

EDITORIALUNO COMMITTEE BETRAYS OUR PEOPLE

It is part of the known and stated policy of this paper to expose the rôle of the United Nations Organisation as an instrument of the Imperialist nations. We have never ceased to show that the UNO is essentially a weapon in the hands of these Imperialists, led by Britain and America; a weapon used against the oppressed colonial and non-white people of the world; a weapon obstructing their development towards democracy and independence.

In contrast to many other groups from S.W.A., we are not willing to accept a system of UNO Trusteeship. We demand Independence now. We know the UNO, through its Specialised Agencies and Special Committees, acts against the people and safeguards the interests of the Imperialist nation. Any UNO presence in S.W.A. will mean therefore that the valuable mines in the country will remain under British and American Imperialist control, and that the profits, so vital to the economic health of our country, will still sail across the oceans to these distant lands. We need only mention the action of the UNO in Katanga to prove our point.

Thus the recent actions of the UNO Special Committee on S.W.A. under the Chairmanship of Mr. Victorio Carpio have effectively served to show how correct our stand is. By its belly-crawling to the S.A. Government, by its nauseating cowardice (so-called diplomacy) and by its deliberate disregard of the expressed wishes of the S.W.A. people, this Committee has proved itself the agent of Imperialism and the opponent of the democratic aspirations of our people. We are not surprised when Dag Hammarskjöld was in South Africa, he had the same attitude.

In terms of the Resolution adopted by the General Assembly, the 7-man Committee under Carpio, was to visit S.W.A. and (in co-operation with the S.A. Government) abolish apartheid, set up a democracy, grant the full franchise to all adults, ensure the withdrawal of S.A. troops and the release of all political prisoners. All this was to have been accomplished by May 1st. However, the Committee has now co-operated so fully with the S.A. Government that only 2 members (the Chairman and Vice-Chairman) have visited S.A. to have talks with Verwoerd and Eric Louw. They are now to visit S.W.A. to see the situation there for themselves. They have forgotten the precise commands given them, and are now acting like the glassy-eyed tourists seduced here by the S.A. Foundation! Carpio has found Dr. Verwoerd "warm and friendly"; shame on you Carpio!

It is clear that Mr. Carpio and Dr. de Alva (Vice-Chairman) are here on behalf of the Special Committee to make a deal with the S.A. Government. They will arrange an agreement satisfactory to both the Imperialists powers and to Verwoerd. All the fine resolutions about democracy for S.W.A. and the full franchise for all, will be forgotten. Possibly Verwoerd will offer Transkeian-type Independence (under the Bantu Authorities) to Ovamboland as a first step to show his "willingness" to guide our people to full independence. Carpio will find that, contrary to all he has heard from the politicians, the non-whites in S.W.A. have much to be thankful for, and that S.A. is doing a great deal to help them. In any case, Carpio will not bring to our country the democratic rights and the freedom from S.A. tyranny that we all demand.

There is a bitter lesson to be learnt by all who have placed their faith in UNO. As always UNO's representative has betrayed the oppressed people; in this case, we have suffered. Because our organisation is not powerful, disciplined, organised and influential enough, we are forced to accept what is

handed down to us. Instead of being able to seize our own independence now, we must tolerate the open collaboration of Mr. Carpio with Verwoerd - against the interests of our people.

All who genuinely desire freedom for all in S.W.A. have much to think about.

O "Commentator" ota yi mono ombapila odhindji dha za kokule nopopepi. Aveshe ova vengudu vamanguluko ova kala okushivifila vakuauc nhumbi tava kondjela oshilongo ahawe ohawe shi shange mo "Commentator".

Komushangi,

Nda hala yo ndi yandje ekumaida kovanangudu va S.W.A.P.O.

Ovaholika nye, omu shi zhi tuu kutja ngeenge itatu kondjeni shili neen-kone edu letu olo tali ka ninge la hauhumina soupika uolidele? Oshike mau tala? Ongudu yetu S.W.A.P.O. ota yi ti : fie itatu shuzavali opadi munima okomeshe ashike tua yaka.

Vamawone vaholike inamu hangue komayeleko eshi epangelo la Union nomale-nga alo vetu kumala soupika. Ngaashi aushi uete nye vane eshi tatu la ndi tua tua fa omuna notatu pangela ka fininiko. Tatu longe nopenesa ndjabi. Nonande ota fie ile tu hangue fie va S.W.A.P.O. ota na oku kondjela oshili, fie hatu mono vamanguluko letu tu dule okumona epangelo olo ta li tu pangela lina evadalelwa mo va S.W.A. ova veta li komesho.

