NAMIBIA on the road to freedom



amibia is on its way to independence. Over a century of colonial and racist rule has been brought almost to its end by the struggles of the Namibian people, led by their liberation movement SWAPO, and by the effects of sanctions and international pressure on South Africa's apartheid regime.

Forced to allow the United Nations to supervise Namibia's first ever genuine elections, South Africa is trying to make sure it keeps a grip on Namibia's future. But the Namibian people want full freedom — an end to South Africa's interference in their lives. And they are asking for our help. The coming months are crucial...

THE UN PLAN FOR NAMIBIA'S INDEPENDENCE

The UN Plan lays down key steps to be taken before free and fair elections can take place:

- All South African troops to be restricted to base, and ultimately withdrawn;
- Release of all Namibian political prisoners and detainees;
- Repeal of all apartheid laws;
- Return of all refugees and exiles.

Under UN supervision, the election campaign starting around 1st July, will lead up to the election in November to choose a Constituent Assembly. This will draw up the constitution of an independent Namibia. UN forces, civilian and military, are now in place to ensure this process is properly implemented.

THE PITFALLS AHEAD

How far the UN is able to control the process and stop South Africa's dirty tricks will be crucial. The South African administration is still in place. It is trying to dictate terms to the UN. South African-controlled police are still operating, with members of the notorious *Koevoet* (Crow-bar) force incorporated into their ranks. The media are owned by or aligned to South Africa — including all TV and radio, and nine newspapers. Financial and material support for South African-backed parties is already pouring in.

SOLIDARITY WITH SWAPO!

SWAPO has a mighty task on its hands to compete on equal terms in the elections. SWAPO's mass support amongst the people of Namibia is clear. But they need to win two-thirds of the seats in the Constituent Assembly in order to deny South Africa and its puppets a controlling veto over Namibia's future.

The Anti-Apartheid Movement and Namibia Support Committee, supported by a range of national organisations, have launched the **Namibia Emergency Campaign** (NEC). It aims to mobilize support for independence; build solidarity with SWAPO; and expose violations of the UN Plan.

Archbishop Trevor Huddleston has launched the **SWAPO Election Campaign Appeal**, with the sponsorship of Neil Kinnock, Paddy Ashdown, Norman Willis and David Owen to generate financial support for SWAPO's election campaign. The AAM calls upon all who oppose apartheid to give generously to this Appeal Fund.

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