

boycott at the same time.

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On Otjikoto

RECENTLY a total of 14 pupils were suspended here at Otjikoto. It was a surprise to me because it is black teachers who have done this, especially the principal and his bodyguard, Mungunda and 'baas' Steyn (the Secretary of National Education) according to Molebugi the headmaster. All they say to you is "moenie weer jou voet hier trap nie" and when you ask for reasons they put you out of the school. They say you must ask the people in Windhoek, maybe the so-called Minister of National Education, Andrew Matjila. The three men, the principal, Mungunda and Steyn, when he was here recently, kept as a secret the expulsion of pupils. The other teachers didn't know about it and were informed by other pupils in school.

Funnily enough, Steyn himself who chased pupils out of the school, doesn't even know anybody here but he just says "jy het ook deelgeneem" and puts you out of the school. Molebugi and his bodyguard Berra said that they will make all those who organised the boycott suffer, and they don't even know that we the pupils together, organised the boycott.

On Monday 25 July we went on strike asking that the suspended pupils must be allowed to return to school. Molebugi told us that the heads of National Education will look after the case and we will be answered by the following Wednesday. Still boycotting classes on Wednesday, we came to school and Molebugi say that he had closed the school because we just want to boycott.

All we understand here is that he doesn't want pupils who have been chased out, to come back to school.

They must know that the boycotts, countrywide, are because of the SADF bases next to schools in the north. He must take note of that because this is what started the boycotts.

I just want to tell people who don't know the situation in Namibia, mostly Tsumeb people: As long as they are getting their "brood en suiker", they are happy. But one thing you must know is that when the SADF (and Koevoet) get out of Namibia then we can surely have freedom.

Not only Swapo can make Namibia free, but we the people of Namibia can free it and we the pupils of Otjikoto and all schools around the country will show the SA Government this.

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Res. 435 soon?

THE world is speaking about the possible implementation of a ten-year-old peace plan, well known as UN Resolution 435. It can be true that the independence of Namibia is in offing - and maybe not, because we have experienced lots of tricks and intentional

delaying tactics by the racist regime of Pretoria. I decided not to withdraw my message to you because of rumours of peace.

My dear Namibians, do you know that there are seven chief human wants in life? These are: air to breathe; water to drink and for domestic purposes adequate, wholesome and nourishing food; land on which to build our houses; sufficient clothing to keep us warm and enable us to conform with accepted standards of decency; fire or fuel to enable us to cook our food; and a shelter to protect us from the sun, wind and rain.

If the Namibian nation is deprived of these needs by a certain greedy group of people; that greedy group errs against God's will and against the whole of humanity. So, no government (nobody) has right to keep away these natural wants from any individual. Because the youth of today is the future generation, I think it is of paramount importance for the youth of Namibia to watch critically and see if there is any violation of these wants. If there is a violation, what is the necessary resistance our youth need to render? If our air is being polluted, I feel it is the responsibility of our youth to take an active stand in order to protest that evil. If few people have sufficient food and water while many people have not, again it remains the right of our youth to analyse the root cause of such evil. Namibia is a "spacious" country as everybody says, but the freedom to own a piece of land is deliberately threatened by the high price of buying it. Because the land of Namibia is not yet in the hands of the owners (Namibians), the colonisers are making big money from exploiting us. In order to live a proper life, we need the land and this remains the greatest task of the youth of Namibia to struggle and regain our land. We, therefore, cannot be a nation if we have no land.

History can prove that the struggle in Namibia is over the land in the first place and all other things like human rights etc. come second. The struggle waged by our political forefathers such as Witbooi, Mandume, Maharero and many others, was the struggle for our right to keep the land. They tried to their very best efforts to resist the colonisers' take-over of the land. Anyway, they lost because they were not united, but they are not defeated for we are here to continue their resistance - only if we are united. Naturally, politically and economically, Namibia is our land and we want it back now.

Dear comrades and friends, freedom is what we desire - it is our destination. Of course, freedom or independence has become an urgent want. In life, every human being has a task to fulfil. We are the children of the progressive parents and they did their best in all their efforts to bring about the independence of our land. Yes, it becomes now the role of the Namibian youth to fulfil the dreams and aims of our forefathers. Those dreams are very important. As the late Martin Luther King said: "I HAVE A DREAM..." and the group, the Young Rascals said in their song: "All the world over, it's so easy to see - people everywhere just to

be free ..." - of course, this makes one think, don't you agree? What kind of message is carried in the song of the Namibian "Young Rascals"? Nobody has a right to prevent you, young Namibians, from bringing about the freedom we all eagerly desire for.

In your struggle for freedom, I know that there are lots of problems you are facing. Some of the self-appointed government leaders are calling you dangerous "radicals". They call you by that name because they feel the potentiality of your resistance to their evil system. Only you can bring about genuine freedom and their down-fall. Because of money they blindly failed to see that every person (our youth too) regardless of his station in life, has a dignity and importance far greater than a lower animal. It remains your full duty to resist anything that may keep you away from the struggle for independence ... anything like economic conscription, corruptive education, "minds and hearts" winning programmes, etc.

My beloved youth of Namibia, do you agree with me that the struggle is over the land in the first place? The imperialist governments are not interested in Namibia because they love the Namibians. They certainly do not love us but they just fell deeply in love with the land Namibia because she is very rich. Now they are raping our motherland. America, Britain, West Germany and many other European countries are more interested in mineral resources our land produces and not in the Namibian people. The South African soldiers and police killed many Namibians because of the land not because Namibians committed any sin. The youth must be aware of this fact that they must struggle, not for a slice of bread or a loaf of bread, but for the whole bakehouse. We must free the whole land of Namibia. All evil powers of colonialism and neo-colonialism must be resisted. Colonialism is violence - oppression is violence - neo-colonialism is bribery or betrayal which is also violence and all these must be resisted. To revolt because there is a violation of rights does not mean committing violence as oppressors tend to put it. We revolt because we want to be free. Young Namibians, stand up and fight for your rights - your country is your rights.

Let us be vigilant and not be confused by what I call "rumours of peace" and stop the genuine process of the struggle for freedom. Some of us may say: let us stop a bit and see what will happen. I say no, because to stop "a bit" while there is nothing really achieved is like putting a horse behind the cart. Let us continue the struggle until all our dreams and visions become a reality - a free united Namibia.

This struggle needs a young person's prayer, mind, brain, energy, blood, tear drop, and courage in order to achieve freedom in totality. Thank you comrade H. Ya Toivo; you have spoken the truth by warning the youth of Namibia that the "struggle is long and bitter". Thank you, certainly, Namibia has her own prophets.

Victory is surely coming. It doesn't matter how, it is the youth's role to

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make it come.

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Tasting freedom