

# On the Boer War

WITH THE recent propaganda against Swapo on the part of the DTA mouthpiece, I would like to bring the following to the attention of the public.

The facts about Swapo in that mouthpiece are manipulated and propagandistic in nature. The whites who sit behind this propaganda are exploiting the lack of knowledge of our people.

In 1899 to 1902 the Afrikaners fought the Boer war. Let me mention some factors in connection with this:

- \* the guerrilla war of 1899 to 1902 was the first significant one in Africa;
- \* it was learned from them that guns could be taken up as a last resort and when all other possibilities had been exhausted;
- \* 11-year old children fought in that war;
- \* with their Calvinistic background, they saw their war as rightful before God;
- \* the Afrikaners did not separate politics and religion;
- \* they were convinced they fought for their country and freedom;
- \* the homes and farms of the Afrikaners were burned down by the enemy British;
- \* women and children were placed in concentration camps, where more than 22 000 children under the age of

16 are alleged to have died;

\* *Hensoppers* were regarded as traitors while *bittereindes* fought to the finish;

\* the traitors were sometimes sentenced to death by firing squad;

\* the Afrikaners were distrustful of the English and their peace initiatives;

\* children of traitors could not be baptised in the Dutch Reformed Church.

Taking this into account, why the fuss about the fact that Swapo is holding their traitors in detention, in much better conditions than those of the Afrikaners during the Boer War?

Already, deep in the National Party hierarchy, in the NP church, there is a change against apartheid. They are now beginning to realise the irreparable damage done to the black by means of apartheid.

View the propaganda of the Republican Party with caution. It is the Broederbond's psychological war against Swapo. Swapo will not be broken. Shipanga and Muyongo tried it and failed. Do you think Maria Boois and Beukes will get it right?

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