

TRICAMERAL PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM SMACKS POLITICAL FRAUD

When Mr P.W. Botha, the Prime Minister, addressing the National Party Congress in George last month on Constitutional dispensation, hinted that Chief Buthelezi should not involve himself in the debate on the referendum on the New Constitution. He further remarked that Chief Buthelezi always creates deadlocks, whereas His Majesty the King is co-operative-by breaking such deadlocks.



Chief Buthelezi

Chief Buthelezi responded to this and said:

The Prime Minister knows that the Zulus were a sovereign and independent Nation long before Mr Piet Retief approached King Dingane at Mgungundlovu for land. The Prime Minister also knows that it was both the two white language groups the Afrikaners and the English who at various levels undermined that sovereignty and that independence which the Zulus ultimately lost at Ulundi in 1879. We were forced into becoming part of South Africa since then. We have no intention of going back after we have developed South Africa with the sweat from our brows with all other population groups. It shows extreme Arrogance on the part of Mr Botha that he as a descendant of Voortrekkers one of whose leaders sought a cession of land from one of my ancestors King Dingane should now tell me that I

lead a Self-governing state and can take independence if I want to.

KWAZULU LEGISLATURE IMPOSED ON ZULU NATION

I am surprised that the Prime Minister seems so uninformed about the Zulu Nation and of my position in it, and of my views on the apartheid policies of his government. The Prime Minister should be well-informed that the KwaZulu Legislature was imposed on the Zulu Nation, which does not owe its existence to the Prime Minister or to any other Prime Minister since 1910 or to any of the Boer leaders before that. It does not augur well for the future of South Africa if the Prime Minister is not informed by his military intelligence, his security police and his National Intelligence what my stand and that of the Zulu Nation is on the apartheid policies of his government. The two former Boer Republics, the Orange Free

State and the Transvaal have Provincial Governments which govern these regions on local affairs just like the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly.

There is no honesty even then as KwaZulu Legislature gets far less in their budget than all the Provincial Councils. Does Provincial government deprive Whites of representation in the final decision-making body of the country which is Parliament?

INGWAVUMA LAND DEAL

The King of the Zulus requested to see Mr Botha on his own on the Ingwavuma dirty landdeal and I arranged the meeting between him and the Prime Minister as requested. The King was concerned with the pressure on him and on me at the time from a large section of the Zulu people who were talking of bloodshed if Ingwavuma was given to the Swazis. They were blaming me for my peaceful stance and the external mission of ANC were distributing leaflets at Ingwavuma villifying me, in an effort to take advantage of the people's justified anger at Mr Botha's treacherous act in trying to sell nearly a million South Africans to Swaziland as if they were cattle and not human beings created in the image of God.



The King of the Zulus was not called in to break deadlocks caused by me. It was a deadlock caused by the South African government as led by Mr P.W. Botha in trying to sell us out to a political rubbish heap which is Swaziland where there exists no constitution. I diffused that violence by taking Mr Botha's government to court.

BLACK ADVISORY COUNCIL

Mr Botha speaks of deadlocks. I have not seen the Prime Minister since 1980. He has nothing to do with me since then, and I have had nothing to do with (him) merely because the Prime Minister was angered by my rejection of a Black Advisory Council which he tried to bluff Africans with, when he excluded them from the Presidents Council.

Mr P.W. Botha better not try to push me beyond human endurance. He knows that I am despised for pursuing non-violence and that there are people who are prepared even to kill me for this. I have never threatened anyone with violence. But Mr Botha's political dispensation will in fact trigger off unplanned and sporadic violence if it is implemented because of the conflict which his Constitution

promotes. On whose head will that blood be? Certainly not on mine. I have done all in my life to avoid violence and to preach against violence.

ISSUE OF INVESTMENTS IN S.A.

The Coloureds and Indians have had local government but this was no substitute to participation in Parliament. Mr Botha was no substitute to participation in Parliament. Mr Botha is not the wonderful political-Christian father he portrays himself to be, after all he was in the Cabinet when Coloureds were deprived of their vote by this very government. This constitution does not restore even that.

Mr Botha knows that I have stood for investments in South Africa all my life, even up to this time. I am not speaking flippantly when I say that I may have to put up the whole issue of investments to my Constituency if this raw deal of a tricameral parliament goes through.

I AM A SOUTH AFRICAN

It amazes me that Mr Botha should in the same breath be talking about Christian values, when in proposing the new Constitution he has shown such political dis-

honesty which surpasses that of all his predecessors. His whole action in setting up this tricameral parliamentary system smacks of political fraud and self-delusion. Mr Botha is wasting his time if he thinks that the African people will accept their oppression, if it is carried out with the contrivance of a sprinkling of Indian and Coloured opportunists. We will oppose it with all the resources at our command whatever that may cost us. It is an insult to me for the Prime Minister to imply that I have been dragged into this debate by Dr van Zyl Slabbert or the Progressive Party. I am a South African and intend remaining a South African regardless of whatever political pranks Mr Botha dreams up in order to rob me and my people of our birthright as South Africans. My voice on this issue is the voice of the majority of the African people whom Mr Botha has insulted so grossly in leaving them out of his so-called political dispensation.

I'M NOT EASILY INTIMIDATED

The Prime Minister knows that I am not easily intimidated, so no amount of sobre-rattling such as that which he displayed in George at the National Party Congress for the consumption of his Nat followers, will frighten me off the path I have followed for so many decades. On this issue I also speak for many Indian, Coloured and White people who are opposed to Mr P.W. Botha's so-called new deal.