

We start work at 07h30 and they knock off at 16h30. What surprises us is that they have eight and a half hours at work, while we (their subjects) work for nine and three quarter hours.

The biggest difference comes at monthend when they collect big salaries, although some of them are unqualified and inexperienced, while we receive R120 in spite of hard and long hours at work.

Whites are also given excellent housing facilities, while we are lucky to get a caravan, whether married or unmarried.

We appeal to the interim government Ministers who are responsible to the Bill of Rights to come to our rescue because we are oppressed and exploited. A committee of inquiry may be a solution, and will prove that the above is true.

We have no toilet facilities while whites have them inside their offices. Anyone found using them will be fired.

In the Workers Union which is formed by workers from Health Department, Nature Conservation, Water Affairs and Information Services, we are not represented to, not because we don't want to, but because we are denied the right to even attend their meetings by the Superintendent who gets an allowance while sleeping in a well-furnished house. He also gets 'danger pay' and has a gun from the Administration for Whites.

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Sanctions: Yes

THE CALL for total economic sanctions against apartheid South Africa is justified. South Africa has rejected all reasonable demands to do away with the outdated and degrading system of apartheid and oppression of the blacks.

The promoters of economic sanctions have the real interests of the oppressed masses of South Africa and Namibia at heart; and economic sanctions is the alternative to total war. In fact economic sanctions is a call for 'peaceful change' to enable the blacks to govern in the land of their birth and creation.

Those who are against economic sanctions are only trying to protect their own interests and exploitation of the blacks. The claim that the blacks would suffer if economic sanctions were applied, should be rejected with the contempt it deserves. The blacks are suffering already and additional temporary suffering won't matter to us as long as freedom is achieved.

The blacks have no economic interests to protect and defend - their main interest NOW is to liberate themselves at all costs.

The US and British attitude is clearly capitalistic and self-interest aimed at protecting the investments. The fear of economic loss is stronger to them than the freedom and lives of the blacks in apartheid South Africa. It is because of the double standards of the Western powers that blacks have lost interest in slogans like 'democracy'. Blacks lived in peace and harmony until the arrival of the white settlers and colonisers.

It fills one with dismay to hear about blacks saying that apartheid is dead in Namibia. Apartheid in Namibia is still alive and kicking, even the so-called black 'ministers' complain about apartheid meted out to them by secretaries of other 'ministers'.

The abolition of apartheid is not what we are calling for - we are not fighting for reforms - we want to GOVERN this country. We are fighting for the right to decide our own destiny and our destiny is not linked to apartheid or neo-colonialism.

The whites of this country are not prepared to change or ready themselves for change. They still believe in their oppressive doctrines and dogmas.

Even the Secretary for Finance is calling for methods to prepare against economic sanctions; instead of calling for drastic changes in the status quo in order to meet the reasonable demands of the oppressed masses.

The whites must remember one thing: they may be in a temporary position to delay independence, but they cannot prevent it.

The whites are shouting that they are fighting on the border to defend their rotten system of apartheid. They should remember that we never invited them here with their oppressive system, and now they are calling on us blacks to defend and fight to retain oppression and apartheid.

We hear that the army is 80 percent black and 20 percent white - but who are the 20 percent? They are the elite, the white officers, the ones in charge. The 80 percent blacks are there only to run errands and to be ordered to kill their own kith and kin.

If the whites are prepared to die for what is not theirs, what about us who have a country to regain and a people to liberate? Whites should remember that violence breeds violence - they have practised violence since the first white man put his foot on Namibian soil and have not stopped ever since. In fact they have accelerated it. Blame for any violence or bloodshed should be placed squarely at the door of the whites.

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