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The Workers Revolutionary Party Preparatory Committee for its Congress in the first week of September 2015. The Preparatory Committee acting as a transitional Central Committee met on Friday 22 and Saturday 23 May last week to resolve on the expulsion of the party from the Parliament and the cancellation of its representation.



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## KATJAVIVI EJECTS WRP FROM PARLIAMENT ON INSTRUCTION FROM GEINGOB

On 21 May 2015 the Speaker of Parliament, Professor Peter Katjavivi suspended the WRP's parliamentary activities and any payment of funds.

The background to this step is as follows:

Since December 1984 the WRP has been leading the struggle against the slander mass-killing of SWAPO members in exile by the SWAPO leaders.

Since 1990 the WRP fought alongside the landless, homeless and workers in struggle against the corporate ruling class and landowners of this country.

The party had declared itself publicly on 1 May 1989 as a working class Marxist Party for the rebuilding of the Fourth International. It registered with the Electoral Commission in 1992.

In April 2014 the ECN admitted to duplications in registration of voters in its biometric fingerprinting verification system. It took up the matter with the ECN pointing out that its Indian Electronic Voting system was disqualified by the very fact of voter duplication.

In October 2014 in a meeting between the WRP and the ECN, its director admitted that the system was unworkable as an accountable system of voting. There was no way in which one could determine the correctness of voting and the likelihood of election rigging was overwhelming.

The ECN continued nonetheless with the system.

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**Attention: Mr. H. Beukes and Hon. Mr. B. Kaapala**

21 May 2015

Funding of the Workers Revolutionary Party in terms of Electoral Act, 2014 (Act 5 of 2014)

1. The Office of the Speaker of the National Assembly is in terms of section 156 of the Electoral Act, 2014 (Act No.5 of 2014) responsible for the payment of the allocated funds in terms of section 155 of the Electoral Act, 2014 to the represented political parties.

2. For your convenience an extract of section 156 of the Electoral Act is cited below as follows:

"156 Payment of allocated funds to political parties

(1) The Secretary of the National Assembly must, upon the confirmation-

(a) by the Treasury of the availability of the funds; and

(b) by the Chairperson of the Commission that there is no any impediment disallowing the funding of a given political party, notify the Speaker of the National Assembly in the prescribed manner and under the direction of the Speaker cause to be paid to the political party concerned the allocated funds in accordance with section 155

(2) Funds to be paid to a political party under subsection (1) are deposited in a separate banking account opened by the political party concerned with a banking institution in Namibia."

Honourable Calle Schlettwein, the Minister of Finance, when he tabled the determinations to be issued by the Minister of Finance under the Electoral Act, 2014 in the National Assembly, summarised the purpose of political party funding as follows:

"2. When the Electoral Act was passed in this august House at the end of last year, we have realised that political parties and candidates need access to money in order to reach out to the electorate and explain their goals and policies, and receive input from the people about their views. We also recognised that political finance has a positive role to play in our democracy: (a) it helps strengthen political parties and candidates, and (b) it provides opportunities to compete on more equal terms. Indeed, sufficient access to funding is crucial to the overall vibrancy of an electoral and democratic system, which helps citizens believe in (and trust) politics and politicians."

3. It has become clear that within the Workers Revolutionary Party, there is discord as evinced from the various correspondences and meetings, with each faction claiming its entitlement to the political party funding made available under the Electoral Act, 2014.

4. As a result, as Speaker of the National Assembly, I have resolved not to authorise any disbursements to any of the factions within the Workers Revolutionary Party, given the ongoing discord, and would like to herewith request the Workers Revolutionary Party factions to consider referring the matter of how and where the funds ought to be disbursed to mediation by an independent third party, and thereafter, reverting to the Office of the Speaker with a united position on the matter.

5. I would like to suggest to you that such a mediation be conducted and concluded no later than 21 days from the date of last receipt of this letter by the addressees, and if I may further suggest, the Ombudsman Mr. John Walters, alternatively, the Chairperson of the Public Service Commission, who are both non-partisan constitutional office bearers that could be approached for their facilitation of a mediation. Alternatively, kindly refer your disputes to an expedited arbitration process under the Arbitration Act, 1965 (Act No. 42 of 1965).