Nukuani na kondjo le manguluko,

J.S.E.N., Uubvley, Ovangasund. S.W.A.

Komushangi,

Vakueta ama ngi shi shi ku tya ohai ti ngahelipi kevalaule vakuetu ove ha vati epangelo la unione olo va hala, kape na eshi letu stela, otali tu pangela ashike na fininiko, otali tu nyake ashike, elatukula oshilongo shetu pokati. Benkobe detu otadi yashua vati inadi ya popepi nontaylula.

Onda ende olonge ihapu ndele inandi mona hale ovanu ta va hepa ngaashi omuhoko uetu. Ndale di mbulukwa kutya eli olo edu letu vane, na li mangululue Afrika oyetu oovene!

Dani mekondjo la S.W.A.P.O.

G.H.K., C.D.M., Oranjemund.

Komushangi,

Nangame wo ogumue gueni mbaka tu li mehalakano no ndo tuli mevi lyaan-djeto S.W.A. ihe ota li tuan na nande omutumba.

Onda uvuko ayihe ue yi popi moshifo shika, no nda hala ndi kale tandi shi mono aluhe, onke ta tula moimaliva yoku inyolitha shikale ta shi ya kungame aluhe.

Nomakundo gombili.

S.J., Wilhelmsal. S.W.A.

Komushangi,

Nnane yo ouetanga la S.W.A.P.O., nda djcina I2:8:1959. Wo ndi uditte naua eshi nda longela pemue na Mr. Sam Nrujoma, J.J. Kuhangua, Louis Nelengani na M. Nghikupulua, I. Kashikuka. Hano nda peua yo ndi ye ndi longele ongudu yetu oku ku Tsuneb.

Ohandi kundi fa ovakuaite vakuetu vamanguluko.

S.N., Tsuneb. S.W.A.

Kgele una sha shoko lobuwa yakuzeni ayabe, nonge una shokolele shannua nenge onkundana, shanga ashike dhishili dhituma koshifo shika. Tse otatu dhi nyanyangidha. Kale uishangifa upo u shimona alusho. Shi shikila vakusenu, amubangi, "S.W. Commentator".

To the Editor,

A CALL FOR UNITY.

Peasants, workers, men of all walks of life, the time has come. The hour has struck to forget all our personal ambitions and to unite into a STRONGER cohesive force against the fascist rule of the South African regime.

It is not sufficient to talk about the oppressive laws imposed upon us by the South African minority Dictatorship. It is time for us now to show our disapproval through united protest against these unjust laws, and united demands for change. Unity can only come when every individual works through a common organization to meet the needs and desires of the people.

The more representative the organization, the louder the voice it will have. Let us all forget about our tribal affiliations. Let us all join our one voice into the shout for freedom.

The fact that S.W.A.P.O. is broadly representative of the peoples of South West Africa, has impressed our friends abroad. It is for us to show those who sympathize with our aims that we are worthy of their faith in us. If we should fail to unite at home and abroad against personal injustices, we should show the world not only how little we deserve any moral or material aid. We would not only lose self-esteem within our boundaries, but also lose the necessary support we need from outside.

Our struggle calls upon you, and you particularly to join your dear parents, brothers, and sister who are striving for Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.

South West Africa is our own country. Our forefathers valiantly fought and died for it. I need not remind you of the great courage of our historic leaders, Namdane, Maharero and Witbooi, who fought and died for our country. They were great men whom we will always remember. Let us take inspiration from them. Let us mobilize ourselves to face the common enemy in unity, and thus in strength.

If we permit tribal loyalties to divide us, we shall never emerge victorious. If those of us privileged enough to pursue our education abroad become boastful and ambitious our party will be undermined. Academic degrees are not necessarily a sign of wisdom and not enough to assure our objectives. What is required of us all, whatever our economic or educational status, is unity and positive action.

If we insist upon tribal divisions, we are like the animals of the field that band together according to species. The era of racial prejudice is passing; people of the world realize the need for their brother's help in building a modern, more humane world.

We should all be aware of the importance of collective thought and action in our struggle. The world is in no need of a repetition of the sad story of division and violence in the Congo. It is my sincere hope that we demand for one man, one vote, for one national government. In this manner S.W.A.P.O. may lead us all to victory and to a better life.

