

Year of unity

1986 CAME and faded away as quickly as the rainbow and 1987 has been hatched. For us, the struggling masses of Namibia, it is now time to reflect on the happenings of the past year. Was it a successful year as far as the struggle is concerned? Did we achieve what we set out to achieve, and if not why?

First of all we must find answers to these questions before we can plan for the new year. The aim of our planning should be to make a success out of the failures of the past and to achieve our independence. It is also now time for us to state our aims and purpose as clearly as never before. We should state our views without fear or favour.

Our aim was and is and always shall be the independence of our country. It must be every Namibian's wish and desire to be free ... and I mean free in the real sense of the word.

Our independence is not negotiable. We have negotiated for too long hence the long delay in obtaining our desired independence. Our direction should be very clear ... independence now and at all costs. We should stop these half-hearted efforts. We should go all out to liberate our country.

The call and onus is on us to unite the divided people of Namibia into one cohesive liberation front or movement.

The unity I am talking about is not unity for the sake of shouting that we are united ... I mean unity of purpose and action ... the purpose being our liberation. We must have the purpose of fighting the common enemy and even more ... to defeat the enemy. We have nothing to lose but our chains.

We must learn from our mistakes and those of our forefathers and rectify them before it is too late. We should also learn from other African countries.

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The time for talk about unity is long overdue. It is now time to act unity. It is time to involve all the Namibians in the unity of purpose process.

The masses must ask their leaders to unite them for the sake of our independence and beloved fatherland. We should not give the enemy the chance of further dividing our already divided people. The enemy did it by creating eleven ethnic governments. He did it by buying and bribing some of our people. He did it by his political ideology - terming some of us terrorists and communists. He is still doing it with his radio and TV broadcasts. Finally he is doing it by taking some black money-mongers into towns to create a black middle class-cum-elite. The irony is that these blacks think they are destroying apartheid. The truth is that they are being used to strengthen apartheid.

Multiracialism and liberalism have never been the friends of those under oppression. All these terms tend to create divisions in the liberation movement and some confused blacks tend to think that by associating with whites, they are better than other blacks. History has proved that white liberalism is an enemy of the struggle for freedom. Whites cannot enslave us and at the same time claim to be our liberators. Freedom is not a gift, its a victory, and that victory will only be achieved by the blacks themselves. History has proved that whites in the ranks of the liberation movement tend to be spies and informers. Whites tend to be in control or to control whether they are in the majority or minority. Wherever the whites went, they went to control.

Socialism is the basis of the African culture and also part of the African revival and struggle to regain the lost glory and freedom. Socialism is a way of life for the African and not a foreign, imported ideology as claimed by white capitalism. Blacks owned everything commonly, even the most powerful kings did not claim or own private land or waterholes. Socialism should not only be preached, but practiced ... in fact it should be lived. We as socialists should put the example of being true socialists. We should stop living as capitalists

while preaching socialism. The people should be prepared for the Great Socialist Revolution which is going to transform the entire Namibian society.

Namibian masses must stand together and call an end to the oppression meted out to you. If the leaders are not taking any initiative, then you are at liberty to take actions to liberate the country. Let us make 1987 the final year of our struggle for independence.

We have been hearing about peace and reconciliation in Namibia ... what a misuse of words and terms. The fact is there is no peace in Namibia and there won't be peace in Namibia unless the enemy is driven out and we resume our rightful place and control of our country. There won't be reconciliation in Namibia between the oppressed and oppressors. What are we reconciling? Oppression? No way. The real peace and reconciliation will come when the black man has come to his rights and power. We cannot talk about peace and reconciliation in Namibia unless we are trying to bluff ourselves as the white liberals are doing today. To the white liberals we say: you cannot achieve or solve anything by working with your puppets or tamed blacks. The key to the solution of the Namibian problem lies with the true blacks ... the revolutionaries. We are holding the key to peace, freedom and tranquility in Namibia.

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NOTE: This letter has been shortened
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