6. Hopefully, as leaders, we may realise that the Speaker only takes this position with a view to assist the Workers Revolutionary Party to resume its functions of representing its electorate as opposed to delving further into disputes, and at the same time, the *Office of the Speaker is kept out of the fray of party funding disputes.*

8. I therefore look forward to receiving your united directive as to how the allocated political party funding of the Workers Revolutionary Party will be disbursed. Similarly, I look forward to receiving a united directive from the Workers Revolutionary Party confirming its representation in the National Assembly.

9. Please accept my regards and hope that the Workers Revolutionary Party will pass through this temporary impasse to resume the function of participating in the activities of the National Assembly with a clear mandate from the rank and file of the Workers Revolutionary Party.



## WRP CENTRAL COMMITTEE REJECTS KATJAVIVI'S LETTER

Mr Peter Katjavivi  
The Speaker  
Namibian Parliament  
Mr Speaker,

This is a reply from the WRP Central Committee to your letter of 21 May 2015.

Your letter relegates Beukes and Kaapala to leaders, and is not addressed to the Authorised Representative, as you are obligated to do. You have no business to decide who is the leader or leaders of the party.

You do not stop there! You relegate the Chief Whip of the WRP, Salmon Fleermuys, to a member.

What makes the letter invalid: the law in terms of which the party The WRP was registered, the Electoral Act of 1 October 1992, you disregarded. The party was registered in terms of Section 39 thereof. We attach hereto a copy thereof.

You send us a wild letter, thereby you illegally and deliberately usurped the right which is not yours thereby violating the law which circumscribes your action how to act to resolve such a matter.

Your referral of the matter to the Ombudsman is rankly incompetent as you as the Speaker sit with the law.

That is why you are a Speaker and have to comply with the law.

Your actions in this matter are Obstruction of Justice. You were there when the members of parliament were sworn in. You yourself was sworn in. The day when you were sworn in you swore to uphold the law and to be obedient to the Nation.

Now you violate your own law.

You refer in point 2 to an impediment for payment. The 'impediments' are circumscribed the by the Act itself.

What impediment is there with regard to the WRP?

Nothing.

You refer in point 3 to the pronouncements of Mr Schletwein on the purpose of political funding. He is not the lawmaker. The terms and conditions of payment is contained in the Electoral Act. His remarks are not legally enforceable.

In point 4 you disclose that you have been meeting with 'factions' of the WRP. This is not only provocation, it is illegal. The WRP's authorised representative the only person legally entitled to meet with you met with you on business of the party, not as a faction leader.

Your disclosure that you have met with factions is far-reaching as it is an admission that you have been conspiring with persons you are legally barred from dealing with. You have dishonoured the office of the Speaker. You shall deal with the Authorised Representative and the Authorised Representative alone, in terms of the meaning of the term.

In paragraph 5 you state that you have decided not to authorise any disbursements to any of the factions. You have never been requested to make payments to factions, which you have no legal power to do, but to make pay

## Letter

### SWAPO decides for WRP

On the Speaker's letter to the WRP

The WRP is legally registered with comrade Hewat Beukes as its representative because 500 Namibians gave their signatures to give this party WITH ITS PROGRAMME a chance to be represented in parliament. Then 13328 persons used this chance and voted for the WRP with its programme in November 2014. This party belongs to those who voted for it and to the whole working class which through it enters the political scene with its independent voice for the first time anywhere in post-independence Africa. Of course the party belongs to its members, but they must remain faithful to the programme or they will betray their constituency.

The Speaker refuses the funding to which this party (with its programme) is entitled. Another group now calls itself "WRP" but has abandoned its programme. This group attempts to steal the legal identity of the WRP. The only function of this criminal offence is precisely to allow the Speaker to try to cheat the 13328 WRP voters of their vote by REQUIRING the WRP to present a "united" position with this bogus "party".

