

No-one in Namibia can believe MPC supports Resolution 435

THE DTA-MPC newspaper seems to be trying once again to destroy any attempts by the blacks in this country to get together and do something for their country. I am referring to its recent paternalistic reporting on the attempt by Dr A Shejavali, General Secretary of the Council of Churches, to get together all parties which are honestly supporting Resolution 435.

Only a fool would expect this Party newspaper to show any support for a move to unite the oppressed Namibians, but the arrogance of its Editor can no longer be ignored. In the edition of February 3 the 'wise guy' of Namibian 'journalism' takes up issue with what he refers to as the 'eienardige inisiatief' of Dr Shejavali.

Firstly he decides on what grounds this initiative will enjoy the support of all of them. Namely if the aim is

to get the parties outside the 'puppet show' more approachable. The question is: approachable for whom? His group?

He actually has the cheek to assume that these parties want to be approachable to the surrogates of South Africa, when all one has to do is to deal with South Africa itself. He then advises Dr Shejavali which parties he should have approached if he were interested in reconciliation - namely the little groups in the MPC.

The poor man is such a victim of his own propaganda that he actually believes they want 'reconciliation' while they are beating up people attending a peace rally and detaining people under AG 9 and 26.

The writer of the editorial is upset because Dr Shejavali ignored the people in the puppet show. If he had read the invitation he would have

realised that it is not Dr Shejavali, but the agenda of the planned meeting, which excludes those in the MPC. It is clearly stated in the invitation that parties will discuss Resolution 435 as it stands. Nobody in Namibia can still believe the MPC supports Resolution 435. They have proven their opposition so often.

Who remains for Dr Shejavali to speak to, he asks: I would like to inform him a little. Not to Justus Garoeb, but to the Damara Council, which has openly stated its support of Resolution 435 and which has more support than Shipanga, Katjiuongua, Mudge and the rest of the Bevryders, Arbeiders and NP put together. Not to Peter Kalangula, but to the CDA whose legitimacy has been adequately proven by the dismal failure of elements in the army and government to topple him,

and which supports Resolution 435.

Not the Swanu 'dissidents', but Swanu under the leadership of Kuzeeko Kanguuehi, Swanu which never dissented from its constitution and policy, Swanu which supports the implementation of Resolution 435.

Other parties of which this 'journalist' is unaware are the Mbanderu Council, the NIP, Nudo Progressives, Nanso and Namibia Women's Voice.

The soothsayer of Namibian political journalism predicts that it will be impossible to get these parties together. He obviously already has information about this. Is it Koevoet or the security police who will stop the meeting?

He predicts that in the event of unity being formed, it will be unity in dissension. Surely this is the business

of the parties involved, and not his.

Surely it is only salaries, cars, houses and other benefits which keeps the MPC together? Or is the writer trying to tell us that the MPC is united on AG 8, the Education report, or a policy for developing Namibia? If so, the time has come to give concrete evidence of it.

Why are the whites worried when the CCN wants to do for the oppressed what the NG Kerk has been doing for the whites for years? Why is this 'journalist' worried when the CCN starts a unifying process but not when Mr Cleary, working for South Africa, started the MPC? Must any initiative start with whites, must it be pro South African?

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