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Reply to Shipanga

THIS letter follows one by Mr Vezera Kandetu (The Namibian January 14 1989) and to the reply by Mr Andreas Shipanga. I was going to shut my mouth at this time, and merely hope that the future would bring me and fellow Namibians the best.

When Shipanga joined the TGNU he knew very well that they would be responsible to the Government of South Africa, and he chose to fight for freedom, liberty and self-determination with the South African Government, with Botha 'leading the revolution' and the Administrator General as the man in charge of the so-called 'defenders' of the rights of Namibians.

What does Shipanga mean when he says 'It is just this sort of hubris which has hampered the struggle for true liberation in Namibia for so long and encouraged the armchair revolutionaries to waste their words and deeds on irrelevancies'.

To tell the truth, Shipanga is one of those who hampered the struggle for true liberation if he remembers what he did in 1978: he divided the freedom fighters. And the description in question fits him very well. Let me say, he has been an armchair revolutionary who has been wasting his words and deeds, by way of cheating the Namibian people along with other sell-outs. The actions of he and his

colleagues made the South African Government realise that they could not enforce its rule through Namibian intermediaries, and so they went to the negotiating table.

The TGNU never had the power to decide, and the South African Government got what it wanted from the interim government.

Swapo would like united people as it is their motto to unite the Namibian people. But how can it succeed in uniting the people if there are those like yourself who are always dividing the nation. Swapo will unite and join hands with fellow Namibians in order to build up the nation you disappointed, and the beloved land you betrayed.

On the question of your call on Swapo to release the detainees it is holding, that is none of your business. After all, some of these things are already provided for in accordance with UNSCR 435 (1978) and 629 (1989), and all dates and events are based upon the Annex to the settlement Proposal S/12636 of April 10 1978, just in case the South African Government hasn't briefed you.

Why didn't the interim government repeal laws such as AG 26: many Namibians have been detained without trial, and the interim government did not question this.

There are no atrocities in Swapo camps; and it was you who started organising brother to stand against brother, and sister against sister.

Just look at the man who likes peace and who sees himself as the nation's liberator, praising the Koevoet

unit (The Namibian, May 1 1987). One may forgive, but not forget.

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On AWB leader

ALLOW me to air my views in the people's newspaper and share my feelings with true Namibians about this man (Hendrik van As, leader of the AWB).

This van As looks like an adult man, but I wonder ... He exhibits discrimination and racism and seems to hate the Ovambos. He talks about crimes but he cannot prove that the Ovambos break the record with regard to rape, theft and killings.

The AWB always complain about crimes but they have people who claim to be members of the terrorist group The White Wolves; and what about their influence in the army in northern Namibia.

Van As calls the Ovambo's 'uncivilised'; but whatever their state it is due to the policies of racism and apartheid imposed by the South African Government, who have also denied them their fundamental human rights.

I want to let people like van As know that the South Africans gave us bantustan-type education; once we are responsible for educating ourselves, we can run this country without Van As and his kind. We don't want so-called 'white wolves' here anyway.

Neither can Van As claim that Hereros and Basters don't want a Swapo government. He is merely talking on behalf of the stooges of the South African Government, and not the people.

Whether Van As likes it or not, in this country we want to get rid of colonialism and South African occupation and we wish to gain independence. Down with the AWB and 'White Wolves'. Up with Swapo of Namibia.

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