In point 8 he hints that the position of comrade Fleermuys as MP is also suspended on such a unanimous position: "Similarly [similarly to suspending funds!!!], I also look forward to receiving a united directed [sic] from the Workers Revolutionary Party confirming its representation in the National Assembly." Even more clearly, in point 9, he "hopes" that the WRP will (in future tense) "resume the function of participating in the activities of the National Assembly with a clear mandate from the rank and file of the Workers Revolutionary Party". This implies at the very least that currently comrade Fleermuys has no such clear mandate. This is designed to cast a doubt on the legitimacy of all he does in parliament and may prepare his removal. The Speaker implies that the two WRP seats in parliament do not belong to a party with a programme expressing the will of 13328 voters. Instead, he insinuates another principle where some persons are sent to parliament regardless of any previously expressed will of voters. That will is so annulled.

To top it all, the Speaker "suggests" three ways of conciliating the true WRP with the bogus group. The two proposed arbiters have a history. Presenting them as "impartial" is a barefaced lie.

The "ombudsman" Walters is obviously a SWAPO servant, as the following source shows:

[http://www.namibian.com.na/indexx.php?ar-chive\\_id=6377&page\\_type=archive\\_story\\_detail&page=5563](http://www.namibian.com.na/indexx.php?ar-chive_id=6377&page_type=archive_story_detail&page=5563)



**STATEMENT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BY THE FORMER SOLDIERS IN THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE WRP**

We the undersigned former soldiers and members of the Central Committee of the WRP herewith make the following statement.

Besides the six of us, the following former soldiers were members of the Central Committee:

1. George Smieer; 2. Benson Kaapala; 3. Armandu Emanuel; 4. Immanuel Samakupa; 5. Christian Eiseb.

They out of own free will left the party. They are no longer members of the WRP.

All former soldiers joined the party on the agreement that we will work in terms of a manifesto expressing the struggles, demands and objectives of the whole working class not only for the demand to redeem our stolen pensions.

Two former soldiers Salmon Fleermuys and Benson Kaapala filled the two seats of the WRP. They had undertaken to bring the manifesto into parliament.

Salmon Fleermuys, Jan Frans Narib and George Smieer established a movement amongst former soldiers to campaign for the pension stolen by the SWAPO Government in 1990.

In September 1998, Salmon Fleermuys accompanied by Pastor Joseph Gomoseb led a delegation of ex-soldiers to President Mandela and Thabo Mbeki, whom they personally met to demand full recognition as South African Military Veterans. President Mandela caused an Act of Parliament, Military Veterans Act 17 of 1999 to be promulgated to include former South West African Territorial Force members. President Zuma in 2014 repealed this Act clearly on the request of the Namibian Government.

Salmon Fleermuys is at present the WRP Chief Whip in Parliament in which capacity he has repeatedly raised the demand of the former soldiers and the working class as a whole.

Given the role of the Chief Whip, it was shocking to learn that the Secretary did not at least communicate the purported letters from persons requesting the suspension of our payment and offices. It was clearly done to damage our party. It is clear that the Government is now working with individuals outside the WRP to destroy the party to stop it from taking the demands of the working people forward in parliament.

The illegal refusal of the Secretary of the National Assembly and the Speaker to make the payments of the WRP is meant to destroy the party.

The party cannot be destroyed.

We demand that you stop to work with persons such as Mr August Maletzky and Harry Boesak who were not soldiers and not members of the WRP to destroy our party.

We demand that you pay out the payment and to communicate solely with our authorized representative on party matters and our Chief Whip on parliamentary matters.

Signed by the former soldiers in the Central Committee 14 May 2015

SALMON FLEERMUYS, JAN FRANS NARIB,  
SAGEUS TJHENUNA, BERNHARD GERHARD  
STRÖDICKE, ALFEUS ITIKUA, PASTOR JOSEPH  
GOMOSEB

## WRP CC rejects Katjavivi

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through its bank account of a party duly registered in terms of the Electoral Act of 1992. Moreover, it is not you to disallow payment, it is the Chairman of the Commission. See your own paragraph 2 in your letter.

