

Peace & Real Progress

LIST the ability to keep peace as the greatest political achievement of our Swapo government since March 21 1990.

I point out that the country is blessed, because there has been no unnecessary bloodletting in the nine years of governance. Therefore as a Namibian and as a loyal member of the ruling party, Swapo, I call on fellow Namibians to shun ethnicity, bribery, corruption and to rather encourage peace, enhance national development. I call for vigilance from all and a concerted effort to expose saboteurs of our democratic governance, and this should be a civic duty required of all Namibians.

All Namibians should support democratic governance brought about by our long and bitter struggle. All party members should also pledge loyalty to the incumbent leader, President Sam Nujoma, whom I describe as a gentle and dedicated leader, who against all odds stood the test of time, a distinguished African leader whose stance for truth and justice remains his watchword.

It is well known that the Swapo government

saw its first task to be the ensuring of peace and stability in a country divided by racial, ethnic and tribal tension.

Swapo believed that no development or build-

ing of democracy was possible in Namibia unless peace and common purpose was ensured.

The great sense of joy which washed over our country nine years ago

as we held our first democratic elections and installed our first ever democratic government, was based on the hope and the popular political conviction that 'the win-

ter of our discontent had been made glorious summer' by the ending of the system of apartheid in this country.

We have learned the painful but precious les-

sons of democracy, we fought for every inch of everything which we have achieved today.

Even a mad person would agree with me that for nine years real

progress took place in Namibia.

I wish to commend our President for what he has done so far, and plead to him to continue along the noble path of enthroning a lasting democracy and peace in our country for the next presidential term.

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Windhoek

Using 'Blackness' To Cover Shameful Deed

LET me start by congratulating your paper for standing the test of time. Your paper challenged and defeated the apartheid regime together with all other revolutionary forces of the time, and now it has embarked on the most difficult task of challenging the evil forces of corruption! Your reporting of the corrupt deeds of Minister Iyambo should win you the "Prize of the Millennium"!

I am more ashamed than ever by this supposedly brilliant young and "just married" minister to use his blackness to cover for his shameful deed. I should remind him that I am black and very black for that matter - does being black imply being

corrupt? Does the phrase "I am very, very sorry" not exist in YOUR Blackness? Should you go out of your way to insult all the black folks on this planet earth to cover for you evil deeds? Should you go out of your way to insult a respectable newspaper and other honest Namibians to cover for your unrespectable "Wedding Gift"? What is political in a newspaper informing the nation - I wonder why they didn't make you Minister of MisEducation!

Mr. Minister, I don't have anything against your marriage.

I am black, Namibian and happily married. What I am against is the dishonour that you have caused

the very institution (marriage) I cherish by accepting unacceptable "gifts" and the shame you have brought upon the blackness you claim to defend.

Now your forgiveness and salvation lies in your resignation. Please my young black brother repeat after me: "I, Abraham Iyambo, am very sorry for what I have done which is beyond comprehension and the only way I can pay back Namibia and Blackness all over the world is to resign with immediate effect." Thank you.

Black & Not Corrupt,
Holland

Are Gifts Tax Write-Offs?

THE questions on my mind as a taxpaying Namibian who underwrites the salaries of those "entrusted" with running the nation is:

Are the cash gifts from the fishing industry to finance Minister Abraham Iyambo's wedding taxable, and from the fish industry's side can they use these donations as tax

write-offs?

Also, if the Minister says questionable fundraising for the private activities of some of our politicians has happened before - what is he inferring? That if they did it, it's OK for him?

or, is he using it as a blackmail tactic to silence possible critics of his wedding bonanza among Ministerial and other political colleagues?

Iyambo alone cannot be blamed. It seems to me

that the younger Minister appears to be only following the example (poor) of some of his elders and so called betters. Does the Government's silence

interest, mean that they sanction such activities, whether it is Iyambo or whoever?

That is the impression we are getting. They are creating the wrong cul-

ture. The example at the top makes waves at the bottom. The chicken will come home to roost. The cocks are already crowing. And a nation weeps at the moral bankruptcy of its leaders. It is an insult to the struggle the people of this nation fought.