

This contrasted sharply with the 1969 and 1976 CRC elections, when a 60 percent poll was achieved in 42 and 55 percent of all the contested constituencies respectively.

Other factors forwarded by the government for the low percentage poll were ignorance, apathy, lack of party strength and intimidation from the anti-constitution lobby.

"It is not tenable to say that the coloured population have become more ignorant than they were 15 years ago with the development of education in terms of increased literacy and school enrolment figures," Mr Patel said.

Apathy was a convenient scapegoat but scientifically a vague explanation, he said.

The argument of lack of party strength was also not valid.

Whereas this could be true of some of the smaller and newly-found parties which participated in last week’s elections, the stronger Labour Party which romped home with a large majority of seats was established 15 years ago.

The LP had on its own admission grown larger than it was then in terms of both number and spread.

Intimidation

Media coverage was unable to report substantial evidence of intimidation, Mr Patel said.

Intimidation was an urban phenomenon and rural polls had also shown less enthusiasm than before. Only one rural constituency, Ruste-
vaal in the Transvaal, had a 60 percent-plus poll.

Low poll and violence feature in UK media

From STANLEY UYS

LONDON.—The low poll in Tuesday’s Indian elections and the violence at polling stations were given prominence in British media coverage yesterday.

Scenes of policemen lashing out with sjamboks at demonstrators were shown on British television on Tuesday night, as they were during the election for the coloured chamber.

The media as well as individuals and organizations interested in South African affairs yesterday said the scenes of violence had created an “appalling” impression and had further diminished the credibility of the new parliament.

The consensus view here in circles that adopt a moderately sympathetic view of South Africa’s race problems is that the new parliament can be salvaged only if the Prime Minister, Mr PW Botha, now starts to make significant apartheid changes.

Business and government circles here are waiting particularly to see whether Mr Botha will respond to the Rev Alan Hendriekse’s appeal to halt the removal of squatters and if he will repeal the Mixed Marriages and Immorality Acts.

The news agency Reuters reported yesterday that South African Indians had “shown their contempt for a new racially segregated parliament by staying away from elections…”.

In the fullest report published here on the violence, the Guardian described how Rand Daily Mail reporter Anton Harber was hit by five sjambok-wielding policemen and how a man wearing a campaign rosette snatched a camera away from a woman journalist and “lifted his sjambok to hit her”.

Meanwhile, Saps-AP reports from Moscow that the Soviet Communist Party daily Pravda yesterday attacked Mr Botha for introducing “asham reforms” in South Africa.

The attack was one of several in recent days in the Soviet media which have criticized the Indian parliamentary elections.
SOLIDARITY!

For democracy hailed as victory
Indian stayaway

Tomorrow (Mon) 10am
Consultation the constitutional key

CHRIS FREIMOND, Political Correspondent

A Bill on "own" affairs will also be introduced by submitting it to the Speaker and will then be deemed to have been read a first time.

The Bill must be accompanied by a certificate signed by the State President certifying that the Bill is an "own" affair of that particular group.

Any amendments to the Bill must also be certified as "own" affairs by the State President.

An "own" affairs Bill will not be dealt with in any way by the other two Houses.

Although the Constitution contains a Schedule of "own" affairs setting out which areas are the exclusive concern of the three Houses, any question as to whether a matter is an "own" affair or not may be decided by the State President.

Before making his decision he may refer the matter to the President's Council for advice.

The State President must consent to all Bills whether "own" or "general" before they can become law.

The Constitution's archi
tects believe open conflict between the Houses will be kept to a minimum because compromise and consensus will be the or
ders of the day in the Cabini
et - where draft legisla
tion will be born - and in the standing committees.

As is the case at present the courts will only have the power to test whether the procedure laid down in leg
ilisation had been carried out before any action in terms of the legislation.

The courts are not em
powered to test the validity or merits of legislation or decisions by legislators.
Trade unions reject claims of mandate

Labour Reporter

A POWERFUL grouping of independent trade unions has described as "ridiculous" a Government claim that the results in the coloured and Indian elections were an "acceptable" mandate to go ahead with the new constitution.

The unions, which represent about 300,000 workers and will form the backbone of the new union federation, said the majority of eligible voters "overwhelmingly rejected the new deal and supported the 'don't vote' call made by independent unions and other progressive organisations."

"We reject any attempts to blame the low poll on intimidation. The Government swung the whole power of the State in support of the elections. Weeks before it mounted a high powered publicity campaign urging so-called coloureds and Indians to vote."

The unions also condemned the "despicable" detention of "over 100 key activists from progressive organisations" and called on the Government to release all those detained.

It was time the "racist Government" realised that apartheid "in whatever guise is unacceptable to the majority of workers."

"In the independent unions, so-called coloured, Indian, African and white workers have seen the benefits of unity and non-racialism. The real democracy practised in our unions shows up the constitution for what it really is -- a farce."

The statement was released by the Food and Canning Workers' Union, the Federation of SA Trade Unions, the General Workers Union, the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Union, the Commercial Catering and Allied Workers' Union and the Council of Unions of SA.
Unions hail low poll in elections

Labour Correspondent

The country's six major emerging trade union groups, which represent more than 300,000 workers, have hailed the low poll in coloured and Indian elections for the new three-chamber Parliament.

They said in a statement yesterday that it was "ridiculous" for the Government to claim the vote was an "acceptable mandate" to go ahead with the new constitution and rejected claims that the low poll was a result of "intimidation".

They also called for the release of detainees held in a police sweep on activists campaigning for an election boycott.

The statement was issued by the seven union groups taking part in efforts to form a new super-federation of emerging unions.

They are: the Federation of SA Trade Unions; Council of Unions of SA; Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association; Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union; Food and Canning Workers' Union and the General Workers' Union.

In their statement, the unions said the low polls showed that "the majority of eligible voters overwhelmingly reject the Government's new deal and support the 'don't vote' call by independent unions and other progressive organisations".

On charges that intimidation had kept voters from the polls, the unions said the Government had "swung the whole power of the State in support of the elections".

It mounted a "high powered publicity campaign" urging potential voters to take part and "set out to harass progressive organisations" - a move the unions said "the despicable detentions of over a hundred key activists".

But these efforts had failed, the unions said.

In emerging unions, "so-called coloured, Indian, African and white workers have seen the benefits of unity and non-racialism."

"The real democracy practised in our unions shows up the constitution for what it really is - a farce."
Solidarity, NPP urged to join forces

By Nagoor Bissetty

SOLIDARITY and the National People's Party were urged by prominent community leader Hajee H E Joosub last night to end their 'bitter struggle' for control of the new Indian House of Delegates and form themselves into a party of national unity.

