

TRICAMERAL PARLIAMENT

INTRODUCTION

In response to the struggle of the oppressed for full democratic rights, the present National Party government introduced the Tricameral Parliament based on racial lines. The ruling class had already created the Bantustans for the African oppressed despite its rejection by the majority of the oppressed people. These creations are glorified extensions of the former Native Representative Council (N.R.C.), Coloured Representative Council (C.R.C.) and South African Indian Council (S.A.I.C.). The function of these dummy bodies, whatever their names, always remains the same: To work the machinery of oppression and to assist the White rulers in maintaining White domination over the oppressed majority.

PEOPLES' REACTION

The Coloured and the Indian oppressed by a large majority rejected the Tricameral system of government as yet another fraud against the people. They adopted the policy of non-collaboration. They refused to work the machinery of their own oppression. By their rejection of the Tricameral system, the people rejected government based on racial lines. They rejected dummy institutions. Their demand is clear. They will accept nothing less than the full franchise in a non-racial South Africa with one nation, one country, one Parliament.

The people's opposition was reflected by all sections of the liberatory movement. Not one of the authentic organisations of the people came out in support of the Tricameral Circus.

DISMAL RECORD OF THE TRICAMERAL PUPPETS

When the stooges participated in the Tricameral circus, they had promised that they "will fight from within" and would thereby improve the lot of the oppressed people. These puppets have been totally ineffective and have not brought about any meaningful change. In fact the position of the oppressed people has become worse. Some common examples are:

- (a) There is chaos in education.
- (b) Housing shortage. Where houses are provided, rentals and prices are excessively high;
- (c) The cost of health care has increased;
- (d) Unemployment has increased;
- (e) The cost of living is increasing daily;
- (f) Bribery, corruption, favouritism, nepotism, inefficiency and jobs for pals are the order of the day.

CONCLUSION

The passage of time has clearly shown that the rejection by the people of the dummy and racial system of government has been justified. Our prediction that the whole system was a sham and a fraud has been confirmed to the hilt.