

Preserving the status quo

THERE CAN BE no pretense. There can be no cover up. Moses Katjiuongua is a collaborator. He is not only a member of the MPC, machinery set up by the South African Government, the most articulate member of a Cabinet protected by the South African army and its secret services, but he also prevents people from peacefully registering their rejection of South African colonialism and oppression.

At a recent press conference he said 'to give people freedom is not to give them licence to turn against the State'. These fateful words is ample proof, not only of the extent and depth of his collaboration, but the fact that he is no nationalist but a mere reactionary.

However devious his rhetoric, his capability to 'capture the imagination of the majority of the population' has been reduced to zero if it ever existed at all. For to be a friend of the state is to be a friend of tyranny, brutality, violence, oppression and similar vices.

The fact that the South African rule in this country is illegal, her instruments, the Administrator General, armed forces and national assembly must also be without legitimacy.

Nonetheless, Mr Katjiuongua sees it fit to state that 'we must be seen to be doing the work we said we would do for the people of this country, and we must justify taxpayers money'. He even finds it necessary to attempt the propaganda that 'the transitional government has committed itself to changing the country to make it better for its people'.

The laws that Moses Katjiuongua holds are the laws that virtually the whole Namibian population has dismissed as oppressive and immoral and have fought since the origin of our political struggle and earlier.

Surely political stability means preservation of the status quo. Any change brought about by the Cabinet will be of the type that fits with the grand designs and strategies of South Africa to retain control of our land and its resources.

Katjiuongua deprives peace-loving men and women to make their grievances heard in a peaceful way and asks these people to surrender their genuine aspirations for justice, peace and freedom in favour of docile acceptance of laws which are an anathema to their interest and wellbeing.

In case the highly educated Cabinet member does not know it, peaceful campaigns and civil unrest are not the same thing.

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Note: This letter has been shortened.