Emphasising that he had neither accepted nor rejected the tri-cameral Parliament, Mr Joosub said the new House was a reality and it should be used to press for meaningful reforms.

It should not be 'too difficult' for them to get together as there were no 'real' differences in their policies, he said.

They claim they are going into the new deal to fight apartheid, and they should now put aside their personality differences and get on with the job,' he said.

Control of South Africa's first 40-member Indian Parliamentary chamber still hung in the balance last night - with the two parties clashing over conflicting claims of majority support.

Mr Amiehand Rajbansi's NPP won 18 seats in this week's general election and Mr Jayaram J N Reddy's Solidarity took 17 seats. Independents took four seats and the minority Progressive Independent Party won one seat.

Mr Rajbansi insisted last night his party had 21 seats, enough to warrant control.

'I will prove this to the State President,' he said.

The national chairman of Solidarity, Mr Pat Poovalingam, said his party had gained a working majority of 21 members and could afford to be 'choosy' in admitting any new MPs into its fold.

'We are in control,' he said.

It was difficult last night to establish exactly who had joined what party in the continuing battle for position of power.

An Independent, Mr P C Nadesan, had said he would join the NPP, but Mr K Ramuth and Mr R Mohangi, also independents, said last night they had not made up their minds.

And there were no indications that any defections from either of the parties had taken place.
Rave-up in Ravensmead

By Tyrone Seale

THE entry in my diary said: "Thursday, August 16 — Labour Party meeting (members only), Ravensmead Civic Centre, Oom Hansie and Co." But I soon discovered why my friends have always described me as the Master Of The Understatement.

For, my entry said nothing about a gathering of another kind not far away from the Ravensmead Civic Centre, or about a pre-election dress rehearsal for members of the Reaction Unit (formerly Riot Squad).

What my diary didn’t have to say was that the flak was going to fly in this LP constituency named by Johannes "Oom Hansie" Christians, a born-again Christian preacher-politician.

Common knowledge has it that Ravensmead is the only place in the Peninsula where the LP would dare to stage a meeting of relatively great magnitude. The reason being that Ravensmead is said to be the LP’s strongest area in this part of the world.

But that doesn’t make Oom Hansie Christians’ life any easier. In his home suburb, where he has been serving on the management committee for the past two decades, Oom Hansie has to contend with opposition from both fellow collaborators and progressive groups who support a boycott of the elections.

He has been chairman of the management committee for 10 years.

SHOWDOWN

Last Thursday night, Oom Hansie let himself in for a showdown with the progressives when he arranged a meeting in the local civic centre, which is situated in a street named after the man himself.

By 8 pm, all those whom Oom Hansie wanted at the meeting were there, but... they were sharing the seats with some boycotters. All in all, there were about 350 people in the hall.

LP heavies had shut the gates and were carefully "screening" all those who were interested in getting inside.

While Oom Hansie was trying to get the show on the road, as it were, a large crowd of opponents had gathered on the pavements outside, demanding to be let in.

I was forced to join in the assault on the civic centre gates as the crowd pushed in an effort to get the LP men to open it.

PHLEGM

Once inside, taking pictures was a piece of cake, until it turned into a clout of phlegm, thanks, or, no thanks to some bright spark.

Whatever that person’s political beliefs, he should bridle his tongue more carefully in future.

So much for being within spitting distance of an angry crowd.

Meanwhile, the numbers of those on the outside grew as the minutes ticked by. Among them were known and self-confessing supporters of the UDF, Rayso and CAL.

The atmosphere was tense, save for the occasional moment when the spell was broken by a wisecrack from one of the other bystanding bystander who couldn’t make up their minds as to where they belonged in the scheme of things.

Several chants and remarks, ranging from "UDF! UDF! UDF!" to "There’s going to be sh*t here tonight!" and comparing some of the LP officials with a certain lowly regarded animal, emanated from the crowd as they incessantly tried to get into the place.

TYRES

Gradually, the situation became more inflammatory. Someone slashed three tyres on Mr Herandien’s expensive Japanese car. They pasted anti-election posters on other cars.

Section of the crowd was bold enough to remove one of the concrete poles supporting the fence.

"OK, you can go now to call the police," one LP official told a junior, who then disappeared to the caretaker’s office.

At about 8 pm, the special guests arrived, in their neat blue uniforms, brandishing little black rubber batons. They strode towards the defenders and had to put up with funny remarks about their appearances and the job they had come to perform. There were about 50 of them.

"Moet hulle daram goo, jong (I wish they would start stoning now)," one of the cops told his colleague as they were being packed out — five metres apart — by the man in charge.

Several minutes went by, with the crowd jeering the policemen, who were literally, a stone’s throw away.

At 9.15, the commanding officer pointed his loudhailer at the crowd and gave them a summary of the Pretoria Assembly Act in terms of which their gathering was unlawful.

"You have three minutes to disperse!" he told the crowd.

A minute later, he said: "You have two minutes left."

"You too!" someone in the crowd cried.

Two minutes later, the first stone from the crowd landed at the feet of one of the policemen.

A second stone hit the resident police photographer on the shin, leaving him hobbling around in sympathy from his police colleagues and an amused media corps.

At 9.20, The Charge Of The Night Brigade was started as the policemen baton-rushed the screaming crowd which split into hundreds of parts trying to take every possible gap.

MEETING

Several minutes later, the policemen returned to keep watch over the civic centre where Oom Hansie’s meeting was still going strong.

The crowd reassembled on nearby street corners while the policemen waited on the meeting to end.

It was another chapter on the road to consensus politics.

By Tyrone Seale (2518/184 (504A))
A RAVENESMEAD "election pact" failed it's first big test on Thursday night.

There was nothing signed or sealed, you understand. It's just that Labour Party strongman Hansie Christiansen thought he had it all nailed worked out when he offered the area's anti-New Deal people an offer they couldn't refuse: "You stay away from our meetings, and we'll keep clear of yours."

"And they agreed to it," he swore.

But Hansie showed he is still a lightweight in the hurry-burry world of politics. After all, had he read the latest trends properly he would have known that people are attracted to Labour Party meetings like flies are attracted to the little heaps the cow leaves on the field.

And so it was that hundreds of anti-New Deal people came along to disrupt a Labour Party members only meeting.

"Aaah," said Oom Hansie as he spoke about broken gates and police intervention, "maar die politiek is daren 'n waaispel."

Most of the Labour man's ire was aimed at a local activist called Trevor Wentzel.

"I know him well," said Oom Hansie, "and we get on fine — although I disagree with his politics."

