

APDUSA SALUTES THE PEOPLE

The elections for the Tricameral Parliament are over the results were an overwhelming rejection of the new constitution. Never for a moment did APDUSA think that you would throw in your lot with the ruling class against the African oppressed. WE SALUTE YOU! History will remember this unprecedented show of unity by all sections of the community.

Let us look at the election figures briefly:

In the Coloured elections the ruling class claimed a poll of 30%. We reject this. Only 269 791 voters out of a possible 1 500 558 actually voted. The true poll was only 18%. In the rural areas where they claim such large polls the figures were 30% less than in the 1969 and 1975 Coloured Representative Council elections.

The Indian elections show the same pattern. Only 83 186 voters out of a possible 520 000 actually voted. The true poll was only 16%.

Let us look at some figures:

CANDIDATE	VOTES CAST	OFFICIAL % POLL	TRUE % POLL	CANDIDATES PORTION %
Chan Rampersad	596	9,43%	7%	3%
P.C.Nadasen	608	10,09%	8%	4%
A. Rajbansi	1088	14,10%	11%	8%
A. Hendrickse	8020	46.50%	18%	14%

These low polls were achieved because of the rejection of the constitution by most of the organizations of the people: religious, sporting, cultural, professional, ratepayers and civic.

Seen against this background the stand taken by that section of the Teachers Association of South Africa (TASA) under Pat Samuels, stands out like a sore thumb. They took a decision not to take a decision to call for a boycott of the elections. They did not want to split their organization. We condemn unity at such a cost. In their fight against Rajbansi TASA did not hesitate to call on the people for support, but when the crunch came TASA turned its back on the community and made a deal with the ruling class.

TASA Pietermaritzburg is the exception. We applaud their stand to call for a boycott of the elections, their call on teachers who participated in the elections to resign from TASA, and their concern for the students. They behaved with the responsibility of true teachers.

After many years of repression, this was the first opportunity for the Coloured and Indian people to show how they really felt. The response was an overwhelming rejection of the attempt by the ruling class to co-opt them against the Africans. The ruling class responded with its customary arrogance. They blamed the low poll on intimidation.

We, on the other hand, know that this is not true. Stories of gross irregularities of special votes, and of the candidates themselves, would fill a book, not to mention candidates who received one or two votes only, and the many who lost their deposits.

Having shown our rejection of the new constitution, what is our next step? We must be on guard against all the sellouts, whether they were elected or not. They must be hounded out of our organizations, whether they are religious, sporting, cultural, professional, ratepayers or civic bodies. We must be vigilant as never before, because as time goes on and the House of Representatives and the House of Delegates become a reality, the sellouts will try to bribe off sections of the people. They will try and show how much they can do for us, they will bluster and make loud noises about their rejection of baasskap and segregation. We must not be fooled: SELLOUTS REMAIN SELLOUTS!

NEVER FORGET WE REJECT SELLOUTS, WE REJECT DIVIDE AND RULE, WE REJECT DUMMY INSTITUTIONS!

We have consistently exposed and rejected all dummy institutions like the old Native Representative Council, Coloured Advisory Council, Coloured Representative Council, South African Indian Council, Bantustans and now the Tricameral Parliament. This struggle must continue:

MAKE YOUR MOTTO: NON-COLLABORATION WITH THE OPPRESSOR

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