The audacious patronage in paragraphs 6 and 7 aside, you suggest a criminal course to be taken by the WRP, an imaginary faction and yourself to pay out statutorily regulated funds according to a negotiated directive from us and not as directed by the Electoral Act!

We reject your pernicious greetings and your clear statement that you have stopped the parliamentary activities of the WRP and your insult to suggest that our more than 13,000 voters have somehow suspended our mandate, enforced by you.

## SWAPO decides for WRP

"Walters has been serving as an advisor to the prosecution team involved in the Caprivi high treason case in the High Court at Grootfontein since the beginning of this year. Before that, he had been serving as Acting Prosecutor General from December 2002 to the end of 2003."

So is Amkongo, the "Chairperson of the PSC". See his history in <http://www.psc.gov.na/chairperson> : to p4

"Eddie Shimwetheleni Amkongo [...] was appointed by His Excellency Hifikepunye Pohamba, President of the Republic of Namibia for the first five years (2006-2011) and reappointed for another five years (2011-2016). Upon his return from exile [...] he was appointed as the Permanent Secretary / Secretary to Cabinet in the Office of the President of the Republic of Namibia (now the Father of the Nation Dr Sam Nujoma, 1989-1994)."

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The third alternative would submit the fate of the WRP to an arbitration court whose verdict would be binding. Like everything else in all three branches of state, these courts are under the sway of SWAPO.

So all three paths to "unity" "suggested" by the Speaker amount to SWAPO deciding on the programme that the so formed new "WRP" will be allowed to present in parliament. The true nature of the state is revealed once more: a SWAPO state. Foreign and local capitalists and big land owners need such a state. The working class must conquer true democracy. This is why all workers and poor peasants of Namibia and internationally should defend their Workers Revolutionary Party against the SWAPO attack.

Mirek

## Section 39 of the Electoral Act of 1992

### REGISTRATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES (ss 39-47)

#### 39 Registration as political party

- (1) The Commission shall on the written application in the prescribed form of a political party, direct the Director to register it as a political party, if-
- (a) the Commission is satisfied-
    - (i) that it is the principal object of that political party to participate in and promote elections under this Act ...
  - (b) the application is accompanied by-
    - (i) the amount for registration as may be prescribed;
    - (ii) the constitution of that political party; and
    - (iii) a declaration signed by at least 500 members of the political party in question whose names appear on the national voters' register to the effect that these voters support the registration of that political party, and which shall comply with the provisions of subsection (4).
- (2) For the purposes of the provisions of subsection (1)(b)(iii) of this section, if a political party applies for registration as a political party ... and has been signed by, at least 500 members to whom a voter registration card was issued ...
- (3) The application form referred to in subsection (1) shall, in addition to the other particulars, referred to in subsection (1), contain-
- (a) the name of the political party;
  - (b) the abbreviated name, of the political party which may, for the purposes of any election in terms of this Act appear on the ballot paper for that election if the political party desires an abbreviation of its name to so appear;
  - (c) the full names and the signature of the person who for the purposes of this Act is the authorized representative of the political party;
  - (d) a complete list of the names and addresses of its other office-bearers;
  - (e) the business address and postal address in Namibia of the office which for the purposes of this Act is the office of the authorized representative of the political party;
- ....
- (4) The declaration referred to in subsection (1)(b)(iii) shall contain-
- (a) the full names and voters' registration numbers of the persons who have signed the declaration; and
  - (b) the names or numbers, as the case may be, of the regions and constituencies in respect of which such signatories are registered.
- ....
- (6) (a) After the Commission has directed the Director to register a political party in accordance with the provisions of subsection (1), the Director shall issue to such political party a registration certificate in the prescribed form.

