SPYL speaks out

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Namibia’s triumphant achievement of freedom and independence has seen twenty solid years of stability, sustained economic and social progress, and meaningful nation building. These latterly achievements have been underpinned by visionary, steadfast and focused leadership, dedicated to realise the objectives and goals of the very freedom and independence sought. Over these twenty years, SWAPO PARTY too has grown into a solid political centre, able and capable of reaching all the constituencies of Namibia, and representing the common and collective wishes of all Namibians. While the opposition parties have been suffocating under the responsive and broadly accepted centre-left policies of the SWAPO PARTY, SWAPO PARTY demonstrated her intrinsic ability to remain ever relevant to the past, the present and the future of Namibia.

For all these reasons and more, SPYL wishes, on this, the 20th remembrance of freedom, to live in a country as Namibia, challenged by many difficulties, yet chiselled and chartered by the national conditions of peace, political and social stability and economic progress.

3. At this point in history, therefore, the youth recommit themselves to realizing the manifestations of economic prosperity and the “paradise of happiness” for all Namibians, as our historic debt to the Hendrik Witbooi’s, the Jacob Marenga’s, the Samuel Maharero’s, the Mandume Ndemufayo’s, and the many fallen and brave offspring of this soil, whose blood voluntarily spilt to birth our freedom.

4. From the attempts to weaken SWAPO PARTY as a political centre of choice of all Namibians, to the attempts to continue to outpace challengers in the theatre of the voter’s market. Having attained an admirable empowerment opportunities.

2. For all these reasons and more, SPYL wishes, on this, the 20th remembrance of freedom, waged for centuries, to congratulate and compliment the leadership of SWAPO PARTY, and in particular the Founding Father of the Nation, Dr. Sam Nujoma, and his successor, President Hifikepunye Pohamba, for the competent and exemplary leadership. We, as youth of Namibia realize how fortunate we are, to live in a country as Namibia, challenged by many difficulties, yet chiselled and chartered by the national conditions of peace, political and social stability and economic progress.

5. 5. Many have argued, quietly however, that there is a discord within SWAPO PARTY and that SPYL is in a “criticizing mode” only. Yet others have made the point that SWAPO PARTY has lost vision. However, SWAPO PARTY, unlike others, is in a constant “reality check” of her policies, her programmes, and her compact with the citizens is informed and educated in a dynamic and robust basis, within the precinct of the PARTY code of conduct. SPYL is central to this robust and dynamic exchange to strengthen and deepen the SWAPO PARTY’s compact. In respect of electoral results therefore, and with due recognition of the latter truth, SWAPO PARTY has outpaced, and will continue to outpace challengers in the theatre of the voter’s market.

And it is this for that, Namibians, hitherto, feel safe under SWAPO PARTY leadership.

A Legacy dealt

Senior researchers of South African history are in a quandary. A generation of ANC leaders have been over-compromised during talks with a host of imperial colonial-apartheid representatives across the board, South Africa’s powerful foreign owned and controlled industry as well as the international West during the ‘Cold War Era’. It was thus transformed to a capitalist elite.

The established senior advocates and anti-apartheid veteran, George Bizos, also known as Mandela’s attorney, said on national television in Johannesburg, the “SABC TV 2 Morning Life” programme in the morning of Thursday, February 11, 2010, “Nelson Mandela was the master of his own destiny, of his own life since 1985”.

While Mandela served his time in “Victor Verster” prison outside Cape Town, he had a chef, who cooked for him; free access to his family and the outside world; house attendants; to newspapers, television and radio; flights to Pretoria to meet with then State President P. W. Botha, his Minister of Justice, Kobie Coetzee and the head of National Intelligence Services (NIS), Dr. Nel Barnard, in order to discuss and negotiate. In other words, Mandela had from 1985 to 1990 - five years before his release - to prepare for the historic leaving of his prison. Revered late ANC President, Oliver Reginald Tambo, referring to Nelson Mandela’s meetings with the colonial-apartheid regime in the crucial 1980s, observed, “Prisoners can’t negotiate their freedom”. He added saying, “Whilst still in prison, terms and conditions would be laid down to accept and agree on a take-it, or leave-it basis during talks with the regime.”

Tambo remarked during his visit to the ANC camps in exile, “We are singing the same national anthem, raise the same flag and talk about our ANC.”

According to aged ANC veterans, Tambo seemed to question whom compromised the organisation. He seemed to question whom could have compromised the organisation. He seemed to question whom could have compromised the organisation. He seemed to question whom could have compromised the organisation. He seemed to question whom could have compromised the organisation. He seemed to question whom could have compromised the organisation. He seemed to question whom could have compromised the organisation. He seemed to question whom could have compromised the organisation. He seemed to question whom could have compromised the organisation.

To quote Mayer Amschel Rothschild, founder of the Rothschild global banking dynasty: “Give me control of a nation’s money supply, and I care not who makes its laws.”

As for long as Caucasian economic plunder barons, the “former” colonial occupiers, all their minority groups, including Indians, SOUTH AFRICA’S “black” and in return, Africans remain kept as “hewers of wood” and “carriers of water” with a disfunctional democracy, no access to the latter petty government. SOUTH AFRICA’S and Africa’s blacks have simply been betrayed. National reconciliation and nation-building remain propa-...