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Keetmanshoop on Tuesday October 23.

As always, President Nujoma, on his arrival at the Keetmanshoop stadium, captured the minds and spirits of all the people present. Especially the schoolchildren were ecstatic as President Nujoma passed the standing crowd to the stage.

The very first thing that struck him was the quite obvious attitude of pupils and teachers of the local white schools. They were seated separately from the pupils of the so-called black schools.

The President immediately called upon the pupils and the teachers of the white schools to come closer, and mix with pupils of the other schools. This call was welcomed with great applause by the people present.

This practical gesture demonstrated our President's seriousness with the policy of reconciliation. He again referred to the children as the future leaders of Namibia. It is the pupils of the pre-primary to secondary level who must learn to live and play with one another.

The speech by the President personally gave me hope for the future and the efforts of our young government. The optimistic manner in which he faces his and our many challenges, was reassuring, and we must pray for

lasting peace and stability in our beautiful country.

Our President also proved that he remains a man of the people, despite his high position. It gave me great joy to see how humble and down-to-earth he is.

At the end of his address, the Mayor tried to restore order as the schoolchildren became so excited. President Nujoma gave them the rest of the day off.

As I left the stadium I felt spiritually satisfied. As I saw our kids started to play soccer on the grass, I remembered that it was also the 50th birthday of Pele, the world's greatest soccer player.

Who knows, maybe one of them will one day be Namibia's Pele, with the opportunities and leadership that are offered by our great President, Sam Nujoma.

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## Public transport

I AM writing this short note for consideration by the Windhoek Municipality, concerning the possible extension of bus terminals to all the areas and suburbs of Windhoek. Many of us are encountering serious problems with public transport, whether it is a bus or taxi service from, for example, Avis, Klein Windhoek, Academia, Olympia, etc.

Hence I am pleading with the Municipality of Windhoek to urgently consider this serious problem very soon.

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## A NOTE TO READERS

**Due to a tremendous backlog in readers' letters, the reaction to Major-General Solomon Hawala's appointment will only be published in Friday's edition of The Namibian.**