

Clinton's Re-election Means Nothing To Black People

LORD forgive all those black people who are congratulating Clinton for being re-elected.

Since the beginning of white domination up until today, black people are impoverished.

Not by nature or a curse of God, but by colonialism's economic system called capitalism, affectionately known as free enterprise and the sugar-coated mixed economy. When the sun set on the ogreish British Empire,

America took over the role of 'Managing Director' of the impoverishing world capitalist system.

In short, Clinton presides over a state which manages a world system that impoverishes the wretched of the third world, including Namibian black people. How?

God gave us natural resources such as land, diamonds, copper, uranium, wildlife, karakul, fisheries, etc, so that by

either selling or bartering them we can make a living out of them. As part of the colonisation process, the white man wrested control of this means of livelihood.

On March 21 1990, our Constitution, Article 16, imposed on us by the Western Contact Group of five, led by America, re-robbled us of our wealth and re-concentrated it in the hands of the local white minority and their cohorts in Eu-

rope and America who own the multi-national companies. Article (16) says our stolen means of production is the private property of those who now own them and must not be touched.

Because of this American engineered re-robbery of our resources, a situation has been created whereby the gains from our resources cross the Atlantic and go to Europe and America.

The rest is siphoned

into the hands of the white minority.

Remember, these are resources the gains from which are supposed to stay here and pull the suffering black majority out of poverty or help with the successful implementation of the First National Development Plan (NDPI).

With resources gone in a form of profits expatriation, our leaders become globe-trotters, begging for so-called devel-

opment aid. So-called because by opening

i. new markets aid givers manufactured goods; ii. new fields of investment for cheaper extraction of raw materials; iii. pools of cheap labour (EPZs) aid donors themselves more than it helps pull blacks out of penury.

To qualify for the aid which comes mainly from western donors, it is expected that we behave (economically) in

the way they would like us to. Their prescribed basic behavioural formula is simple: 'Wrest (through privatisation) the economy out of the people's hands and further re-entrench it in the hands of the few'.

Through the IMF, World Bank, World Trade Organisation, etc, the Clinton administration which is the patriarch of world capitalism, orients the third world countries' economic and fiscal policies to fit that behavioural pattern.

This pattern maintains capitalism, a system which is responsible for the deteriorating living conditions of blacks here.

Al Gore, who is vice-President of the US, on his stop-over visit here praised Namibia for pursuing a capitalist system. When Clinton recently hailed Namibia as a good example of economic 'development' he, in fact, was praising the capitalist system that is pursued here.

Now, how can black people celebrate the re-election of a person who has vowed to use his country's resources and energy to keep that exploitative and plunderous system safe?

By praising Clinton, we are prolonging our own exploitation.

Austere economic measures known as Structural Adjustment Programmes which Clinton imposed on the third world will throw poor people into revolt, thus leading to social upheavals.

Where you have social upheavals you won't have peace.

That's why I disagree with our President when he praised Clinton on his re-election and said Clinton was a man of peace.

Let us not forget that it is Clinton's administration which recently bypassed the UN and showed northern Iraq with missiles, thus bringing fierce condemnation from peace-loving governments around the world, including that of Mr Nujoma.

If there are leaders in the world today who are worth our praise and support, then it's people like Fidel Castro and Gaddafi who are clamouring for a new humane international economic order which will value the well-being of all mankind above profits and computers.

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