

INTERVIEW

'What They Want is to Instal Their Puppets'

Comrade Andimbo Toivo Ja Toivo, Secretary-General of SWAPO, gave the following interview to Sechaba in Bulgaria in April, at the time of the symposium on Namibia. He spoke to Snuki Zikalala.

Question: Comrade Ja Toivo, at present it looks as if the diplomatic moves towards the implementation of Resolution 435 are, for the moment, stalemated. Where do you see signs of movement?

Answer: This symposium by the Council for Namibia, as well as the Non-Aligned Meeting in New Delhi and the Security Council meeting which is to take place in the near future, as well as the meeting which is going to take place in Luanda in September this year are, of course, going to have positive results in highlighting the Namibian problem and getting the international community involved in solving the Namibian problem. This symposium has called for the implementation of the arms embargo

and the imposition of an effective oil embargo on South Africa. These are the important steps.

Q. Is it the intensification of political and military struggle that forced the racists to withdraw from Angola?

A. It is part of it, and I think it was pressure on the Reagan administration, especially after the massacres committed by Botha in South Africa. Of course the whole world condemned the racists. They have withdrawn part of South Africa's army from Angola so that the world should think that they are interested in pulling out of Angola. They also want to legitimise the so-called interim government, to show the world that they are solving the Namibian question. All these are the attempts of the Reagan administration to show that 'constructive engagement' is working.

Q. The interim government which has been set up does not differ from the Turnhalle Alliance which collapsed in 1983. Do you think that this one will last longer?

A. At the moment, they are going to have a second Muzorewa in Southern Africa, by the name of Moses Kajunga, but, in actual fact, it's just a continuation of the Turnhalle Alliance. The composition is more or less the same. We have no doubt that it is going to fail like the previous racist attempts.

Q. Do you think the USA will be content simply to see the Cuban withdrawal in Angola? Is that their main priority?

A. This is just a trick. South Africa and the USA will not leave Angola and Mozambique in peace as long as these governments are being ruled by their present leaders. What they want is to instal their puppets — the MNR in Mozambique and Unita in Angola. Even if Cuba and Angola agree that the internationalist forces should be withdrawn, South Africa will continue invading the People's Republic of Angola.

Q. What effect will the withdrawal of South African forces have on the struggle of the people of Namibia?



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A. The South African regime is going to concentrate its forces in Namibia. They will try to pressurise the Angolan government as they did in the past, to withdraw their support for SWAPO. I have no doubt that the Angolan government will not agree to this endeavour. But, nevertheless, we will continue with the armed struggle and also with the diplomatic and political struggle.

We are also prepared to speak to the South African government, whenever they come forward and are serious in discussing the question of the ceasefire and the implementation of Resolution 435.

Q. Can you tell us about the help you get from the Socialist countries?

A. The help we get from the Socialist countries is all-round support. Without it, and the assistance from other progressive forces, our struggle would not have reached so far. We really appreciate the international support we get, since it gives us morale and courage to fight until final victory.