"I've even given him a lift sometimes when I've seen him walking. For him to do this to me..."

"But I'm not a hangbroek. I'll take on these people anytime!"

Oom Hansie also aimed a hefty swipe at his independent opponent, Mr GP Blouws.

"I want to warn him to stop spreading scandal stories about me," said the man who boasted about "certain victory" in the constituency.

"My opponent is telling people that I have said that I won't give houses to anyone who doesn't vote for me. Now that is lies. I intend seeing to the needs of everyone in the constituency."

"And who is this Blouws’ anyway? When he was a Boer se gathond."

"Who is the gathond now?"

Mr Christians expects an 80 percent poll in Ravensesmead — if there is no intimidation.

"With intimidation, about 30 percent will cast their votes," he predicted.

The clearly agitated caller blurted out: "Meneer, ons soek u raad."

She explained she was a campaign worker in the Matroosfontein constituency for a Reformed Freedom Party candidate called Jonkers.

Mr Jonkers' Labour Party opponent, a nasty man called Sass was taking away voting cards from Freedom Party supporters and telling them to vote Labour.

"Dis ons diefstal is dit nie meneer?"

"Jo, jo," I replied.

"Ek het so gedink en ek het meneer Jonkers gese ek sal die Herald vra wat ons moet doen."

She explained that Mr Jonkers was a very soft man (freely translated), and I told her to call the Reaction Unit.

(News by D Oakley of 112 St George's Street, Cape Town.)

The things they say!
ORNANDE POLLOK
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN—Today's coloured elections, the first of the new constitution, have been ushered in by a pre-dawn round-up of anti-election leaders, school boycott action and predictions of an extremely low poll.

Allegations of clashes between police and demonstrators outside the Durban City Hall were flatly denied by the police yesterday.

With the 206 candidates competing for 80 seats in the House of Representatives making their final preparations for today's polling, police spokesman Col Leon Mollett hinted last night that there could be more detentions in what he described as 'an intensive and ongoing investigation'.

Anti-election factions have declared their intention of keeping voters away from the polls to destroy the credibility of the new constitution and the parties fighting the election.

Already about 3 percent of Natal's 34,000 registered coloured voters have cast special votes.

Chief Cataha Buhlelezi urged coloureds and Indians to boycott the elections when he addressed a meeting of about 2,500 at Durban City Hall.

But the leaders of the two main parties taking part, the Rev Alan Hendrickse of the Labour Party and Mr F. Peter Marais of the People's Congress Party, have condemned boycotters and called on their followers not to be intimidated.

Most political observers believe Labour will emerge with an overwhelming majority. It is the only party fighting all 80 seats.

However, Mr Marais said in an interview that Labour was 'for a surprise'.

The Freedom Party of Mr Arthur Booyzen is thought to be the only other party with a chance of winning any seats.

Leading figures

Polling started at 8 a.m. and continues until 9 p.m.

With the expected low poll in many of the constituencies, which have considerably fewer voters than most of the white constituencies, the first results are being predicted for shortly after 10 o'clock tonight, but results in the Natal areas are expected tomorrow.

Col Mollett declined to comment last night on the exact number of detentions, but it is believed that 12 leading figures in the boycott movement, including one of three Presidents of the United Democratic Front. Mr Archie Gumede, of Natal, were picked up in raids on leading figures of the Transvaal and Natal Indian Congresses and of the Release Mandela Committee yesterday.

Officials of the UDF, however, claimed there had been 26 detentions, including several students in Middelburg and Oudtshoorn.

Col Mollett said: 'The South African Police are busy with an intensive and continuing investigation following the detention of several people countrywide.

'The investigations are continuing and until they are finalised no details will be made available.'

Opposition leader Dr F. van Zyl Slabbert said: 'Nothing is calculated to increase the legitimacy of extra-parliamentary opposition more than the detentions of these leaders on the eve of the election.'

Dr Slabbert said he had warned repeatedly that the new constitution had the potential for dividing and polarising communities in South Africa.

'Deans, arrests on eve of polls

One cannot condone intimidation and unfair electoral practices from wherever they may come', he said.

Drastic

But if there are such accusations, let those who are said to perpetrate them be taken to court and charged.

'At a time like this an even-handed approach stands a better chance of creating the necessary atmosphere for an election than drastic action of this nature.'

Yesterday's raids started soon after the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, had warned the boycott movement he knew of its plans to disrupt today's elections and would not tolerate them.

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(Report by O Pollok, 12 Devonshire Place, Durban)
STONED: A picture bus that was stolen by pupils in Seminole yesterday.

THERE were reports of possession of the bus in the Indian Village community. The bus was last seen on Monday, and was reported missing on Tuesday.

The police, who were investigating the incident, are appealing for information from the public. They believe the bus was taken by a group of pupils.

The bus was valued at $10,000 and was reported missing from the Indian Village area.

The police are appealing for anyone with information to come forward.

**SOTNAN REPORTER**

**Away from school**

**Thousands stay away**

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**SOTNAN REPORTER**
Election candidates

FOUR parties nominated candidates yesterday to contest the August 29 election for seats in the coloured House of Representatives. They are the Freedom Party (FP), the Labour Party (LP), the People's Congress Party (PCP), the Reformed Freedom Party (RFP).

The full list of candidates is:

