



doctrination and, with the sea of capitalist values in which we are swimming worldwide, the potential is strong for reactionary forces to manipulate the scene. Hence the importance that may, perhaps, have to be placed upon responsible media and a comprehensive educational system. Freedom of the press, and open government are principles that we all support, but they must be balanced against society's interest in informed, as opposed to misinformed, decision making. Certainly, whilst the racist regime in the south prevails, these interests might have to be carefully balanced. What we could certainly not afford to do, is to let working people suffer so much for independence and freedom, and then extend the existing life of concrete reality in a camouflaged form.

**IN SUMMARY:** It has not been the objective of this brief article to criticise what was said, or not said, at the Lusaka conference. Indeed, the conference was a significant and welcome political development. Rather, our attempt has been merely to restate and keep alive the debate as to the road to socialist development for Namibia, after independence. In view of the debate raging in 'socialist countries' at the moment, to the extent that some leading personalities are reported to have questioned the wisdom of the revolutions that took place there at all, as well as welcoming extreme right wing political leaders to expound their obnoxious philosophies to their people, it is important, even more so for us in Namibia, to open up as many areas as possible for debate - now.

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## **The Cubans and us**

I WOULD like to share my views and thoughts concerning the Cuban issue and the independence of Namibia.

It is time for the Namibian people to realize that economic sanctions against the racist S.A. alone are

unlikely to solve our problem, but more attention should be given to assisting political and other forms of struggle we are waging against the regime.

According to the current peace talks South Africa and America introduced new issues in the matter and are trying their best to switch the burden of talks to the opposite parties - will Angola accept all the S.A. and American demands? If yes, what will happen to Angola next?

We rejected the connection of Cubans to the independence of Namibia and were and are still demanding the withdrawal of the S.A. troops and its illegal regime from Namibia, but not one of either parties (South Africa or America) is willing to listen to us as they are in favour of war. South Africa stays in Walvis Bay even after UNSCR 435 is implemented - what then?

We are intimidated by the S.A. regime with its apartheid laws and military atrocities. It is preaching its "goodness" to win the hearts and minds of the people, but we suffered for a long time under its colonial regime. It is still continuing to minimize our political rights - how will we continue with talks?

Cubans were willing to help Angola from the intimidation we experiencing here and their presence in Angola is legal. As long as the intimidation to the Namibian people continues Angola cannot be saved.

Those who are threatened by the presence of Cubans in Angola are the "Terreblanche group" of the South African regime, who want to exploit the Angolan people and its allies. Once the Cubans withdraw from Angola the "Terreblanche speech" in the past few days will be manifested practically.

The Namibian people welcome the Cubans, because they are comrades - they don't kill, but save. We have experienced SA (not Cuban) atrocities; and the Angolans too.

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## **Non-racial sport**

MY sense of justice and respect for the truth compels me to respond to this underhanded and slanderous attack on the non-racial sporting bodies of Namibia.

In the above-mentioned item ("Die Republikein" - 11 November 1988) a number of false representations and plain lies are told. Firstly, I challenge Mr Coen Brand to identify his "group of Coloureds" or if such a group exists, to identify themselves. It is my opinion that either there is no such group and this article is the opinion of the parties