Call for international conference

FIRSTLY, I wish to congratulate the staff of The Namibian.

Secondly, I would like to express my point of view.

It is now over seven months since the interim government was installed in Windhoek. No significant change has come about in Namibia except that repressive laws, such as AG8, AG9 and AG26, are still strong and alive.

Tens of thousands of our people are walking about in search of jobs.

The socalled Ministers talk most of the time on TV about 'good human relationships' and 'more job opportunities' for the citizens of this country.

We wonder whether these Ministers are blind to the real situation. Katutura is a mere stone's throw away from the Tintenpalast and some members of the National Assembly even live in Katutura. They know very well the bad conditions in existence there.

In this country the population is about one million, yet the Government can ill afford to run a charity food programme for citizens. Bob Geldof, the London-based rock star, can do it for more than three million starving Ethiopians.

Gentlemen, who do you think you are fooling when you call yourselves the leaders of the oppressed people of Namibia?

Stop shouting at one another in the air-conditioned Turnhalle. That is not the way to find a solution for the problems of this country.

The basic root of our problem is apartheid. Our problems also lie in education and joblessness. The Ministers should stop buying airconditioned cars and houses.

An international conference should be arranged under UN auspices. South Africa, Swapo and all the progressive parties must try



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and find a way to implement Resolution 435.

I hope too, that the International Year of Peace, will be meaningful in the daily lives of most Namibians.

The controversial issue which remains unsolved is education. Making a quick survey of our black high schools you are told that hundreds of students are turned away because of lack of accomodation in the hostels or because of examination failures.

Those in charge of education should take this situation very seriously.

At the same time I appeal to all teachers to play an active role so that they can help to fill the gap which is created by the apartheid policy of the former Bantu education.

Long live The Namibian. May God bless the staff with courage.

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Why run to the DTA if you're for socialism?

I AM WRITING in connection with the former Vice President of Swapo. Mr Misnake Muyongo. He was a committed man in the struggle to fight for his country to abolish apartheid in Namibia.

When Mr Muyongo resigned from Swapo he decided to revive his party, Canu, with a lot of supporters, basically from Caprivi. He acted bravely and sent some of his followers back to organise Canu internally.

When Mr Muyengo came back to Caprivi we thought he came to help his children organise a political party. To my surprise I saw there were disputes between Mr Muyongo and his followers.

Why did Mr Muyongo run away from his Party to join the DTA if he is fighting for socialism.

Mr Muyongo should bear in mind that he has confused the people of Caprivi by selling them to capitalist countries like South Africa, with the Botha Government.

He is acting like a dictator concerning the Caprivians. He should keep in mind that there will be an end to what he is 'doing. The people of Caprivi know Canu as a party, and Mr Mayongo should not make false claims that the UDP enjoys 95 percent support.

This is totally untrue, and he is merely trying to impress Mr Dirk Mudge and his colleagues in the Cabinet so that he can get a part in the socalled interim government.

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