CAPE
Adder
P A C Hendricks (LP)
I Daniels (PCP)
C S Julies (RFP)
Belhair
A E Poole (LP)
P J Potgieter (Independent)
S E Wess (Independent)
Berg River
G M E Carstel (LP)
W E E (Independent)
C D Schoepers (Independent)
Bethelsdorp
W J Elen (LP)
S D Marogno (PCP)
Bishop Livis
N M Isaac (LP)
P J Mola (PCP)
Boesdal
D A Adams (LP)
Y Roode (Independent)
Benthouwad
P C Markie (LP)
H Dopol (PCP)
Bordel
P A S Hoog (LP)
D K Mantell (PCP)
W J George (FP)
Britstown
L D Hollander (LP)
S Malgas (PCP)
Daljosaphat
J Z Swart (LP)
L R Duijff (PCP)
J W Solomons (Independent)
Deyseldorp
J D de Swartepoel (LP)
J Prins (PCP)
Dimant
L C Abrahams (LP)
J Mistel (PCP)
L L Kenny (Independent)
Diaz
E D Buys (LP)
P J Aarts (PCP)
East Cape
R O Reilly (LP)
S J Kember (PCP)
S P J Smith (PCP)
Edlos River
P J Kleinemei (LP)
L D Steyn (PCP)
Esselen Park
J D Johnson (LP)
A Ismail (PCP)
A G Bron (Independent)
Fish River
C Kosberg (LP)
C H Bloch (PCP)
S R Jacobs (FP)
Gelvandale
E S Erasmus (LP)
D Calmeros (PCP)
C S Windvogel (FP)
Ganadeland
N J Padley (LP) unopposed
Griqualand West
E Two (LP)
Bishop D J Kanyle (PCP)
K B Wob (Independent)
Grassy Park
J G van der Hooyer (LP)
Y Diere (PCP)
N A J Booysen (RFP)
Haarlem
C A Groot (LP)
J S le Fleur (PCP)
G D Te (FP)
Hannover Park
E H Lategan (LP)
J Bennett (PCP)
Hautem
J D Kruiger (LP)
L Harben (PCP)
Hewetson
A P Antonescu (LP)
P Carolus (Independent)
C J de Bruin (Independent)
Horwood
A E Van Wyk (FP)
P J van Niekerk (PCP)
Kalahari West
Rev A A Julies (LP)
J Dabies (PCP)
J Smith (FP)
Karoo
Mrs C S M Snyman (LP)
J G Steyns (PCP)
Kassasvlei
Mrs J Venter (LP)
P Cotes (Independent)
C Cupido (PCP)
J R Forre (FP)
Liesbeek
A Stander (LP)
E W Hilliard (PCP)
Macassar
C B Hendriks (LP)
L Henderson (PCP)
S Abels (Independent)
Mamre
A Williams (LP)
A Croute (PCP)
Manenburg
R J Lackey (LP)
J Delport (PCP)
J C Samuels (RFP)
Matroosfontein
V Cass (LP)
A C de Bruyn (PCP)
S J Jonker (FP)
Mid-Karoo
R D Williams (LP)
B Japie (PCP)
D van Staden (Independent)
Mitchells Plain
L J Landers (LP)
J Kennedy (PCP)
Mrs S Carolus (RFP)
North East Cape
L J Jenny (LP)
A E Davids (PCP)
D van Wyk (FP)
Nieuwoudt
S Bass (LP)
P J Rovers (PCP)
Ottery
W B Petersen (LP)
D T de la Cruz (PCP)
Oostenkraal
S J Herweis (LP)
E Maxwel (PCP)
Priel
D M Curry (LP) unopposed
Reenvensmead
J W Christian (LP)
M Jacobs (PCP)
G E Blouw (Independent)
Reverend E Maas (RFP)
Riverdale
Mr P J M L Klink (LP)
D W N Jacobs (Independent)
Roodekrans
W J J Meyer (LP)
S J van den Berg (PCP)
Roodevalle
C Roelf (LP)
G Bulliard (PCP)
T Atlantic (LP)
Silverton
F E Peters (LP)
K Khan (PCP)
South Cape
C H E Brahm (LP)
A D Berdink (PCP)
Springbok
M Friedberg (LP)
O S van Zyl (PCP)
Serenity
J W Tecx (FP)
J M van Breukel (PCP)
Steenkopf
A L Ricks (LP)
A Dillion (Independent)
J J G Potgieter (PCP)
Strandfontein
F D Harris (LP)
Mrs C S Evers (RFP)
A W van Erven (PCP)
Swartland
J C Dosthouse (LP)
A Steyn (PCP)
Table Mountain
M D Andsone (LP)
S Hoosen (PCP)
Upington
C D Swart (LP)
G E le Fleur (PCP)
Vredendal
M P Oosthuysen (LP)
C A M du Plessis (PCP)
Wupperthal
C W van Dyk (LP)
J Buijsse (FP)
S M de Leeuw (Independent)
TRANSAAL
Aria Park
P S Jacobs (LP)
P W Roman (PCP)
L J Sampson (FP)
Boskruin
D N Schoeman (LP)
A P Botes (PCP)
Eersterus
L Dierma (LP)
W Campbell (PCP)
P Du Preez (PCP)
Eerlando Park
D Malan (PCP)
C Jacobs (PCP)
A A Henned (RFP)
K M Alexander (FP)
Klippluit West
J Rees (LP)
D Prins (PCP)
B Anthony (FP)
K S e Stof (FP)
Newdale
G R Pret (LP)
L du Preez (PCP)
P Booysen (FP)
Northern Transvaal
J A J Smith (LP)
A D Beeler (PCP)
C O Lutte (FP)
Reiger Park
J A Rele (LP)
A D Nel (FP)
H E Goddell (FP)
Rust Ter Veld
S C Louw (LP)
S Petersen (FP)
Toekomsrust
I Richards (LP)
A J Cloete (Independent)
A Otten (FP)
ORANGE FREE STATE
Bloemfontein Ooms
M Maphanga (LP)
A A Le Roux (FP)
A D Le Roux (FP)
Welbeda
G G Bloem (FP)
G Beukes (FP)
H C Tuis (Independent)
Eastern Free State
P T Saunders (LP) unopposed
Southern Free State
G L Leuning (LP) unopposed
Western Free State
G Rossouw (LP)
A van der ven (PCP)
J J van Poort (FP)
NATAL
Durban Suburbs
G J Koper (LP)
P M Marais (PCP)
Greenwood Park
C G Young (LP)
A Fynn (PCP)
P Potgieter (Independent)
Natal Interior
E D Dunn (LP)
S Tond (PCP)
Natal Mid-East
M R Lewis (LP)
H Beeler (FP)
M Haysom (Independent)
H Peterson (Independent)
Wentworth
A Adebolas (LP)
M Fynn (PCP)
Landsberg resigns

THE national chairman of the Freedom Party, Mr Russell Landsberg, has resigned, the leader of the Party, Mr Arthur Booyzen, said yesterday. It is speculated that Mr Landsberg will probably join either the Labour Party or the People's Congress Party. (Report by B M Aost, 77 Burt Street, Cape Town.)
Coloured pupils go back to class

Thousands of coloured pupils ended their election protest and streamed back to school today, but many Indian schoolchildren in Johannesburg have maintained their class boycott.

Education sources in Lenasia said five out of six high schools had boycotted classes yesterday and the situation appeared largely unchanged this morning.

The proportion of students involved in today's stayaway was said to be slightly lower, following yesterday's election for the House of Representatives.

Education leaders expect a big school boycott next week for the Indian election.

Coloured schools in the Johannesburg area reported satisfactory attendance this morning.

Coronationville Secondary School principal said attendance was good, while attendance was satisfactory at the C J Botha School in Bosmont, and at Westbury and Kliptown high schools.

A Directorate of Coloured Education spokesman, Mr Noel Eales, said, "Activity at schools and colleges throughout the country is back to normal, except in a few isolated cases."

