

EXTRACT OF ADDRESS GIVEN BY DR. F. VAN ZYL SLABBERT MP, TO A PUBLIC MEETING HELD AT HOWICK ON MONDAY, 25 MARCH 1985

NATIONAL PARTY'S INABILITY TO HANDLE CRISIS

P.W. Botha's speeches at the opening of the tricameral Parliament is a significant shift away from National Party orthodoxy.

This shift lies on the level of rhetoric, rather than action; of words, rather than deeds.

But, despite the votes that the Nationalist Government got in the election nearly four years ago, this Government has neither the talent, nor the policies, nor the will, nor the credibility, nor the all round capability, required to govern modern multi-racial South Africa with safety and success in the months and years that lie ahead.

It is being overtaken by the timetable for reform. It cannot fix this country on its own, even if it wants to. The PFP must therefore brace itself for a change from its historic opposition stance to a new position in pursuit of power.

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