Nangoloh challenge

PHIL ya Nangoloh alleged that a female activist of his socalled National Society for Human Rights visited Lubango and was informed by a commander at a Swapo house there that 'Swapo detainees' would only be released and repatriated in 1998 if Swapo gets a two-thirds majority in the general election.

He further claimed that the detainees are being re-educated and that that 'certain high officials in the Namibian Ministry of Education pay visits there to address the detainees'.

Phil ya Nangoloh even went so far to categorate and compile a list of people who allegedly went missing while in Swapo detention and numbering them according to their tribes. He claims that among the said number there were 36 Caprivians, 38 Ndongas, 55 Kwanyamas, 43 Kwambis and 96 Windhoekers.

In the wake of the scandalous revelations by Nico Basson, a self-confessed ex-propagandist of the Intelligence Service of the SADF in this country and earlier exposure by others, the frequency of the orchestrated attacks against Swapo has again increased of late.

In the light of these accusations, Swapo of Namibia demands that Phil ya Nangoloh produces full names, addresses and specific areas of origin of the following: the female activist who went to Lubango: the commander who was met by this activist in Lubango; the officials from the Ministry of Education who met the 'detainees' in Angola; the alleged detainees referred to above and the names of the rest of the 625 detainees he claimed went missing in Swapo detention as per the updated list.

Swapo has undertaken to make a preliminary report about the sacrifices made during the war in terms of human lives and hopes that the report will be available before the end of this year. However, the process of searching for missing persons will, like in any other war, continue for a long time to come.

Swapo of Namibia propounded the policy of national reconciliation aimed at bringing peace, political stability and unity among our people which are pre-requisites for economic development.

However, elements in this country who are faithful to their sponsors continue to distort the painful episode in the dark page of the colonial history in this country, thus impairing this policy. Swapo will not allow this to continue.

In conclusion we wish to state that should Phil ya Nangoloh fail to produce the information as outlined above, Swapo will be forced to take the appropriate action.

SWAPO OF NAMIBIA WINDHOEK

Note: The Namibian did not receive the original text by Phil ya Nangoloh. We therefore publish this as a letter of response, which we have shortened, due to a bad facsimile transmission. - Ed.

Coastal queries

I HAVE some questions to put to Mr de Villiers, the Town Clerk of Luderitz, or Mr Voges, Secretary of the Peri Urban Development Board in Windhoek:

- Why is Luderitz electricity not yet normal? We were told by Peri-Urban Board in De-