Yesterday 630,000 coloured youths joined in countrywide class boycotts. Thousands of black schoolchildren also joined in for various reasons including the age limit at schools, corporal punishment and the issue of student representative councils.

A Department of Education and Training spokesman said about 1,200 Soweto school children were boycotting classes.
Poll figures are inflated, claims UDF

By Jo-Anne Collinge

The United Democratic Front has declared the results of the election for the House of Representatives "a massive victory" for the Front, saying official percentage polls are inflated by their failure to include those who are not registered as voters.

It claims that the official estimate of a 50 percent national poll made early this morning should be adjusted to read 17.55 percent.

The UDF has based its calculations on the rate of voting of the total adult population in the 1980 census.

"Despite extensive intimidation our people have refused to be divided or to be hoodwinked. The rejection of the tricameral parliament by the coloured people can only be described as overwhelming," the UDF said.

Its estimate of the percentage poll at Eldorado Park is 11.26 percent of all eligible voters, against the official figure of 30.3 percent of registered voters.

For Bophuthatswana the UDF figure is 15.62 percent, against the official rate of 32 percent.

Nationwide only 58.54 percent of the number of coloured adults enumerated in the 1980 census were registered voters.

"This is the most important single factor to consider when analysing the results," it said.

A spokesman for the Transvaal Indian Congress, the major boycott campaigners for next week's House of Delegates election, said:

"In spite of massive State propaganda and intimidation by the State and the collaborators, the people have rejected the apartheid system in no uncertain terms.

"It should become clear to the rulers that nothing less than full equality and justice will be acceptable to the vast majority of our people."

The UDF's adjusted provincial rates (based on the official estimates released by Minister of Constitutional Affairs Mr Chris Heunis on radio this morning) are:

- Cape — 15.32 percent.
- Free State — 34.6 percent.
- Transvaal — 10.9 percent.
- Natal — 17.2 percent.
152 held as violence erupts during polling

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Firemen battled to get the heavy front door open and had to enter through a window.

In a neighbouring township, a school was fire-bombed and extensive damage caused.

The violence in Eldorado Park erupted suddenly shortly before 6 p.m when demonstrators appeared across the road from the police station. Police immediately moved into action with batons and tear gas. The incident lasted only minutes as demonstrators scattered.

Earlier, a Star car, mistakenly identified by a group of 100 students as a police car, had its windows broken as youths caused reporters and photographers by surprise.

A police station in Eldorado Park was also attacked.

Pupils of the C J Botha High School, who protested earlier before police began arresting them, were later joined by Witwatersrand University students.

In the afternoon, students lined Bosmont's main street carrying anti-election placards. On two occasions police moved in confiscating placards and making arrests.

Most placards read "don't vote" but others had slogans such as "no to a racist republic forward to a people's republic", "if you must deal with us, let's deal as equals".

At one stage, a man clutching a crash helmet taunted police. An overseas TV crew was watching as he successfully resisted arrest. He later appeared on a balcony above the police, a brick in each hand, shouting: "Shoot me."

Some people hurled rocks at police and tear gas was fired in return.

In Soweto, about 350 pupils and students carrying banners denounced the new constitution, marched from Dlamini to the Klipfontein polling station. They were met by a detachment of 'Riot Police', who dispersed them without violence.

One student leader said: "calls for an extended schools' boycott had been made and that students would only return when all detainees were unconditionally released."

In Westbury, police baton-charged protesters several times. At least five people were arrested as crowds gathered to taunt police. They were later released.

In DICTURE near Bicton, police used buckshot, tear gas, rubber bullets and sjamboks to disperse a mob of about 500 stone-throwing pupils. No reports of any injuries or arrests were received.

Students burn flag

Students at the Vista campus in Soweto yesterday burned a flag and replicas of two constitutions, in protest against the Coloured House of Representatives elections yesterday.

The replicas were of the new South African constitution and the students' representative council (SRC) constitution.

The rector of Vista, Soweto, Dr R N Gigaba, refused The Star's news team permission to enter the campus. He declined to comment, but admitted he was aware that students were boycotting classes.
18 Rhodes Students Arrested
Poll too low for mandate — critics

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

THE dismally low Cape Peninsula poll continues to be the major focus of attention and dispute as reaction to the massive stayaway from the coloured election floods in.

While government officials and the pro-participation parties were generally attempting to play down the "credibility crisis" sparked by the low turn-out, critics of the new deal were arguing that the election result does not represent a mandate for the new constitution.

The Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, last night entered the fray with a stinging attack on what he called "demolishers", whom he blamed for the low Peninsula polls.

In a thinly veiled reference to the UDF, Mr Botha said that while these groups had achieved their goal, they had nothing to offer other than revolution and violence.

In a clear expression of disappointment with the level of voter participation, Mr Botha conceded that the results gave rise to mixed feelings, and interpreted the low poll as an indication that a number of coloured people still showed no interest in exercising their political rights.

Earlier yesterday, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Hani, pronounced the level of voter support for the election as "acceptable" and confirmed that the government intended to forge ahead with the "new deal" in spite of the low poll.

However, the steadfast refusal by voters in the 20 constituencies right in the traditional heartland of the coloured people to give proponents of the new deal the mandate they so desperately needed to confer legitimacy on the new deal is clearly not something that can be dismissed.

Only 4.96pc

For compared to the 30 percent national poll, only a 11.1 percent of registered voters in the Peninsula — a dismal 4.96 percent of the eligible voters — were prepared to participate in the new dispensation designed to accommodate their political aspirations.

In numerical terms, this means that only 35 110 of the 564 442 eligible voters in the Peninsula cast their votes on Wednesday.

Not only was the percentage poll of registered voters in the Peninsula lower than in both the discredited Coloured Representative Council elections, but fewer people in absolute numbers participated in Wednesday's election, according to the SA Labour Development Research Unit at the University of Cape Town.

In 1969, 51 823 registered voters participated in the CRC election (25.6 percentage poll), while in 1973, 44 270 voted (24.8 percentage poll). This indicated that there has been a 52.7 percent drop in absolute voting numbers in the Peninsula area in coloured elections since 1969, in spite of a growth in the population of the area.

The UDF, which has been particularly active on the Peninsula, in recent months, said yesterday that the small turnout in the area constituted "an overwhelming victory" for anti-election forces.

The leader of the Progressive Federal Party, Dr Van Zyl Slabbert, indicated that the very low poll would mean that the new Parliament would labour under a credibility problem.

"In some instances in the Cape Peninsula, candidates have become fully fledged members of Parliament in two- or three-cornered fights with less than 10 percent of the registered persons voting," he said.