#### 41 Cancellation of registration as political party

The Commission shall direct the Director to cancel the registration of a political party as a political party-

- (a) if it is notified in a letter signed by any authorized representative referred to in subsection (3)(c) of section 39, of the party in question of a resolution taken by that party in congress that that party has been dissolved or is going to be dissolved on a date which shall be specified in such letter; or

**Peter Katjavivi contemptuously disregarded the above provisions of their own electoral law.**

We now respond to some of the central comments made by Mr Schlettwein, the incumbent Minister of Finance, in his budget speech.

1. The Minister claims on page 5, paragraph 14, that "our country has been able to make notable progress and register key achievements". He does so on amongst other claims that "the ... income per capita ... increased more than 10 times, from N\$5,500 in 1990 to N\$58,300 by 2013.

2. This is simply not true. The statistics show that per capita income varied from International dollar 4,120 in 1991 to 5,840 by 2013. This is not 10 times, but 1-and-a-third times.

3. His claim moreover of relative poverty reduction from 38% in 1994 to 20% in 2010 is somewhat provocative considering the steady rise of unemployment, from an estimated 20% in 1990 to 52% by 2008. This latter figure was obtained from the National Labour Force Survey of 2008.

4. He claims moreover that extreme poverty has been pushed back from 9% to 2% over the same period. One only needs to look at the Katutura and Otjomuise with their seas of shanty slums to know that is false and absurd.

5. It should be clear that a budget may not be justified on the basis of unmitigated untruths.

6. It is self-evident that a nation needs to have an accurate estimation of its tax base to be able to make a meaningful budget.

7. Spain, Russia and South Africa are allowed to fish in Namibian waters with factory ships over which we have no control and of which we do not know the amount of exploitation. Fishing is a major source of revenue.

8. In 1991 the O'Linn Commission of inquiry into the Procedures and Practices applied in the Allocation and Utilisation of Existing Fishing Rights was appointed. The report – a presumably crucial instrument to determine the state of fisheries – was suppressed by the State President. This report has still not being released

9. The Thirion Commission report published in March 1986 found that De Beers overmined diamonds, exported diamonds through its subsidiaries and consequently defrauded the Namibian State by R5 billion. In November 1990 President Sam Nujoma signed an exoneration of de Beers from liability. In 1998 de Beers was once again found to have defrauded the State by 8 billion rand.

10. Mr. Speaker, to this day diamond mining remains uncontrolled with various South African companies operating in the sea and on shore to mine diamonds over which the Namibian State has no control and no knowledge.

11. The Namibian State has no meaningful knowledge of its tax base to produce a meaningful budget.

12. The budget lists non-existent items for expenditure. A glaring example is the renovation of Katima Mulilo Soccer Stadium while there is none. A further example is the construction of existing army bases.

13. We cannot agree with the construction of army bases at such towns as Keetmanshoop, Rehoboth, Karibib, Oshive-lo, etcetera for no rational strategic reason other than to plan for civil war.

14. We cannot agree with a budget that omits payment of

State liability vis-à-vis disappeared pensions of former South African soldiers, TCL miners, Rossing Uranium and GIPF pensions.

15. More than a billion rands are owed to the former soldiers from their disappeared pension fund which was administered by SANLAM.

16. An estimated 800 million to a billion rands accrued to the pension fund of the former TCL miners.

17. GIPF has been defrauded of more than 12 billion rands that we know of.

18. The recovery of the said pensions will immediately alleviate poverty.

19. The macro-economic stability Mr Schlettwein is speaking about is achieved by unimpeded exploitation of Namibia by International Capital and their local hangers-on.

20. This Budget is an admission of failure and was agreed with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) even before the November 2014 elections. 25 years since Independence no progress has been made in reducing poverty and providing stability for the mass of the population. This is reflected in the very small concessions made to the working class for example on pensions. The Budget concedes that unemployment is perpetually high which completely contradicts their claim that poverty has been reduced to 21%. The word "perpetual" means "forever".

21. We do not agree with the 1% reduction in Corporation tax.

22. We do not agree that 2 billion on loan guarantees should be given to the private sector to build more houses for the rich to buy.

