

3. A State of Confusion:

The political scene gets more confusing by the day.

The State of Emergency is having many side effects, one of which seems to be a rethink in some UDF circles over whether they should drop their boycott of the tri-cameral Parliament.

On the white parliamentary scene the Progressive Party's losses in the General Election have been followed by the loss of three M.Ps and one President's Councillor, three of them to the new National Democratic Movement. These are blows which the PFP will be hard put to survive.

What of the National Democratic Movement?

Can it forge a combined parliamentary and extra-parliamentary movement, with significant Afrikaner support,

which can really threaten the Government? Not soon we wouldn't think. Long term? Perhaps.

We will have to wait to see what it really stands for, and how the organisation and its leaders conduct themselves, and how the full range of public opinion reacts to it, before we can weigh up that possibility.

In the meantime we hope that the PFP and NDM do not spend most of their energies fighting each other – although the manner of the new movement's birth unfortunately makes that very likely. The PFP will have to be extraordinarily forbearing to avoid it. We hope that they can manage it. □

APOLOGY.

Through a complete misunderstanding between two members of the Reality Board the article by Mark Swilling in the last issue of REALITY appeared without his knowledge. We wish to apologise for this serious mistake and to express our regret at any embarrassment and inconvenience he may have been caused.

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