ANC not what it was

YEARS ago, Murray Banks said these words: "How very fine" – but in a different context!

Yet, how very fine it was to listen to the speakers at the Ahmed Kathrada memorial service of today.

Not only were the speakers articulate, but they personified reason, integrity, tolerance, non-sexism and non-racialism. Although Pravin Gordhan reminded

Although Pravin Gordhan reminded everybody that he was still supporting the ANC, that was the ANC of Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu and Ahmed Kathrada.

I have developed a serious distaste for the ANC lately, but Gordhan pointed out that the present ANC is a far cry from the original ANC and its principles.

How very fine to listen to principled people; may South Africa get out of the present morass wherein it has landed our fair country.

May the other voices against the problems in our midst reverberate as strongly as that of Jeremy Cronin and Gordhan.

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