23. In conclusion, Mr Speaker, the WRP notes that the entire budget does not provide good reason for its items of expenditure. It is therefore not a budget based on accountability.

24. The WRP cannot agree to this budget. As a consequence we say as follows:

**Mr Speaker,**

**We demand that:**

1. The housing industry be nationalised under workers control to train young people to build houses.

The fishing, diamond and uranium industries be nationalised and put under the control of Workers Committees.

2. Pension funds should be restored because it is retired workers who need the money **now** due to the adverse effect on their quality of life. Restoration would form part of poverty eradication and generate income for the State by way of taxation. The pension funds should be restored to the pension fund boards of the former South African soldiers and the former TCL miners.

3. The 1976 Plan Fighters and SWAPO Youth League members and the former South African soldiers shall be declared war veterans and accorded benefits under the War Veterans Act.

4. The Minister of Finance should appoint an independent NAMFISA Director and remove the current officer.

5. The Minister of Defence gives an explanation to Parliament with reference to the items in the Defence budget of payment going to the private August 26 Company for 'catering and construction'. We ask why there has been no tenders in respect of building new army bases.

**Mr Speaker,**

**I am Salmon Fleermuys, a leader of the Workers Revolutionary Party. I represent the WRP and its programme in Parliament.**

We, the W.R.P, go to Parliament to use it to speak to the masses of working people.

We are using the Parliament to advance the demands of the working class including the poor peasantry and in particular the demands of the TCL workers and the former SWATF families and relatives, in relation to stolen pensions, loss of income and losses in general through economic sanctions, marginalization, victimization and discrimination, landlessness and homelessness.

We will articulate and support the demands of the Herero and Nama people for War reparations for Genocide (1904-8) from the German State.

We will put forward the seizure of our Natural Resources to enable us to fund the upliftment of the working class and poor peasantry in general and the neglected TCL families and former soldiers in particular.

We will put forward the immediate cessation of the wanton sale of our natural resources through Exploration Licenses (EPL's) with seizure of it without compensation, to enable us to fund the upliftment of the working class and poor peasantry.

The demands of the TCL workers and former soldiers will also highlight the demands of the working class in general. We will further advance the demand for basic needs of the working class families to be provided and subsidized by the government on the first tier level (Municipalities), housing, water and electricity, public transport, clinics, kindergartens, sport and recreation facilities, etc to be brought to the people.

We will advance heavier taxation to be levied on corporate business and demand **living** wages tied to the rate of inflation (and not minimum wages).

We will demand land to the landless and subsidies for the upliftment of the poor peasantry.

We demand immediate steps such as public works to build roads, schools, hospitals and develop the general infrastructure to stop the slide to extreme poverty and pauperization officially from 2% to 16% seen in the growth of shanties.

We demand that the land of the Southern Peoples Alliance in Keetmanshoop of 400 families be handed over to them for development and building of houses to be funded from the National Planning Commission.

We articulate the demands of the Truth & Justice Committee of the 1976 PLAN Fighters and SWAPO Youth League for the restoration of the true history of Namibia and the accounting of the hundreds of persons unaccounted for in exile and whose whereabouts are still unknown, the truth about the thousands of Namibians who lost their lives at the hands of the SWAPO leadership and the regimes of Zambia and Tanzania in exile.

The Honourable Salmon Fleermuys.

15 April 2015

## Letters

Dear comrades,

This is in answer to a letter by one S McCarthy which appeared in the Namibian of 22 May 2015 titled, "crisis in the Leftwing." This letter is reproduced oppositely.

The so-called left - usually anonymous - in Namibia like the bourgeois has a compulsion to direct their revulsion against the WRP on the basis of conjecture and manufacturing their own scenarios into which they fit the WRP with outright lies. This process takes place alongside the tribalist regime and the bourgeois media's unabated efforts to slander the party and distort, contort its position.

This left does not uphold the basic principle that socialists do not use the bourgeois press to resolve issues in the working class.

