

minority will do to help the Namibian people, for example, by at least granting Namibia a reasonable beef quota under the Lome Convention.

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## Kameeta on Gerises

RECONCILIATION is not a matter of speeches or open letters in newspapers. Reconciliation is an act of coming towards one another, talking to one another, looking together at the problem which is facing us and finding a solution for it, so that we can be truly reconciled and live together in peace. Accusations will divide us more and make reconciliation difficult to achieve.

The article in the CCN newsletter to which Ms Regina Gerises is referring was written by Reverend K Vermeulen. He was addressing the question of reconciliation between black and white and quoted what I said in that regard. To refer to that article as a 'proof' that I only see reconciliation in terms of white and black, is to take the nearest stick to hit a dog.

At numerous occasions in public meetings and in private discussions my stand was an is that we must openly discuss and resolve the questions surrounding the serious and sensitive issue of ALL missing, detained and dead Namibians, so that we can be truly reconciled and rebuild our nation together in peace.

I therefore applaud the unanimous decision of the Parliament to request the Prime Minister after consultation with the political parties in the National Assembly, to head a commission which will investigate this issue and report back to Parliament within 90 days.

I am not ashamed and do not regret what Ms Regina Gerises called my 'major role played in the political convictions', because I know that it, in a humble way, contributed to the liberation of Namibia. What is expected from each one of us is not mudslinging but working together to make this liberation a reality in the lives of every Namibian. Only in this

way can we be truly reconciled and live in peace together.

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## A serious breach

ON May 31, 1990, I was asked to resign from my position as sub-editor at the Times of Namibia without having received any prior warning. Management claimed that my work was not satisfactory.

A colleague later informed me that he had been aware of the fact that I was to be fired before this was relayed to me. Surely this is a serious breach of confidentiality between employer and employee?

Many other questions in this regard remain unanswered. It was rumoured that because of the discrepancy between the salaries paid to reports and sub-editors, management had to fire one sub-editor in order to give a salary increase of R50 to each reporter.

The company's high staff turnover due to what appears to be a policy of indiscriminate 'hiring and firing' is disturbing. This policy creates an atmosphere of instability in the working environment and insecurity among staff employed by this establishment. It would appear that the problem here is not so much the quality of service but the financial situation of the newspaper. It is a pity that instead of trying to solve problems in a more constructive manner, staff are made by management to feel redundant.

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## Police dilemma

I WONDER why you (Ms Gwen Lister) and some of your staff seek opportunities to discredit the government of the Republic of Namibia. I refer to the article 'Pepsi Boys - Lively Lions share the spoils' written by Conrad Angula on May 28. The statements implying that the Namibian police are discriminating