

Colonel Eimbeck reacts to opinions of Pastor Kameeta

YOU HAVE GIVEN Vice Bishop Kameeta space in your newspaper to voice his opinion. I request the same opportunity since you call yourself a champion for freedom of speech.

Mr Kameeta claims that the independence of Namibia is an inalienable right, and that it is demanded without conditions attached. He is right, but why does he, and his party, Swapo, refuse to acknowledge any other political opinion in this demand for independence?

Why doesn't Mr Kameeta use his high office to ensure justice, peace and freedom for every Namibian? He is aware of the fact that Swapo does not tolerate opposition. He knows that everybody opposing Swapo will be subject to arbitrary punishment or even execution without a fair trial. Mr Kameeta should support the call made by The Namibian on Swapo to ensure a fair hearing for those who are accused of being spies for South Africa.

Mr Kameeta should be aware of the fact that many political parties in Namibia have urged Swapo to be an equal partner in their opposition to South Africa. He should also know that Swapo refuses to drop the adjec-

tive 'sole and authentic representative of the people of Namibia'. Ms Lister should inform Mr Kameeta of what her experiences are concerning this imposed status on Swapo. Mr Kameeta, who has vowed to preach love, peace and righteousness, should be in the front to ensure that every Namibia be granted the right and the opportunity to work towards independence of this country.

Mr Kameeta knows that Swapo regards violence as the only viable means of attaining independence for Namibia, but does he consider the fact that the majority people in this country are peaceloving Christians and thus prefer a negotiated settlement?

Mr Kameeta calls for boycotts and disinvestment and calls the potential suffering of the majority of people 'empty phrases'. Simultaneously this Vice Bishop demands that 'all people must have the right to decent housing, and bring up their families in comfort and security. Free medical care and hospitalisation must be provided for all, with special care for senior citizens, mothers and small children. The aged and disabled must be fully cared for by the State'.

Has it occurred to Mr Kameeta that foreign investment is vital to achieve these aims? Mr Kameeta is fully aware of the fact that Swapo and the CCN regularly call on international financial support to alleviate the plight of the people. Why then should only his party and its followers benefit from financial aid and not the majority of the people?

Will Mr Kameeta care to tell the public how much he earns and how much he pays in taxes? Will Mr Kameeta be prepared to inform the people of this country about the lifestyle of those who profess to fight for independence and liberation about their contribution towards the alleviation of the suffering people in the form of financial contributions? Can Mr Kameeta inform the public of what he proposes should be done to obtain sufficient funds to attain what all the people in Namibia desire?

Mr contention is that Swapo is guilty of the most atrocious discrimination against people. Mr Kameeta is actively engaged in Swapo's political activities, this makes him guilty of discriminating against his own people too. Accord-

ing to the Oxford dictionary, discrimination means to 'make a distinction, to give unfair treatment, especially because of prejudice'. Swapo and Mr Kameeta call everybody who does not comply with their conditions and with their opinions, collaborators, traitors, puppets etc. Everybody who dares to speak against Swapo is threatened and intimidated. Every person who does not support Swapo is being discriminated against. This is definitely not what the majority of Namibians will support; this is what the majority of the Namibians want eradicated.

Mr Kameeta claims his fame and right to speak about political matters on his arrest and detention. For any law-abiding citizen, especially for devoted Christians, defiance of the law is detestable. If Mr Kameeta as a Vice Bishop and even more as a Swapo politician, was really concerned about the welfare of the people of this country and their inalienable right to self-determination, he would have made positive contributions and would not support an organisation which sees only violence as a means of achieving

what they desire, namely, to take over power of this country.

Mr Nujoma has declared more than once that Swapo is not interested in powersharing, but only in power itself. During his recent propaganda tour for Swapo in West Germany, Mr Kameeta has proven that he is against any form of opposition to Swapo and that he disputes the right of freedom of speech of a German citizen in his own country. With this act added to his political antics against the people of this country, Mr Kameeta has disqualified himself of claiming to be a champion for freedom, justice and peace.

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NOTE: S Eimbeck is a Colonel in the South West African Police. He is also attached to the Directorate of the Security Secretariat of the National Security Council appointed by the Cabinet of the interim government. We would be interested to hear him expound on the 'experiences' of G Lister concerning the 'sole and authentic' status of Swapo. - Editor.

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