

The Flying Namibian

THE Flying Dutchman is an opera where the captain and his crew cruise the seven seas and are never seen and never land anywhere.

This opera is copied by the South West African People's Organisation of Namibia or in short Swapo. It could be called the Flying Namibian.

He is, all in one, the absentee parliamentarian, landlord and member of the ministerial class, flying over all continents changing hotel rooms and cities and seldom being seen. He belongs to the loyal cadres and is therefore only responsible to the Central Committee and the Politburo and the spirit of Karl Marx. Some have lived like that for 30 years - first on the expense of the western or eastern taxpayer and now the Namibian taxpayer, for 13 years, has been carrying their costs.

For the next elections this is an unsavoury situation. There would be no reason to elect them again. Therefore one has to mobilise the masses with different topics. One has to produce other rabbits out of the Chat Show cylinder. It is today, for example, the commercial farmer or the US of A. They are insulted vehemently and frequently. They are called coloniser, thief or exploiters. For all these prattlers it would be better to concentrate on some of the real problems.

One would welcome the discussion about the inefficient way communal

farmers handle grazing rights, the lousy payment of their employees or the shameful managing of their own water supply, after having been given free of charge the wells including the necessary installed equipment. Where is the study of the payment of agricultural workers in the rural areas on communal farms?

A discussion about real colonisers in the world, who are suppressing other people in a brutal way by trying to destroy their cultural identity, is necessary.

Since AIDS is transmitted mainly through sexual intercourse, an open discussion about mating habits is required. The sexual behaviour of men and women has to change drastically. What about having more transparency, by asking people to have a test on a voluntary basis, so that they can inform their partner? Why is it not possible to ask people only to accept each other, when they are informed about the status of their partner? The regular use of condoms should be left to the infected or sex workers or people who are changing their partners frequently for other reasons. Why wait for the international AIDS-councillor caravan with their programmes?

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Note: This letter has been shortened - Ed