It should be tell-tale phenomenon that these socialists have a free hand to launch uninformed commentary and attacks against the WRP while our commentaries on politics are not published.

The article of one McCarthy uses hearsay more appropriately gossip or downright conjecture to make definite conclusions and fit the WRP into some Stalinist mold.

The manifesto was presented on TV, in parliament. Where does the one-issue lie fit in?

As far as former soldiers are concerned: both here and in South Africa there are those who claim to be the left of the purest water, but find themselves on the side of the (tribalist) bourgeois nationalists. They uphold the myth of freedom fighting and heroism. They subject the working class to the bogus respectability, morality and pretensions of the bogus freedom-fighters.

We stand by the soldiers as part of the working class not because we agree with them fighting in the colonial army, but because they were the victims of the imperialist denial of the right to self-determination to nations and the depravity of a tribalist petit bourgeois which through a fake struggle raped underaged girls, killed the true freedom-fighters and created the conditions to pre-empt self-determination and freedom.

These leftwing cowards, obscurantists and liars do not raise the squeak of a mouse about the thousands of SWAPO members who were killed by the SWAPO leadership to pre-empt the right of the Namibian nation to self-determination. They use pretentious left-wing 'analysis' to describe the situation here as neo-liberalism while this is not a situation of defined or determinable economic policies. It is theft and debauchery, chaos.

Their analysis is plastic, contrived and artificial because they do not fearlessly stand to restore the history of the working class and to defend the class from historic slander

## WRP ejected from parliament by Peter Katjavivi on instruction from Hage Geingob.

The WRP at the last minute entered the election, a decision which seem to have escaped pre-programming fraud in the machines. It won two seats.

The direct confrontation between SWAPO and the WRP from the onset caused SWAPO officials to obstruct the WRP's parliamentary programme. Since 2 December 2014 the ECN and the Secretary of the National Assembly refused to allow the WRP's chosen candidates to be sworn in. They insisted to swear in an agent of theirs as one of the candidates. This ensued in a protracted struggle in which they eventually were forced to swear in the party's own choice.

At the start of parliament, the WRP through its Chief Whip Salmon Fleermuys launched its working class manifesto into parliament which immediately caused consternation.

Two WRP leaders Erica and Hewat Beukes in April 2015 together with the WRP itself and the Rehoboth Community requested President Geingob not to attend the !Khubis Centenary Commemoration of victory in the extermination war of the Germans. The reason was that the SWAPO leadership has still not accounted for the killing of 10-year old Winston Ford as reprisal against his mother Martha Ford and the enslavement of Priscilla van Wyk. Winston was the greatgrandson of the Commander of the Baster forces, Johannes Timotheus Beukes and Priscilla was his granddaughter. This offset the reprisal against the WRP in parliament. Katjavivi stand under instruction from Geingob to overrule the law and to eject the WRP from parliament.

It is the clash of the SWAPO's capitalist programme against the WRP's working class programme.

The working class, its problems, its demands and its organisations are not welcome in the capitalist parliament.

This is a proof that the 2014 elections were a fraud, that the entire process of democratic voting and democracy is a farce.

We nevertheless demand our right to be in parliament and to be given all the benefits afforded to all parties in parliament.



## Hewat Beukes responds to McCarthy

and falsification.

The truth is that the working class will never free itself, will not be able to organize itself to take power if in the course of its struggle it does not come to terms with its history.

That history will have to be appraised without the petit bourgeois hypocrisy, opportunism, cowardice and ostentation. They hone their sensibilities to serve the tribalists.

They shudder to sit next to a former soldier from the working class, but they accept that these fake fighters in power sit "arm-om-die-nek" with Nationalist Party, ultra-right-wing whites, and former collaborators under the policy of national reconciliation. The stark incongruity does not bother them one bit. But they ooze indignation when a lower working class former soldier demand his rights.

When Joe Modise and others were identified as former South Africa operatives it raised little more than an eyebrow. In the Namibian parliament there sit South African collaborators and police agents and informers as SWAPO

parliamentarians. Our left-wing purists do not let out a single whimper of dismay.

