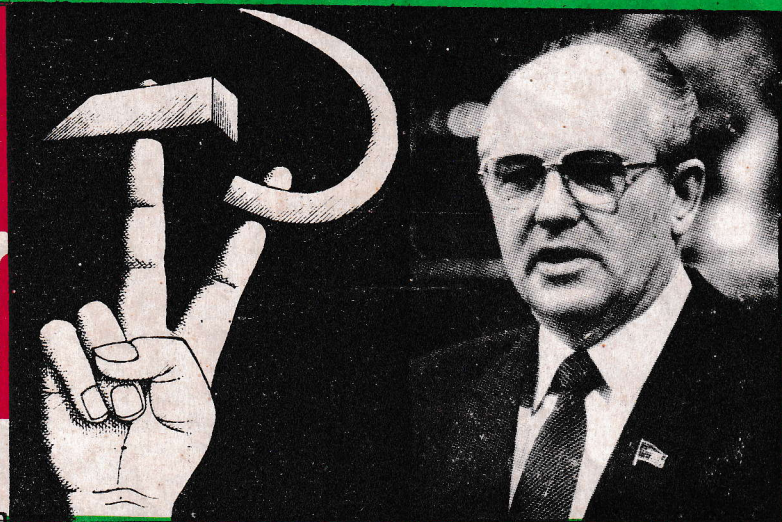


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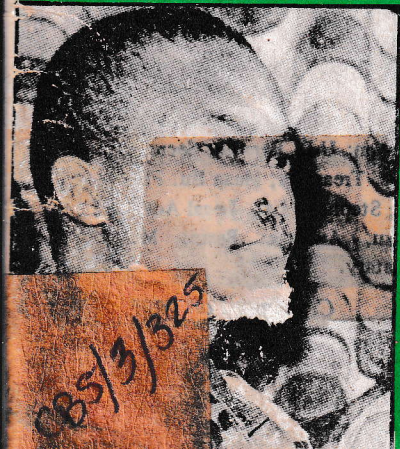
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INTRO

THE MAKING OF PARTIES

THE gathering in Abuja of more than 5,000 delegates to the inaugural conventions of the National Republican Convention (NRC) and the Social Democratic Party (SDP) mark, hopefully so, the last stage in party formation.

As could be recalled, the two political parties are creations of the government and all those who joined the parties presumably did so on their own volition. Therefore, it can be deduced that eventhough the government undemocratically created these parties, it did not foist them on anyone.

In other words, those who joined these parties did so because they believed these could be vehicles for achieving their political ambitions.

The two political parties have aspirants for different legislative offices but what is in focus are the party posts at stake at the different conventions.

The SDP and NRC we are informed, are bristling with contestants for the various posts and all attempts (behind the screen) to fashion a single list for the various posts has woefully failed. It is true that politicians compete for votes by investing their time, energy and money and if successful are rewarded with prestige, political power and financial resources which more often than not they allocate so as to maximise even the more their prestige, power and financial resources.

Of all the rewards, the one that is most often sought for is power. Power being the ability to cause another person to take a course of action which otherwise he might not have chosen.

It is as a result of this that the contestants especially for the all important post of party chairman to weigh carefully their disposition as leaders. Have they got the feeling for the people at heart? Why do they want power? Are they political pawns on some rich men's chessboards? Would they rather make themselves loved or feared given Machiavelli's position that "men have less scruple in offending one who makes himself loved them than one who makes himself feared..."

The struggle for positions is an intra party affair. It should be agreed that at the end of it all, when the battle is won and lost— winners and losers— sponsored by powerful groups or not should go back to the parties and work faithfully for them.

The New Horizon wishes SDP and NRC luck and may the better candidates sail through.

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Support the ProVAN today

**The Progressive Voters' Association of Nigeria
is committed to save Nigeria from a
Third Republic political disaster.**

Strange trends in the Nigerian political scene have begun to disturb the reasonable expectations of every patriotic Nigerian. More so disturbed is the high hope of the leadership of the Labour— or Left-wing of the Social Democratic Party— the hope that a strong Labour presence in the SDP would ensure that the Party stays where it is ideologically destined or designed to stay... a little to the Left.

But Big Money bags are now about to take over the Party, and to keep the influence of Labour, supposed to be the bedrock of all SDP's the world over, at the lowest ebb.

They are about to succeed... at Abuja.

Should they succeed, their success would throw a dangerous clanger into the transition programme works. And that would be the end.

Their success would put two bourgeois parties into competition. And what do we always get from that: The reckless use of religion and ethnicity for political struggles.

The Political Bureau saw this danger wayback in 1986 when it recommended that the next political confrontation should be based on ideology— socialism versus capitalism in order to stop the two recommended parties from being hijacked by the two principal religious camps or any two geographical sections of the country.

The Labour-tendency in the SDP now have to make a difficult choice— to pull out of the SDP now about to be grabbed by pro-capitalist forces or to stay in and fight.

It has opted to stay and fight in order to save the country from a worse crisis of the bourgeois rule.

It has decided to set up the ProVAN as its fighting force.

True, Labour is very lean in the party leadership because workers were barred by decree from identifying themselves with any of the two parties, and thereby from taking part in the congresses where leaders were elected.

But Labour is very very strong among the voting population because though workers are not allowed to register with any political party, they are fully allowed to cast their votes during elections.

It is at this level that Labour's political strength lies.

It is here that the progressive forces can draw their fighting power.

This is the essence of the Progressive Voters' Association.

The ProVAN is very much on the ground already, i.e., workers, students, farmers, progressive intelligentsia, etc. Its commitment is not in any sense different from the known objectives of the progressive working class movement, of the students, farmers, progressive intellectuals etc. that we all know. It is intended to provide a strong left-clause in the SDP to successfully hold in check the inordinate greed and other predictable excesses of the money-bags.

It is for the purpose of massing up Left forces to push them out, possibly.

The ProVAN is not a separate political organisation. It cannot be! It can at best be a powerful left-wing of the SDP to give correct ideological tone to debates and discourses at party congresses and caucuses. And to have a decisive influence on the party choice of personnel and leaders, and the direction of party programme and work for the good of the popular masses.

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