However, the Rev Alan Hendrickse, whose party garnered a whopping 76 of the 80 seats in the House of Representatives, saw the Peninsula as a less intractible problem once the new deal was implemented.

"Once we are in power and can begin to deliver the goods I see a great change of attitude taking place there (Peninsula)."

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An educational task ahead for coloured leaders
Prime Minister

Staff Reporters

THE Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, said today an educational task rested on the shoulders of responsible coloured leaders in the new dispensation to prepare their people for the democratic exercise of civil rights.

Reacting to the election result for the House of Representatives, he said it had caused mixed feelings among authorities on politics.

In some parts of the country, a spirit of responsibility was shown and people had voted satisfactorily.

In other parts, as the Peninsula, the "demonisers" had had some effect.

NOT INTERESTED

He said it was clear a reasonably high percentage of coloured people were not yet interested in exercising political rights.

The Leader of the Opposition, Dr F van Zyl Slabbert, said the new Parliament would kick off with a credibility problem following the "not very inspiring" results.

He said the low percentage, particularly on the Peninsula, was a combination of apathy, ignorance and genuine rejection of the new system, and intimidation from all sides which heightened fear of participation.

However, this had to be weighed against the sustained propaganda campaign by the Government and its media to inform and encourage coloured voters to go to the polls.

"The overwhelming responsibility to prove that the new constitution is a step in the right direction now lies with the white governing party, which received a 60 percent mandate from the white electorate in the referendum," Dr Slabbert said.

A declaration by 273 academic, administrative and maintenance staff members of the University of the Western Cape have "unequivocally" rejected the new constitution.

The declaration stated that the 42.19 percent representation stipulated by the new constitution was intrinsically undemocratic as it excluded the majority of South Africans and was designed to perpetuate white domination.

And outside Johannesburg, an excited Lenasia crowd of about 5 000 last night cheered United Democratic Front pat-

tron Dr Allan Boesak as he declared that 82 percent of coloured adults had rejected apartheid and declared the present rulers "an illegitimate Government with an illegitimate constitution".

"A very decisive majority made it clear it would not vote for a system that means the continuation of apartheid and all the laws that have nearly cost us our human dignity," he told the final Transvaal Indian Congress campaign meeting.

"The stayaway made it clear that we want a non-racial, open and democratic South Africa with a government elected by and for the people, accountable to the people and responsive to their needs," Dr Boesak said.

GREATER MANDATE

According to the UDF Western Cape publicity secretary, Mr Jonathan de Vries, the party has claimed a greater mandate to continue opposing the constitution than the Labour Party secured to participate in the new deal.

Mr de Vries said yesterday that 56.5 percent of eligible coloured voters had voted.

The UDF's calculations of the proportion of eligible voters was based on research done by Mr Ebrahim Patel of UCT's department of economics. He calculated that 56 percent of potential voters had registered.

The Government's calculation of the proportion of registered voters was about 60 percent.

Mr Andrew Boraine, UDF treasurer, said 11.1 percent of registered voters in the 20 Peninsula seats had cast their votes, and only 4.7 percent of eligible voters. These figures were based on Mr Patel's calculations.

Asked how the UDF would campaign against the constitution after the elections, Mr de Vries said affiliates would operate on the level at which the new deal affects our people: housing and education, for instance.

He added that the UDF would also involve itself more deeply in the problems of the African majority excluded from the new deal.

(Report by T Wentzel and P Green, 19 St George's St, Cape Town and J Collins, 17 Cossar Street, Johannesburg)

Buthelezi lecture off after protest

Staff Reporter

A lecture at the University of Cape Town by Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, Chief-Minister of KwaZulu, was called off last night when about 100 students with placards staged a rowdy demonstration.

The demonstrators used abusive language and also called the Chief a "puppet tyrant".

Chief Buthelezi remained in his five-star hotel suite in the city and was not confronted by the demonstrators.

He was to have given a lecture, An Inkatha View Of Pragmatism In South African Politics, and was due to participate in a panel discussion with Mr Wynand Malan, National Party MP, and Dr Nihato Moliana, chairman of the Soweto Committee of Ten.

"ORCHESTRATED"

The three-day UCT conference, which ended last night, was organised by the Centre for Intergroup Studies at the university.

SAPA reports Chief Gatsha said the disruption was "another orchestrated incident in the dangerous battle" the United Democratic Front was waging against Inkatha.

MADE IT CLEAR

"When the university authorities told me and senior Inkatha officials what was going on my colleagues requested me not to deliver my address."

"They made it clear they would not shrink from defending Inkatha, and that if provoked they would be forced to retaliate as the UDF was clearly trying to exploit the situation to humiliate me and Inkatha."

"The convenor of the seminar, Professor H W van der Merwe, told me he believed the students were in no mood to allow anybody to speak."

Report by A Stoltz, 112 St George's Street, Cape Town and P Nestoff, 657 Mutual Buildings, Harrison Street, Johannesburg.
273 UWC staff reject constitution

A GROUP of 273 members of staff of the University of the Western Cape have signed a declaration "unequivocally" rejecting the new constitution.

The declaration, which was signed by academic as well as administrative and maintenance staff, stated that the 4.2.1.3 representation of the new constitution was intrinsically undemocratic in that it excluded the majority of the population and was designed to perpetuate white domination.

The absolute authority vested in the person of the executive president made a mockery of the concept of democracy. The new deal co-opted coloureds and Indians to implement a constitution that rested on laws that were the "pillars of apartheid".

The staff further rejected the constitution on the grounds that it was an assault on the material position and unity of the working class by "exacerbating rampant inflation".

Staff who signed the declaration were:

Solidarity believes in peaceful change, freedom.
Mr Amichand Rajbansi, the leader of the National People's Party.

PIP aim is to promote Indian immigration

The Progressive Independent Party stands for:

**GENERAL POLICY**
- Defence of country with equal opportunities.
- Joint decision-making to promote interests of the community and country.
- Essential foodstuffs to be subsidised to remain within reach of the lowest-paid worker.
- Sport without Government interference.
- The promotion of Indian immigration.
- The culmination of meaningful changes to be brought about by peaceful negotiation rather than violence.

**POLITICAL POLICY**
- We want a National Convention to discuss the constitutional future of South Africa.
- We want power-sharing without domination or obligation.
- Proportional representation.
- Removal of statutory discrimination.

**SOCIAL POLICY**
- To build economic and sub-economic homes.

Uniform and open national education policy.
- Compulsory free education.
- Equal State pensions for all.
- Access to the protection of the law.

