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## PW's election disc 'goes gold'

CAPE TOWN: The State President, Mr P.W. Botha, was yesterday presented with a "golden record" for his propaganda single "Why you should vote NP."

At a special ceremony at the Cape National Party's headquarters he was presented with the first 400 000 copies of the disc, which is to be distributed among voters for the May 6 general election.

He was awarded the gold disc because, according to the producer, the record — one side in English and the other in Afrikaans — was the highest pressing of a single ever done in South Africa.

Thanking the producers, Mr Botha said: "Something worse could have happened to the voters — I could have sung."

He said the record repre-

sented an attempt to speak to as many voters as possible on the issues on which they had to decide.

"This is not, as I have heard some say, 'His Masters Voice' — but a fellow South African talking to fellow South Africans in a spirit of dedication."

On the disc, Mr Botha speaks directly to listeners, without musical accompaniment, saying that in these times of sanctions, participation in the election would prove to the outside world a determination to resolve problems.

On the economy: "I assure you of exciting times ahead."

South Africa had to broaden its base of democracy in order not to fall prey to communism and to ensure the safety of the country. The NP guaranteed

"your safety and peace of mind against internal unrest," The State President said.

"Discriminatory practices belong to the past," Mr Botha told voters in his record.

"Today's realities call for single minded reform and decided negotiations, however difficult."

A National Party vote would provide a mandate for a say in all mutual affairs and self-determination for all groups.

"For these reform processes we need a great indaba," Mr Botha said. Such negotiations had to produce a unique political system for South Africa that protected minority rights and avoided group domination.—Sapa

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