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Unemployment comes under magnifying glasses in NC

By Asser Ntinda

The National Council has passed two bills which were referred to it by the National Assembly this year—the Animal Health Bill and the Employment Service Bill.

While the Animal Health Bill went through without much debate, the Employment Service Bill came under heavy magnifying glasses, with various MPs suggesting several ways about how the Bill should be implemented to address rising unemployment rates.

The Employment Bill seeks to set up a body known as the Employment Service Bureau under which job-seekers and vacancies in the public and private sectors would be registered.

Members of the National Council supported the Bills, saying that it would result in an integrated employment system which would have a computerized database listing skilled, semiskilled and unskilled jobseekers.

“Yes, we have a high number of unemployment in this

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Mariental Multi-purpose Youth Center is about to fall in, two years after it was built. Sloppy work and poor quality building materials may be the cause. See more photos on page 8. Photos by Levi Upula



SPYL launches OLUPALE Lectures

By Levi Upula

The SWAPO Party Youth League has recently launched an innovative platform to enhance public consultation to be called Olupale which is an Oshiwambo word for a traditional place of gathering and exchange ideas.



Camarada Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila

According to the Olupale concept paper “SPYL expects for Olupale to promote inter alia consultations on inner Party matters; on State and government affairs in relation to the implementation of the Party manifesto as well as to inculcate a culture of internal constructive criticism among Party



Camarada Elijah Ngurare

cadres across structures and levels and be a focal point of open discussions amongst SWAPO Party members”.

Olupale was officially launched by SPYL Secretary, Dr. Elijah Ngurare, in Windhoek and was attended by SPYL Regional Secretaries,

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Imperialist hands off Libya!

By Patrick Martin

The United States and the European powers are moving towards direct military intervention in Libya. They are seeking to exploit a legitimate popular uprising against the 41-year rule of Muammar Gaddafi, preempt any possibility of a more radical regime emerging, and install a colonial-style puppet in place of the discredited dictatorship. The pace of the shift in



Colonel Muammar Gaddafi
American policy, in particular, is extraordinary. Washington

has moved from relative silence on the movement against Gaddafi to leading the charge for outside intervention.

As in every US operation in the region, the driving forces are twofold: a grab for the resources of one of the major oil-producing countries and the pursuit of the broader strategic interests of American imperialism in the Middle East and North Africa. Imperialist military forces on the ground in Libya would be in a position to influence the

future course of events in Egypt, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco, all now in turmoil, as well as across the Sahara in Sudan, Chad, Niger and Nigeria.

No one—least of all the Libyan people themselves—should believe the claims of humanitarian concern put forward to justify the entry of American, British, French, German, Italian and other military forces. The same powers stood by when the Tunisian and Egypt-

tian dictators, Zine El Abidine Ben Ali and Hosni Mubarak, massacred demonstrators seeking jobs, democratic rights and an end to the plundering carried out by a corrupt ruling elite. They offered political, diplomatic and in some cases direct security assistance in an effort to prop up these stooge regimes.

During the same two weeks that Gaddafi’s security forces have shot down opposition demonstrators, similar crimes

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