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## Swapo and Angola

IT is rather shameful and regrettable that Swapo and particularly its youth wing is simply silent on the unfortunate situation unfolding in Angola.

The recent eruption of war in Angola warrant us, the youth of Swapo in particular, to make it unequivocally clear where we stand on the crisis. The Unita bandits were clearly defeated in the elections - the UN certified that and any dispute should be settled peacefully.

Frankly, our silence may be tantamount to a betrayal of our bond of friendship that exist between Swapo and the MPLA. Angola, of all countries, deserves our unreserved support.

I do not need to remind the comrades who spent time in Angola how the people of that country sacrificed thousands of lives, had their economic infrastructure destroyed etc, because of our independence. Today we sit tight-lipped on the tragedies afflicting our friends there. What has gone wrong with our progressive policies?

Mind you, I am not calling for military intervention in Angola but at least for the Party youth wing to demonstrate our

true feelings toward the people of Angola. We know who the guilty party is, therefore the question of neutrality is out of the question. Even countries from afar have expressed their support for the MPLA government and we, just a stone's throw away from them, are unable to utter a word of solidarity and condemn the bandits for resuming the civil war.

At least a token of humanitarian aid (however small) and messages of solidarity to the people of Angola would be a good start. Swapo youth should launch nationwide campaigns to mobilise support for the Angolan people in whatever is feasible. I am pretty sure our youth will respond positively. On the other hand, I am fully aware that the majority of Namibians aren't well off either, but neither do I underestimate their resolve whenever called upon to act - after all, we are the land of the brave, aren't we?

So I am calling upon the Swapo youth to speak out loud and clear. Personally, I would like to register my solidarity with the people of Angola during this most

difficult period. My only wish is for lasting peace to prevail there.

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## Black victory?

MUCH has been talked about why most whites don't turn up at independence celebrations. One woman stated on the chat show of March 24 that whites have nothing to celebrate and that it is a black victory which must be commemorated. It is in one aspect true that you cannot celebrate your own defeat. This statement is on the one hand frightening, but on the other, the woman is honest because whites were party to the oppressive machinery and would love to have maintained the status quo.

That is why most whites were celebrating in this country while Plan members died on the borders on May 1 1989 and they wanted South African-oriented political parties to win the national elections.

I would like to think that when Namibia was liberated on March 21 1989 whites were also



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