**ECONOMIC POLICY**
- Equal opportunity to share in South Africa's benefits.
- Equal pay for equal work.
- Full participation of business and financial ideas in the free enterprise system.
- Full training and wise manpower utilisation.
- Preferential treatment for South Africans in the employment market.

**THE RULE OF LAW**
- We want a Bill of Rights to protect the individual.

**THE CONSTITUTION**
- The PIP policy documents do not specifically mention the new constitution. However, the party is on record as saying that the constitution is not good enough and that it must be altered to accommodate all. This, says the party, cannot be done overnight but it can be done.

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**NPP priority is to promote racial goodwill**

The National People's Party stands for:

**GENERAL POLICY**

The main objects of the NPP are:
- To promote peace, understanding and goodwill among people of all races of South Africa.
- Freedom of the Press and freedom of expression.
- Unbiased coverage on radio and TV.

**POLITICAL POLICY**

To co-operate with organisations irrespective of race, creed or colour that are striving for democracy by non-violent means.
The elimination of discrimination against any citizen on the grounds of race, sex, religion or language.
The sharing of political power by all citizens with safeguards against domination and oppression.
Removal of institutionalised discrimination.

**SOCIAL POLICY**

Equal and compulsory education for all according to age, aptitude and ability.
Housing at economic standards with home ownership and equal opportunity for all people in all spheres of life.
Minimum basic wages, working conditions at civilised standards, equal pensions and sick benefits.
Repeal of Group Areas Act.
Integration of separate schools, universities and other educational institutions.
To work toward a single education system for all.

**ECONOMIC POLICIES**

Equal pay for equal work.
Equality of opportunity for all citizens in the economy.
Removal of job reservation.
Promote the status of all workers in the country by striving for civilised standards in wages and promotion on the basis of merit.

**THE RULE OF LAW**

No detention without trial.
The right of every individual to the protection of his life, liberty and property and access to the judiciary in defence of his rights.

**ON THE NEW CONSTITUTION**

The NPP manifesto does not mention the new constitution but the party is on record as rejecting it in its present form. The exclusion of blacks is the main reason for this stand.

The Indian newspaper on August 28 urged its supporters to boycott this week's House of Delegates meeting in favor of a CANDIDATE for the Indian Board of Directors. The CANDIDATE SAYS "DON'T VOTE."

(The text is obstructed due to overlay and cannot be fully transcribed.)
Major British papers highlight low SA poll

LONDON - Britain’s major newspapers today highlighted the low percentage poll in the coloured elections in South Africa saying it was a “clear rejection of the new constitution.”

In an editorial under the heading, “A loud crack,” The Times said the coloureds had an opportunity to speak on Wednesday, and “made their meaning clear by their silence.”

It said the significance of the election outcome was the “rejection by the coloured people of Mr Botha’s new constitutional arrangements.”

The Times said “Mr Botha, of ‘We must adapt or die’ fame, has by changing course shattered the unity of the ‘volk,’ which Afrikaners set so much store by.”

“The message (of the coloureds) is clear: The aircraft has crashed, and it is necessary to go back to the drawing board.”

“What Mr Botha does not seem to consider is that the coloureds say No,” says the low turnout in the poll is more significant than the result.

The vast majority of those who felt the new system was worth a try will have voted Labour, but 79 percent of those registered to vote were not moved to go to the polls at all,” it said.

But we may safely attribute the very high abstention rate to a mixture of apathy, fear, and outright opposition to a system which actually entrenches white control.

“The realities of power in South Africa remain the same. Unless, and until, the dominant white minority is ousted, the non-white racial groups can only accept or reject what the whites design to give them.”

“The real message for the ruling whites is clear. Without justice for the ignored Africans there can be no true progress.”

In an editorial headed “Half a step forward,” the conservative Daily Telegraph says that whatever the SA Government may say in public, it cannot publicly be disappointed by the low turn out.

“It appears that most coloureds realise that a constitution without blacks makes no sense. But, it adds, the new arrangement clearly makes peaceful coexistence a little more likely than did the all-white Parliament.”

Labour Party takes 76 out of 80 seats

The Rev Allan Hendrikkerson’s Labour Party had an overwhelming victory in the coloured elections for the House of Representatives, taking 76 of the 80 seats in a 29.5 percentage poll. The UDF put this at under 18 percent.

Of the 1,109,931 people registered to vote, 350,437 voted in polling booths.

Labour nominated 80 candidates, four of them unopposed. The party won 76 seats and was defeated in only three areas.

“The People’s Congress Party nominated 59 candidates, only one of whom won a seat.”

The Freedom Party had 23 of its 23 candidates defeated. The party’s Bonhoom lent drew against the Labour candidate and a by-election will be held there in due course.

All 33 returned Freedom Party candidates lost and of the 33 independents, two succeeded in winning a place in the House of Representatives.

A total of 75 candidates lost their deposits and two party leaders failed to win seats.

The leader of the PNP, Pieter Marais, lost in Bishop Lavis to the Labour candidate, Mr N.M. Isaacs, who had a majority of 735.

Mr Allan Hendrikkerson, the Labour leader, had an easy victory in the Swartkop constituency, gaining a 527 majority over Mr A.W. Typee of the PNP.

PW: mixed feelings over election result

By Sue Leeman, Pretoria Bureau

The coloured elections this week had shown that a “fair percentage” of coloureds were still not interested in exercising their political rights, the Prime Minister, Mr W Botha, said yesterday.

The outcome of the election left anyone who knew politics with mixed feelings, he added.

“In some areas the voters showed a spirit of responsibility and went peacefully to the polls. However, in other areas, disruptive elements had an effect.”

“They people have nothing to offer except revolution and violence. But when action is taken against the ring leaders, cries of protest are raised to the heavens.”

Mr Botha said responsable coloured leaders in the new dispensation would have the important task of “bringing their people to maturity in order to use their democratic rights and fulfill their duty as citizens.”

“South Africa’s salvation does not lie with the shadow politics of revolution and boycott.”

India condemns SA’s new system

NEW DELHI - India yesterday condemned South Africa’s new election system, which gives coloured and non-white people the right to vote, saying it was an affront to non-white communities.

An External Affairs Ministry statement said the reforms were fraudulent and did nothing to challenge apartheid. Prime Minister Mrs Indira Gandhi had urged opposition to the elections, the statement added. - Sapa-Reuters.
Big crowd marks NIC's anniversary

Mercury Reporter

NEARLY as many people as cast votes in Natal in Wednesday's House of Representatives elections attended a rally in Durban that evening organised by the Natal Indian Congress, joint organisers of the campaign to boycott the election.

