

Take it seriously

RECENT weeks have witnessed various revelations about the extent of SA involvement in the 1989 Namibian elections.

These revelations have once more confirmed the remarks by Swapo before and during the process of elections that South Africa had a hidden agenda for Namibia.

These revelations have once more strengthened the belief of many Namibians that SA rigged the elections in favour of the DTA.

Until such time as the DTA and its leaders prove to the nation that they no longer receive money and advice from SA, we will continue to doubt their integrity and dedication to peace and security in the country.

Peace and independence has cost the lives of many Namibians.

It is my belief that an international commission of inquiry must be set up to investigate the extent of SA involvement in those elections.

Namibia's lasting peace, independence and good human relationships cannot be achieved without examining the root cause of the war we fought and ensure that it will not happen again.

If the policy of national reconciliation is to work effectively, we must clearly define: what is an enemy; who is the enemy; who collaborated with the enemy; what constitutes a war crime; who is a war criminal; who is an accomplice; etc.

Those are urgent and pressing questions which must be settled now before we face the future with a clean and open heart.

The Government should set up a Peoples' Tribunal to try and convict war criminals or else some of us will continue to harbour ill feelings and the temptations to settle these problems outside the law. It is

my belief that until wrongdoers are identified, weeded out and punished for the crimes they have committed, anarchy will continue to reign in this country and no one will fear to commit even treason against the sovereignty of this country. We must remember where injustices prevail, people tend to take the law into their own hands.

The relative peace we are enjoying is artificial especially when we have certain people in our midst in strategic places where they can continue to use and oppress the people of this country.

We must look at ourselves and decide whether what we are doing is right or not and the various reasons for that. Are our actions building or destroying the very foundations we are trying to build?

It is for this reason I believe the allegations made by Basson must be taken seriously. The Government should set up a commission to investigate.

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Ongandjera reply

WE as Ongandjera teaching staff would like to request your newspaper to air our comments on an article in *The Namibian* of May 17.

We disagree with the writer of the article who said that teachers at Ongandjera are not turning up for their classes. And they (the teachers) are also said to be distributors of books.

I, as the Principal, know my teachers and it is my duty to see to it that they are doing their work faithfully. I therefore want to correct the writer of the article, and would like to pose to him/her the following questions:

- how many teachers are there at Ongandjera Secondary School?