

usual experts with their computers have come up with the projection that at this rate the CP and rightwing Afrikaners would get a majority of 10 in the white parliament if there is an election; and that the whites would vote 55 percent in favour of the CP and its allies in a De Klerk referendum.

COMPROMISE AND CONSENSUS TO BE REACHED

This has very crucial bearing on the negotiations of De Klerk, since he has once again promised that in the referendum scheduled for early 1992 the white vote will be counted separately. This would give the white and rightwing the victory. In such a situation, De Klerk would most likely push his ideas of a compromise much harder and get the ANC and others to accept that whites were entitled to self-determination. As Patrick Laurence, assistant editor of The Star, said in Harare recently, when he and Vincent Maphai and William Breytenbach tried to sell the idea of the CODESA affair: "However, the major players at the conference, the ANC and Mr de Klerk's National Party, realise all too well that they have to reach a consensus as far as possible, on a sufficient and pragmatic consensus."

Well, De Klerk has categorically declared that he and his Nat Party are against any form of majoritarianism and that community interests (read: white minority interests) would have to be taken into full account.

A significant aside: US AID has given the ANC R12,5 million and Inkatha R7 million for their "negotiations" expenses.

STATE'S POLICY OF DECEPTION

Rejecting any participation in the negotiations meetings of 29 November and of 20-21 December 1991, the New Unity Movement says in its latest statement that the conference has nothing to do with the promotion of the struggle for democracy, except to confuse it and destroy it. "The De Klerk government has created this forum to secure the collaboration of certain sections of the political movement of national liberation; the sole purpose of this is to strengthen the hold of the ruling class upon the political, economic and other machinery of the State, with the help of these willing collaborators . . ."

The statement says further: "It is being made to seem as though the IFP, the ANC and the PAC are co-sponsors of this Conference. That is only part of the State's deception policy and part of the self-deception which, regrettably, has become a feature of the political posturing of a section of the leadership among the disfranchised. It is in fact a glaring

example of the success of the tactic used by Hitler and Mussolini in the early phases of the world crisis, namely, WHEN YOU CAN GET PEOPLE TO DEMAND WHAT YOU WISH THEM TO HAVE (like a multi-party conference, negotiations, etc) then you have them completely within your control. The New Unity Movement will have nothing to do with this contemptible sort of deception.”

EDITORIAL NOTE

This article was written prior to the PAC Conference of 16 December 1991. At that conference, the rank and file delegates wasted no time in rejecting CODESA. The collaborationist elements in the PAC's top leadership came under scathing criticism from irate militants for its participation in CODESA. In fact, the militants came out for their scalps. The collaborationist section had to do some fancy footwork to hop from a collaborationist to an ultra-militant position. All this to escape the ire of the militant cadres of the PAC, PASO and AZANYU. To these principled comrades we say: BRAVO!

THE PRAISE-SINGERS OF BETRAYAL

Whilst most living creatures accept mortality with a resignation, born out of ignorance, human beings are in constant war against it. Even where there is acceptance of physical mortality, people aspire for immortality through decendants or through some act which will make succeeding generations remember them. For such people, to be forgotten is final death – something their entire being revolts against.

Persons with such aspirations will do anything to be remembered. One such method is to get themselves a place in the history books. For most of the participants in CODESA, the occasion was not only to get a dose of respectability but also a place in history. One has merely to listen to the opening speeches of the delegates. They were all designed for the history books.

It began with a certain Mr Corbett who officially opened CODESA. By profession, he is a judge. By rank he is the Chief Justice of the Appeal Court in Bloemfontein. Initially there was some half-hearted opposition from the ANC to him opening CODESA. After all he does occupy the chief position in a judiciary known for its naked racism, its cowardice in matters of justice and human rights and its slavish eagerness to implement some of the most inhuman laws in modern history.