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CHALIN NIN

Volgens die "Windhoek Advertiser" (1/5/62) het die Suid-Wes Afrika Kleurling Organisasie die regering versoek om grond beskikbaar te stel vir 'n Kleurling Federasie wat die om wense en die wet in hoërgraad geïnteresseerd is, kan wens. ... Al wat ons kan sê, is dat die Kleurling Federasie onbewoon gaan bly terwyl Klappers en is, want die wense van die meeste meesters van Kleurling Suidweste is of Namibia, Ooramboe of Namibia.

Tweedens is dit baie interessant om op te merk dat die leiers van SWAKO dieselfde wense is wat tot die Departement van Kleurlingsake betrek is. Die doel van hierdie Departement is om apartheid te bevorder om 'n ware "Kleurling" te skep met 'n Kleurling brein, met 'n eis kultuur, die reserves, die skole, die leiers, 'n eis wense van hie, 'n eis Kleurling-god. Is dit verbasend dat hierdie leiers (wat van Kleurling Reserwate kom, soos Genadendal) hierdie wense met 'n Genadendal-Kleurling mentaliteit vierig is om Kleurlings van ons in Suidweste te maak?

Wil ons Kleurlings wees omdat ons eers moet kyk of 'n man bruin is voordat ons met hom kan gesels, voordat ons met hom kan trou. Ons was al die jare geluk gelukkig om met engelaars te wens, nie omdat hy swart of bruin is nie, maar omdat ons van die persone hou en hulle interessant vind, omdat ons sy gesels sê geniet of iets van hom kan leer. Waarom moet ons verhoor word om ons kinders om Kleurling- of Herero-skole te stuur? Waarom moet ons verhoor word om om Kleurling-kerke te gaan? Is daar 'n Kleurling-god in daardie kerk?

As die Kleurling dieselfde taal, kultuur en oorsprong as die blanke het (volgens SWAKO) waarom is dit nodig vir die Kleurling om in 'n Kleurling-land te woon om nie eens met die blanke woon nie? Kan SWAKO nie die teenstrydigheid in hierdie argument reaksie nie? Is dit hoe 'n Kleurling-brein redeneer?

Die leiers van SWAKO is so naïef dat hulle nog kan sê dat hulle by die witman sal staan, bulg of bars, "we will sink and swim together ..." vir wie se voordeel? Sal ons saam met die wense staan wat ons die heilig in die wense son laat werk, die wense wat ons so min betaal dat ons kinders moet sterf van honger en ellende, of van siekte? Sal ons met die wense staan wat ons so min betaal dat ons arme kindertjies moet bibber en beef van die koue in die skool, omdat

Watter berlike nie-blanke kan vandag opstaan en vir ons vertel dat hy dieselfde is as die witman en in dieselfde asemtuig kan vra vir 'n aparte woonplek en 'n aparte kultuur?

Vir ons is dit so snaaks dat SWAKO kan sê dat "we are brothers and should go forward together" en terselfdertyd kan sê dat die belange van die Kleurling en die blanke teenstrydig met mekaar is. EN hulle nie dat die wit wense meer geld verdien en dus die Kleurling-wense makliker kan oekoop en verlei nie? Kan SWAKO nie besef dat hulle salariese laer is as die van die witman omdat apartheid dit veroorsaak. Hulle geniet nie dieselfde regte as die blanke, omdat hulle nie die reg het om wette te maak in ons land nie.

Die witman is gou om te sien dat die Kleurling sy broer is dat die Kleurling beter is as die Afrikaan as hy (die witman) hulle nodig het. Die blanke is net besig om die Kleurling te bereik, hy sal nog nooit die Kleurling gelyke regte gee nie. Die blanke besef dat as die Kleurling en die Afrikaan moet verenig, die dag van Herrenvolkisme (wit dominansie), apartheid, hongersnood en lyding getel is!

Wanneer sal die Kleurling besef dat hulle onder dieselfde juk gebuk gaan as die Afrikaan? Wanneer sal hulle besef dat Herrenvolkisme hulle grootste vyand is? Wanneer sal hulle besef dat hulle hulle lot by die Afrikaan moet inwerp en die Vryheidsbeweging vir onmiddellike Demokrasie en gelyke regte vir almal moet ondersteun tot die bitter einde? Wanneer sal die Kleurling weg vir dié reg om WENSE te wens?

Die tyd word kort as ons nie met die magtige Wind van Verandering wat oor die hele kontinent van Afrika waai, saam gly nie, sal ons vir ewig slave wees in ons eie land. Laat ons of wetteloos word deur die vuil skottelgoed water wat SWAKO om die departement van Kleurlingsake ons in die gesig smyt nie. Laat ons saamstaan met almal wat glo aan Vryheid, gelykheid en broederskap!

