

List Calls For Third Term

I WAS born in this country. I grew up in South West Africa, now Namibia. I have a deep love for this rainless, fishless, moneyless land because I am a farmer at heart, I love the land, the soil, the people of this country.

I know the rain will come again. The last drought of the kind we have at present was 1933. In 1934 it rained or poured non-stop. I will never forget that year. This could happen again.

I lived under many governments, the country being run by foreigners. The first Namibian ever to run this country during the last decades is our present President. I think the President and I have the same feelings for our semi desert. What he does, even if he does this with the Falcon, is for the country and its people. The President is marketing our country well, he runs the country for all Namibians. Who would talk about Namibia if it was not for the President visiting the world? The pragmatic way in which this country is run, is for the good of Namibia, our country.

If the President gets a new aeroplane, which I understand is bigger, I can only second this. The Falcon is a small plane - representing our country. More assistants can go along, more people can market our Namibia; this our country needs and is by no means an easy task or waste of money.

I say it and I mean it, President Nujoma is a blessing for this country.

He should stay at least another term. For this we can change the Constitution. What will the people say? I daresay that most people accept the President and his government as a must for the future of this country.

If I look back into the past, I must confess that I was against Swapo. I dare say because the news media gave me wrong information. Not have the facts one believes too often what he or she reads in the papers! When the President returned to Namibia he called me to his office at that time in Katutura and said to me: "What you have done so far was wrong. You supported the wrong party. Their offices are in the Grand Hotel, etc. But let us forget the past and join forces. I will look after politics, you look after the economy". Whatever he said made me think, maybe for a lifetime because I don't like politics, I am working for the economy. But I warned the President that to run the economy is not so easy because this country has no 'eigenkapital' - lacks own capital. When I left he insisted I go first. This impressed me tremendously. I have not forgotten it!

Presently people talk about the third term and say if the President thinks democratically he should go. Who really knows what democracy is. There is a lot of talk about it but seemingly this is because it sounds modern, it is in. I think we should hear more about 'democracy' to make people think

democratically. What is good for the country is in.

There are too many talkers in this country and only a few doers. The President is a 'doer' so I beg him to stay in power to run this country for at least another term. What is good should not be replaced in the best interest of our beautiful country and its people.

Unfortunately the word 'thank you' does not appear in our dictionary, however there is a song 'thank you' which we should think of and listen to. It is a good song, a warm heartening song. Why don't people say 'thank you' openly for what our President has achieved for the country and for all of us.

My comment for this year and years to come is shortly written hereunder. I will send this wish to all papers, even the 'Game Koerant'. I do hope that they realise that printing all these adverts will kill a lot of business and make people jobless in this country. The profits are going out of the country, something the country cannot afford. With the population of 1,5 million we must fight to keep money in our poor country. Stay Namibian, think Namibian, and have the confidence that we can do things ourselves. Think of the casinos, they are no blessing to our country, which is proved. The country is not rich enough to pay for casinos (partly built with pension fund money, I understand). Who is in the end paying for the losses - we the tax-



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payers. I don't like to work for that. The tourists don't come here to gamble, they have that at home. Let us have a state lottery. That is better. The unions must understand that we cannot pay more salaries for less productivity in losing investments. That simply does not work. If we earn the money requested, surely

we will pay, but if we lose, we simply can't. The economy will be destroyed, disaster will come. Economy means hard work, means to work for a target and to work hard. Look what the Asian nations achieve, compare it to us and try to copy.

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