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Decorative puppets

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AT first glance the drama between the State President and the Rev Mr Allan Hendrickse is a sad one, with Mr Hendrickse getting a raw deal from Mr Botha.

But when you look a little longer you realise that there is nothing that Mr Hendrickse is losing: he continues to get his full salary as a Minister in spite of having resigned from the Cabinet and he continues to get all the perks of being a Minister.

The rest is just a lot of words . . .

What in fact makes this a sad story is that Mr Hendrickse and other blacks in the tricameral Parliament went against the wishes of the majority in this country and got involved in second class politics. They argued that they would fight apartheid from within.

They are now getting frustrated by the system, but instead of nodding their heads and getting out, they are dancing this graceless dance.

When they tried to block some security legislation last year, the Government — the people who really run this country — went over their heads and turned the Bills into law.

And just to make certain the blacks in Parliament knew who was boss, the Government added the present state of emergency to the two security Bills.

Hendrickse then tried to fight apartheid outside Parliament by swimming at a "whites-only" beach in Port Elizabeth. After that well-publicised demonstration Mr Botha cracked the whip and Mr Hendrickse was forced to apologise.

Mr Hendrickse and his colleagues in the House of Representatives and the House of Delegates are a pathetic lot. And they will continue to be for as long as they continue to remain in Parliament as decorative puppets.

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town.

The remote farm is surrounded by a sea of white-owned farms and there does not seem to be any justification for creating a black township on it on the basis that it will service the neighbouring towns.

It is situated about 25 km from the nearest town, Volksrust, and about 28 km from Amersfoort. The two towns are so small that they cannot support a large workforce if the Government goes ahead with its proposals to turn the farm into a rural regional town.

There are no industrial areas in the vicinity of Daggakraal to justify the need for the development of a township. Already a black township in the vicinity of Volksrust is plagued by a high rate of unemployment.

The Daggakraal community, which swelled to more than 45 000 people since the land was bought in 1912 — a year before the Land Act of 1913 was passed — is dependent on subsistence farming for its livelihood. More than 95 percent of those residents who are employed work in and around Johannesburg, about 350 km away.

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