

MAY 6...

WHITES ONLY ELECTION

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- WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR US?
- PFP AND THE INDEPENDENTS?

THE CONGRESS VIEW...

THE ELECTION IS NOT LEGITIMATE

The elections are about a small minority taking decisions for a huge majority. It is not legitimate for the white minority to try to determine the lives and future of the 30-million black majority.

THE ELECTION SOLVES NOTHING

The elections will not solve the political and economic crisis facing this country. It will not end the growing conflict between fellow South Africans. It will not end widespread unemployment and inflation. It does not address the fundamentally democratic demand of the majority for one person, one vote in one parliament.

THE POLICE AND MILITARY WILL WIN

Botha is a dictator. He has destroyed basic freedoms - freedom of the press, the freedom to organise, freedom of speech and even the freedom to pray for detainees. Botha has allowed the military and police to run this country.

The State Security Council composed of the security, military and intelligence, is the effective Inner Cabinet today. It rules at a local level through secret structures called joint management committees

The white electorate will vote in the Nats and entrench Botha's dictatorship. But it is really the security, military and intelligence establishment which is returned to power.

CHANGE WILL NOT COME FROM THE WHITE PARLIAMENT

We will have freedom and democracy in South Africa only when the African majority is free. This will not come about from the Nats and their white parliament. True change in the interest of the majority can come about only through the participation of the majority.

Already the African people are talking of controlling their own lives and determining their own future. It is the struggles of the African majority - outside parliament - which can influence the course and outcome of events in South Africa. And no one can prevent this reality.

PFP AND INDEPENDENTS OFFER NO SOLUTIONS

Both fail to address the key issue of majority rule on a one person, one vote one parliament basis. Their solutions will not change the daily misery of the majority of South Africans. Only certain white business interests will really benefit.

There is no fundamental difference between the Independents and the Nats. Their disagreement is over how best the status quo can be maintained.

The PFP still foolishly believes that it can bring changes through the white parliament. It refuses to accept that parliament is loaded in favour of the Nats. The PFP is also doing everything to avoid genuine democracy - non-racial majority rule.

NATS ARE AGAINST PEACEFUL CHANGE

The Nats deliberately wrecked the Commonwealth's Eminent Person's Group, (EPG) initiative to find a peaceful solution to South Africa's problems.

The EPG said the government has no genuine intention to dismantle Apartheid. It said Nat intransigence could result in the worst bloodbath since the Second World War. With every day we see greater strife and conflict in our country because of Nat policies.

CONGRESS VISION

For the Transvaal Indian Congress (TIC), the Freedom Charter forms the basis of a future majority government. A government under which all - both black and white - shall enjoy full and equal political rights and access to the country's wealth, where basic human rights are guaranteed, where basic freedoms, like that of speech, belief, travel and the press are guaranteed, where the security of family life, housing and employment, as well as free medical care and welfare is guaranteed.

Under the Freedom Charter traders have equal rights to trade where they choose, and workers are protected against exploitation. Under the Freedom Charter a true South Africanism will be promoted and created with all having the right to develop their, customs and language.

THE ROLE OF THE INDIAN PEOPLE

The Indian people have an interest in ending apartheid and can only gain from this. No section of South Africa's people can be free for as long as the African people are not free. To achieve freedom and democracy in South Africa, we have to fight for the liberation of the African people.

The Indian community has a proud history of siding with its fellow oppressed. But we cannot rely only on past contributions to the struggle. We need to meet the challenges of today.

We call on our people - in the schools and universities, at home and at work, in the mosques, temples and churches - to play an active role in the ever growing fight against apartheid. Take a stand today for a better tomorrow! The Botha government has long missed the boat.

There will be a majority government in this country. take a stand, make the sacrifices, and benefit. There is no middle of the road.

**END BOTHA DICTATORSHIP
SUPPORT DEMOCRACY!
SUPPORT MAJORITY RULE!**