A huge crowd, estimated at between 5,000 and 8,000 strong, packed the University of Natal Student's Union's central hall and adjacent rooms to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the NIC.

The total number of votes, including spoilt votes, cast in the province on Wednesday was 8,521.

There was a small police presence at the meeting as the multiracial crowd reaffirmed its support for the congress.

INLAND SEATS GO TO LABOUR

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

THE Labour Party made a clean sweep in the vast Natal Mid-East and Natal Interior electoral divisions when counting of votes was completed yesterday.

In Mid-East, Mr Maurice Lewis (Labour) clinched 903 votes, Mr Henry Peterson (independent) 368 and Mr Hugh Baxter (PCP) 129.

There was a Labour Party majority of 466 votes.

Mr Malcolm Hoskins, who withdrew last week after campaigning as an independent, was recorded as having obtained six votes.

The percentage poll in the constituency was 20.4, and there were 3,003 valid papers.

In a two-way fight in Natal Interior, Mr Ernest Dunn (Labour), a farmer at Mangane near Mandeni, won 1,573 votes and his rival, Mr Ernest Bond (PCP), 483, with a Labour majority of 1,090.

There was a percentage poll of 49.5 and 31 spoilt papers.

LOW POLL SEEN AS VICTORY

The low poll in Wednesday's House of Representatives elections was seen as a victory for the United Committee of Concern and United Democratic Front by UCC chairman Virgile Bonhomme.

"But even the low poll is not a true reflection of the rejection of the new constitution because it is based on the number of registered voters who represent only 66 percent of all eligible coloured voters," he said.

FPP Natal leader Mr Ray Swart said the House of Representatives would have only 30 percent credibility.

But NRP's national leader, Mr Vause Raw, felt that in the face of the nationwide campaign against voting, Church and Left-wing pressures, intimidation and violence, the votes should not be minimised.

"We are united in our resolve to have nothing to do with the constitution," he said.

The secretary of the Swaziland wing, Mr Jerry Ekandjo, linked Swapo's struggle with that of the NIC.

"Even if Namibia is free, we and the rest of Africa will not be truly free while there are still South Africans who are oppressed," he said.

He said by voting, the electorate would be sending its sons to fight on the South West African border against the South West African people's struggle.

Three of the scheduled speakers - George Sewpersads, Billy Nair and Faysal Jassim were unable to attend because they had been detained by the police.

Natal PCP to decide on future

Mercury Reporter

THE Natal regional branch of the People's Congress Party, which lost all five seats in the province in the House of Representatives elections, will meet on Sunday to decide its future, regional leader, Mr Morris Fynn, said last night.

"We are not terribly disappointed, taking into account the massive boycott propaganda voters were subjected to," he said.

Sunday's meeting at 10 a.m. at the Palm Springs Hotel in Wentworth.

Mr Albert Stowman, Natal leader of the Labour Party, said the percentage poll was well above predictions made by boycott campaigners.

In addition to widespread intimidation, we were also faced with terrible problems with voters' rolls," he said, adding that four voters who went to the polls on Tuesday faced similar problems.
Call for asbestos

Indian schools boycott

Police stage protest

Local residents demand action

The national asbestos ban is about to expire. However, the state of the environment still poses a threat to public health. The call for asbestos-free schools comes amid growing concerns over the safety of children and the community. Parents and educators are demanding immediate action to ensure a safe learning environment.

Full election

The results of the local election are in. The incumbent candidate has secured a narrow victory, with a margin of just 50 votes. The election was marred by allegations of corruption and irregularities, which have sparked calls for an investigation. The outcome has divided the electorate, with some calling for a recount and others expressing dissatisfaction with the current political climate.

A nationwide referendum

New immigration policies have sparked widespread debate and protests. The proposed changes, which aim to reduce the number of immigrants, have been met with strong opposition. Activists and community leaders have organized rallies and demonstrations to voice their concerns and demand a more inclusive policy.

A countrywide referendum on immigration policies.
Full election results — Page 2

Full election results have been announced, regardless of the size of the poll. Some anti-Constitution groups argued yesterday that the result should be seen as a referendum in which coloureds showed their overwhelming rejection of the Constitution by staying away from the polls.

But Government officials put the low poll down to widespread apathy, a large number of unregistrable registered voters and “intimidation” by anti-election groups.

In Pretoria, the Prime Minister, Mr. P. W. Botha, blamed “demolishers” for the low poll in some areas of the Cape Peninsula.

Also, a fair number of coloureds still showed no interest in exercising their political rights and would have to be taught about democracy by their leaders, he said.

Just over 372,000 coloureds voted in the 76 constituencies which were contested. There were nearly 500,000 coloureds registered as voters in those areas.

The Labour Party won 76 of the 80 seats. One went to the People’s Congress Party, two were won by independents, and in one seat there was a tie and a by-election will be fought.

The total number of registered voters was 911,926 — 65% of the 1,394,048 potential coloured voters shown on the 1979 census.

But this figure is today estimated at 1,350,000 which would bring the number of registered voters down to about 65% and the actual poll in Wednesday’s election to about 18%.

Elections can ‘raise the dead’

By ANTON HABBER
Political Reporter

CANDIDATES in the House of Delegates elections have gone to unusual methods to encourage people to vote ... including resurrecting the dead.

Mr. Krishna Morgan, of Actonville, Benoni, cast a special vote this week because he said he would be in Port Elizabeth on voting day.

However, an investigation by the Transvaal Indian Congress has shown that Mr. Morgan died two years ago. This discovery has added to the suspicions that many special votes have been cast fraudulently.

The TIC has charged that some candidates were encouraging people to give false reasons for needing special votes and using threats and bribes to persuade them to vote.

Sworn statements were collected from people who said they were misled by candidates into casting special votes fraudulently.

This week the TIC served legal demands on the four Actonville candidates, saying they must desist from illegal activities regarding special votes or they would face election action.

The TIC is considering applying for an urgent interdict to stop the alleged abuse of the special votes or they would face election action.

Gang image angers

By DAVID CAPEL

WE have a constitution too — even if it is a NEW one!

This was the claim of two of Johannesburg’s motorcycle clubs yesterday.

Angered by Press reports describing the clubs as “gangs” following the fatal shooting of three members outside a nightclub last Friday night, the Breeds and the Steepchildren aimed to put the record straight.

The Rand Daily Mail was given a copy of the Breeds’ constitution yesterday by club leaders who are concerned that the poor image of motorcycle clubs promoted by the media would discourage the public from donating to the charity they collect money for.

The two clubs collect money for Tape Aids for the Blind and, according to a spokesman for the organisation,