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BLIGNAUT MEETS IN OVAMBOLAND

We have reported in our previous edition how the people are rallying behind SWAPO in their struggle against the S.A. Government.

We are please therefore to make public the fact that our people have once again demonstrated their rejection of the S.A. government's undemocratic schemes.

Mr. Blignaut (Chief native Commissioner of S.W.A.) has held a series of meetings at major centres in Ovamboland. At each gathering he touted the people's reaction to a Frankenstein-type "independence" plan (that is more power to the chiefs under Bantu Authorities. Power to control and punish our people according to Verwoerd's laws). And at every gathering he was firmly opposed. With one voice our people told him, "We do not want a Bantustan. We want the S.A. Government to go!"

SWAPO spokesmen led the attack on Blignaut at every meeting - in spite of the danger they face when they speak in public. We commend them on their courage, and urge them to press on and demand Independence NOW!

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MORE PRESSURE ON OLD-LOCATION DWELLERS.

In terms of a recent decision all Non-European employees of the Windhoek Municipality at present resident in the Old-Location have been given three months in which to move to Katutura.

This vicious regulation, designed to force all who in principle oppose being herded and kreaked like cattle, will affect 235 men.

In spite of the fact that for some, Katutura is closer to their place of work, and in spite of the extra R50 per year that Katutura-resident employees of the Municipality receive, our people still resolutely refuse to move.

We support them in their opposition to all apartheid-inspired locations. We condemn the Municipality for the numerous unscrupulous schemes it has in operation which compel our people to trek!

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XXXXXXXXX We consider it a NATIONAL DISASTER that so many of our people have been tricked into giving evidence to Mr. Carpio, Chairman of the Umo Committee on South West Africa! Mr. Carpio will now say, "I have consulted Dr. Verwoerd. Here is my judgement:- The S.A. Government appears to be doing a great deal of good in South West Africa. UMO should not interfere too much in the future. We should give Dr. Verwoerd a chance to see if his plans will work out!"

The country should not be placed under UMO trusteeship at this stage! "

Our people, because they have been consulted, will accept such a judgement. We must be careful. This is the danger of working with UMO-- we can be misled into accepting decisions that betray our struggle for Freedom and Independence.

We call upon our people to demand INDEPENDENCE NOW!! To forget about begging UMO to take over control of our country and to join the Liberatory Movement IMMEDIATELY!!!

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WINDHOKERS EXCITED - OVER WHAT?

We have noted with much interest the controversy raging among our people over the new Coloured location in Windhoek. According to recent reports, about 500 people at a meeting called by the Windhoek Coloured Parent-Teacher Association, voiced strong disapproval of the scheme. The audience showed fervent support for a scheme whereby they could buy plots and build their own houses. (At present the Municipality controls the building of new houses - for sale to Coloured persons).

We are not very impressed. The fundamental question of the rejection of apart locations in principle was never raised. NO attempt was made to oppose all locations (African and Coloured). The gathering apparently decided to demand further negotiation with the Administrator - and this is the great tragedy!

We must not (by negotiations, deputations and discussions) ASSIST the Administration in implementing Group Areas and Locations. We must demand to live where we please; to the racialsists let us say, do your own dirty work, we shall not move on our own, and we shall not help you to move us.

APRIL 2nd BLACK DAY FOR S.W.A.
SWISLING COUNCIL TO BE INAUGURATED

On April 2nd, the new Coloured Advisory Council for S.W.A. will be inaugurated. The six persons who have thus far been chosen to represent the Coloured people of S.W.A., together with another five undesirable persons will commence their unpleasant duties.

What are their tasks? To convince us that we have actually some say in the Government of this country.

What do we require? We require freedom from apartheid, from locations, from low wages, insults and poverty! Can they give us this? Of course not. They are but servants who have to carry out the commands of their white masters. If they do not do this, they will be dismissed.

They have not been elected in a democratic fashion - we do not even have the vote. They have been chosen by the Government - agents - and we are to believe that they represent us and we have confidence in them.

Let us make our stand quite clear. We want the full franchise (to elect and to be elected) and a democratic parliament. We want to have people in authority who have been chosen by us and whom we respect. We reject this new puppet-body, and we brand as traitors all who serve on it. We call upon all interested in the liberation of S.W.A. to work so that it dies an early death!