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The immediate crisis in the ANC in the Tvl is over. The difficulties have been temporarily patched up - not resolved.

But the extremists who seemed likely to ride into power on the backs of those with a legitimate grievance, have been cast aside.

The extreme "Africanists" who aimed to turn the ANC anti-White, seized upon dissatisfaction expressed by a group called the "petitioners".

A petition calling on the Tvl executive of the ANC to resign because of alleged maladministration and high-handedness, had been drawn up. The petitioners sought to purge the Congress leadership of the influence of the COB and Indian National Congress.

It was on this platform that the Africanists joined the petitioners and acted together to force the Tvl executive to resign.

The Petitioners have now broken with the Africanists, members not accepting the leadership or alliance with the extremist group.

The National Working Committee of the ANC has suspended the Tvl Executive.

The Petitioners have responded by dissolving their requisition committee and have elected a "caretaker committee", pending a Tvl conference which the National Working Committee has agreed to call.

Thus, while conflict within the Congress has not been finally settled, the issues have become clearer, the extremists have been pushed aside by both the national leadership and the petitioners, and a truce has been achieved.

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