

# PROTEST... PRAYERS... AND THE POLICE



POLICE scattered a large crowd gathered outside the Durban City Hall waiting to hear the Chief Minister of KwaZulu urge Coloureds and Indians not to participate in the Government's tri-cameral Parliament which excludes Blacks.

The police denied there had been a baton charge and said people had "panicked" when they approached and some were knocked down in the general confusion which followed.

Mrs Abbie Mchunu, chairperson of the Inkatha Women's Brigade, mislaid her bag and a shoe in the melee.

The Chief told a capacity audience at the protest prayer meeting that the "deepest tragedy" of Indians and Coloureds participating in the new constitution was their endorsement of the foundations of apartheid.

"Fundamental to apartheid is the view that races are so different that

they cannot possibly have one destiny.

"The rejection of our Black humanity is final and complete when it is argued that there is no majority in this country."

Chief Buthelezi said he had seen some Indians and Coloureds "squirm in guilt" about their participation in the new constitution.

"We have heard lame excuses and we have heard some of them try and reassure us that they are going into the new constitution in order to fight for our rights and to represent our interests.

"I have told those who say these things that Africans reject this kind of political paternalism and if we wanted them to do what they say they are doing in our name, then we would have entered into alliances with them and encouraged them to enter the tri-cameral Parliament.

*Mrs Abbie Mchunu, chairperson of Inkatha Women's Brigade, who fell over when police scattered Inkatha supporters outside the hall.*

"They know what they are doing. They know why they are doing it. They are not doing it for our sakes.

"They are doing it because they have been bought; they are doing it because they believe that they will in the future get a bigger slice of South Africa's economic cake."

The Chief added that the "end product" of the new constitution would be the obliteration of political distinctions between Indians, Coloureds and Whites.

"They will all band together to ensure our oppression."

The Chief paid tribute to "our Indian and Coloured brothers and sisters who rejected the constitution which was described as a 'mammoth fraud..."