



that their continued employment in the Namibian economy depends upon their good behaviour towards Namibia, the Government and the people. They must conform to the will of law-abiding citizens in this country.

I also urge CDM to do away with the 'two-hospital' system - one for the so-called migratory employees in their own country and the other for whites and 'permanent' employees. The time has come to correct the wrongs of the past.

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## On proper leadership

I WOULD like to comment on the new organizations that have recently been formed, namely, the TUN (Teachers Union of Namibia) and the NASEM (the Namibian Student Education Movement).

Firstly, I would like to deal with the new student body. In regard to its claims that it has been formed as a "result of a leadership vacuum within the student community in Namibia" and, secondly, that the existing student organizations have failed to provide "proper leadership for Namibian students because of their links with political parties", I would like to make the following comments.

It is no surprise to me to read such an article because this is the case and always has been with reactionary and opportunistic forces whose aim has

been to mislead and infuse ideas of the past colonial administrations. In my point of view, the student movement has been formed to foster the interests and political ideals of their respective political parties who are at present on 'death row'.

They see clearly that Nanso, which has been a progressive student organization in the past, has won a victorious fight against the regime that illegally occupied our country, and which suppressed most of the students and people of Namibia.

There was no leadership vacuum in Nanso. This can be proved by its winning of the objectives it stood for. Nanso members and supporters have been harassed, detained and even expelled from schools because of their political beliefs and quest for freedom. To say that Nanso has failed to serve student interests, is mere bias. Nanso leadership succeeded in mobilizing students all over the country. It made them realize that their interests were being suppressed and needed to be fought for. Nanso's liberation standpoints, therefore, coincided with those of Swapo and Nantu.

Nanso could not isolate itself from Swapo because they had common goals to achieve. To fight a war in disunity is to give the enemy victory and therefore students needed to be linked in order to be free, get better education, proper housing, and well-equipped libraries, etc.

Nanso did not look for or concentrate on student issues alone, mainly because the dignity of the whole nation was underpinned by the colonial regime. As a student body consisting of intellectuals, it had to take account of the socio-economic situation in the country. Students cannot only be free at school and 'unfree' when they go home. Both students and their parents needed to be liberated.

I am assuring the leadership of the

new organization that Nanso contributed a lot to the independence of this nation from foreign domination and influence. I appeal to the new organization not to create confusion among students countrywide. We know whose interests they represent and promote. They must stop swimming in the pool of confusion. Their organization was formed to counteract Nanso that has stood firm in opposition to the abuse of human rights.

My question to them is: if Nanso failed to achieve what it fought for and a leadership vacuum does exist, then what have they achieved so far?

If you were serious, why didn't you form that organization months ago, to stand up against Koevoet elements which used to disrupt lessons, beat up students, and erect army bases at schools?

With regard the formation of the TUN: it also has political motives in their formation, which serve the same purpose as that of the NASEM.

The organization has not been formed to strive for teachers' unity and interests but to counteract Nantu.

I appeal to teachers countrywide to be careful and cautious before joining any alternative union which seeks to divide the unity which already prevails in our nation. They should join the organizations who strive and work for peace, nationhood and fraternity.

Forward with progressive people's organizations.

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Note: This letter has been shortened - Ed.

## Unite with Nanso

I WISH to direct this letter to the NASEM, whose leadership was elected