

SPITZKOPPE FARMERS UNION

For the land issue from 25th June to 1st July 1991

Honourable President of the republic of Namibia
Honourable Prime minister
The cabinet members

Honour to delegates from different countries
representing to make an input in our
land's reform issue

Representatives of different interest groups
Ladies and gentleman.

This is our participation in Namibia land issue
and input in issue for equal distribution of
our land amongst all its inhabitants.

I am Mr Stefanus ! Gaooseb

It is to mention that this spoken land question
already made high demands of lives during German
colonisation and even in South African colonisation
of our country.

It was and is clear that the German interest
in this country was or is to get ground by
using different methods against the natural
inhabitants of the country, like divide and rule,
take of by power, make it your own and sell it
to or give it to your descendants than it will become
ours.

It is also mentioned in history of this country
that some frightened traditional leadership at
that time sold our valuable ground to Germans.

for prices like: a box of matches, a knife or something else.

It is also mentioned that the majority of the inhabitants were totally against this kind of transaction, but were powerless to protect themselves and their properties against the colonisers.

To satisfy a few of the inhabitants a system of native reserves were established and the big valuable and fertile deal of of the country was owned by the colonisers. So, this question of land reform dates since the time of the very first colonisation.

The fruitfull role that was ~~role~~ played by different missionaries at that time is not forgotten but needs to be addressed at an other occasion

By South African victory over Germans in Namibia the expropriation act, that was fixed on the natural inhabitants continued and the people were again forced to the established reserves and so called homelands.

It was again the new coloniser who prepared farms for their "Groot Trekkers and Dorstanders, and the land owners were again forced to leave their areas.

Promises by the South African colonisers that large farms should be given to fighting black soldiers ~~against~~ against Germans were in vain except the white soldiers who got free ground for their farms.

Helpless blacks were continuously forced to do cheap and sometimes unpaid work for whites but it is ignored that they paid their country's

tax by that way

The government of those days ^{was} (were) very much worried about the white farmers on their given farms and gave them periodical help in the form of subsidy to bring them up while the oppressed ones were pumped into communal farms by tenth, twentyth etc. with their stock, and it was mainly ~~namib~~ bare namib farms.

On this farms, an unbearable problemsituations of water, grazing, stock control etc. is inherent till date, while a single white farmer on his farm of at least 5000ha, fully assisted by black workers under, sometimes forcing circumstances become richer and richer.

The question of why only the white farmers in this country are favoured is not yet answered and also whether this situation is to be continued in free Namibia.

¶ Oppressed farmers under the wing of Spitzkoppe farmers' union, who were brought there agains their will from their previous beloved pastures are starving.

Till when are they to transport water with their donkycarts for over 20km.?

Till when are they to wait on a bale of lucern from the government for their goats and cattle.

Till when to sell their goats and cattle for better prices. Till when.

Mr President. till when will this last?

We have some suggestions.
Mr President.

That the former colonisers talk to the farmers they favoured at that time in this country who possess more farms to give up some for the sake of their fellow patriots.

That the former colonisers would buy over the farms from the commercial farmers and donate to the Namibian government.

That our people who were moved by force be replaced to their original pastures to recover and survive.

That the replaced farmers can later on negotiate with the Namibian government for farm ownership.

That the Namibian government would see that the favouring systems will not continue in free Namibia.

That the Namibian government would see that the right and equal reform will take place in free Namibia.

That the people who have should understand the changes in the spirit of reconciliation.

Mr President for equal distribution of our land to all its people.

Thank you.