

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Date of Elections: June 24, 1973

Purpose of Elections

Scheduled for the same day as a popular referendum on the new Constitution *, elections were held for all the members of the newly-established National Assembly.

Characteristics of Parliament

The unicameral Parliament of the People's Republic of the Congo, the National Assembly, consists of 115 members elected for 5 years.

Electoral System

All citizens at least 18 years of age have the right to vote and to be elected to Parliament.

Deputies to the National Assembly, as all representative agencies of State power, are elected through direct and universal suffrage, by secret ballot.

General Political Considerations and Conduct of the Elections

The June elections, held at the same time as those for local people's councils, took place in calm conditions and resulted in the election of all **115** candidates appearing on the list of the country's sole political grouping — the Congolese Workers' Party (*Parti congolais du travail*). This organization had replaced, in December 1969, the *Mouvement national de la révolution*, which had been the sole party since 1965. In line with the adoption of the new Constitution, it strived to draft new laws and found new adequate and complementary institutions, as well as to put into effect the Party's work programme.

Statistics

1. Results of the Elections

Voters	550,739	
Votes in favor of the <i>Parti congolais du travail</i>	375,382	(68.16%)

* See section *Parliamentary Developments*, p. 6.