

We, the living

I AM very concerned about unemployment and the standard of living affecting us black people. I wish to appeal to those involved in the so-called government that the time has come to get serious.

Why must we hear that there are no jobs for those who need them most, while unnecessary jobs are provided for others in the unelected interim government? I wonder whether the interim government really cares about the well-being of their countrymen.

Our standard of living is very low and there are many shortages.

Have you, so-called Ministers, been here in Katutura and in other black townships of Namibia? If the answer is 'yes', then why don't you fight our cause with the South African Government for the sake of your countrymen?

Unemployment is unnecessary in a country such as this. There are also a lot of potential jobs around the townships for blacks.

Just pay a short visit here to Katutura to see what I am talking about. I want to appeal to Moses of Manpower to provide jobs for his countrymen. You can provide jobs by having a park project for Katutura and proper playgrounds for our kids.

You could also launch a project for the planting of trees in certain areas to improve Katutura.

To quote from history, perhaps you might refer back to Franklin Roosevelt and his New Deal for some tips.

Please don't fool us by telling us that the money is not available. Our mines are full of raw materials which are exploited by South Africa. Then you tell us there's no money?

All Khomasdal streets are tarred. Why not Katutura? Don't tell me about money. I am aware that our taxes are not the same as the residents of Khomasdal or those of Windhoek, but why can't we get even cheap tarred roads just to keep the dust away. Is this a case of 'equal rights'?

I repeat my concern about unemployment and the low standard of living of many blacks, particularly the Ovambo-speaking people.

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