

pleted a job in 24 hours, whereas myself and an assistant completed a similar task in 12 hours. Still, we as semi-skilled employees are unequally compensated. At Rossing there are approximately 118 Grade 8's with an average of more or less 10 years of experience. So - can the grievances of roughly 118 employees be "individual grievances" as claimed by Rossing?

According to Rossing, they normally require N1 and N2 to recognise employees as artisans. This is a requirement enforced about four years ago. How is it possible for a white person from Holland to be employed in a skilled position without a qualification? Why is it that the mentioned foreigner was transferred from the workshop to another work area only after the statement on Rossing discriminatory practices appeared in The Namibian (10/02/89)? Why was the position frozen and not filled with a Namibian? Is Rossing preaching more than practising their so-called Namibianisation programme and only using it as propaganda?

These, and other questions, when answered, will prove that at Rossing not all is praise.

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Solidarity with fast

WE, the Justice and Peace Commission of Windhoek Vicariate, wish to express our compassion and solidarity with those political detainees who are held without trial and are fasting for social justice and the transformation of South African society.

We therefore, call upon the South African Government to

release them immediately and unconditionally or charge them in a court of law.

It is appropriateduring this present time of Lent that all Christians offer up their fasting acts of self-denial to protest against injustices that are perpetrated by the SA Government through the racial policy of apartheid.

We also call upon governments worldwide, and the international community to use their influence in calling ceaselessly for the unconditional release of the political detainees and to ensure that a just political dispensation is formulated in South Africa.

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Lost manhood

A WORD or two to all Namibians, black and white, who want democracy and peace in this country.

To a large extent the evil-doers have succeeded in producing, at the output end of their machine, a kind of black man who is man only in form. This is the extent to which the process of dehumanisation has advanced. The type of black man we have today has lost his manhood. In the privacy of his 'pondok' his face twists in silent condemnation of white society, but brightens up in sheepish obedience as he comes out hurrying in response to his master's impatient call. Sometimes he joins the chorus that roundly condemns the white masters, but is first to praise the South African Government and puppet government in the presence of police or