The KOEVOET consisted partially of elements who fled from SWAPO's murderous regime.

Nevertheless, these soldiers came and agreed to work according to our manifesto which is an election undertaking to the whole of the working class.

In the present attack against the WRP, Katjavivi the Speaker sits with an arch racist and corrupt rogue magistrate Oupa Britz and a Nationalist Party operative Jacobs from Pretoria. Our Mr McCarthy has no problem with that.

Our Left wing will not raise two issues. Nay, they avoid two issues like the plague:

1. They would not raise the murder of thousands of SWAPO members and the demands that it engenders;
2. They do not express the fact that this is a boss-boy (more fancily, a compradore class of tribalist peasants).

Our manifesto begs to be criticized not to be ignored.

Hewat

## Crisis of the Left Wing?

In the last general elections, the WRP represented an electoral alliance of the WRP, the Communist Party (CP) and the former Koevoet officers and SWATF soldiers. This alliance was hastily formed in October 2014 and their parliamentary list consisted by and large of previous Koevoet/SWATF members. The 13 000 votes that the WRP received were from former Koevoet/SWATF members who are primarily discontented about their pension payouts. This is easily determined if you consider that in all previous elections, when the WRP did not have this electoral pact with the former soldiers, it performed quite awfully. It was clearly the organising by the leaders of the former combatants and the subsequent votes by their ex-Koevoet/SWATF colleagues that made the huge difference.

These erstwhile troopers have become disillusioned with the other right wing parties like the DTA for not previously raising their concern about the pensions and found a willingness on the part of so-called leftists in the Communist Party and the WRP to accommodate their political agenda. So, it does not make sense to deny that it was an alliance and to retroactively draw up a WRP constitution, a membership list and to speak of paid-up members.

The infighting in the WRP started at the moment of the announcement of the election results last year, when the first person on its parliamentary list, Willem Beukes, received a text message that he was expelled allegedly due to the misuse of the organisation's vehicle. After another attempt last week to also unceremoniously get rid of another representative, the majority Koevoet/SWATF bloc made a legitimate call for the first-ever congress of the WRP.

That faction held a congress on the 17th of May and not only elected a completely new leadership from its own ranks, but also expelled the three long-time leaders - including the president of the WRP of the past 25 years. It should be obvious at this time that the tactic of forming an alliance with right-wing elements has backfired dreadfully for the WRP. Maybe it would now be totally appropriate to call it the Workers' Right Wing Party?

In any case, the word 'revolutionary' does not necessarily mean

that the organisation has a revolutionary agenda. Surely, the speeches in parliament by the two representatives show no evidence of this so far. If anything, the WRP appears to have been a one-issue party - it is chiefly focusing on the pensions. Maybe it will still surprise us. This matter of the pensions, nonetheless, is understandably not pertinent to the broader working class of Namibia.

It is true that there exists disgruntlement with the Swapo government (as seen by the land applications), but the WRP is undoubtedly not the appropriate political instrument for taking that dissatisfaction forward.

In fact, we are writing to express our deep concern about what the WRP is doing to the left-wing project in this country. Unfortunately, the left wing in Namibia is closely associated with the WRP in the public mind. This is a political disaster as the WRP is tarnishing and discrediting the entire left wing. It has, for instance, even attempted to besmirch an outstanding left wing activist such as Harry Boesak.

In the context of a weak left wing in this country, it is vital for the progressives to learn some political lessons from this situation and try not to repeat them in future. One of the crucial warnings is that the lucrative parliamentary seat could entice political representatives into dubious politics and could potentially create tension in political organisations about the large amount of monies involved. Another political message for the leftists is that politics should not be about personalised power, but should be about moral principles and mass mobilisation.

What is called for in Namibia is a mass workers' party with a truly socialist agenda such as the right to work, social housing, a basic income grant, etc. Such a party should permit the highest level of democracy in, for example, allowing political tendencies to exist. Revolutionary change is the only way forward for the working class of Namibia.

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