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A Request From SWAPO President Sam Nujoma.

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Dear Comrades,

As our struggle against the illegal South African occupation of our country and for a completely independent and democratic Namibia expands, important new aspects and needs emerge. The Pretoria regime is currently spending millions of dollars annually in its propaganda drive directed against SWAPO's steady advance. Externally, the regime aims at whitewashing its brutal exploitation of our people and our country's rich natural resources; internally, its objectives are to prop up its appointed puppets and divide the Namibian people. It is frequently aided by Western establishment media in its efforts.

It is urgent for SWAPO to respond to our oppressor's offensive. The voice of the Namibian people must be heard abroad, while information and educational materials must be made available to the masses in our country in order to strengthen their vision and determination in this long and difficult struggle.

For this reason our movement has given high priority to attaining self-sufficiency in the realm of printing and publication. In view of LSM's experience in this field as well as your previous efforts to equip the MPLA of Angola with a printshop, we request your organisation to assist us in the following:-

- a) Supply the necessary equipment to accompany a small offset printing press donated by a European organisation.
- b) Provide instructors to train a number of SWAPO cadre in the operation and maintenance of the printshop.
- c) Provide adequate accessories and supplies to make the printshop fully operational.

If succesul in our efforts, such a printshop could also enable us to produce our own educational materials for SWAPO's several schools and training centres at various places in Africa.

As the funding for such a project will no oubt be considerable, we hope that LSM will be able to solicit the support of all North American organisations and individuals in solidarity with our struggle against racism and imperialism. Both American and Canadian corporations are directly involved in exploiting the Namibaian people and our country's dwindling wealth; we urge the people of your countries to demonstrate that they stand on the side of justice.

In sofidarity and common struggle.

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PRESIDENT OF SWAPO



SWAPO President Sam Nujoma. AUGUSTA CON-CHIGLIA PHOTO

As announced in the last issue of LSM NEWS, LSM has recently launched an international campaign to meet SWAPO's request for a complete printshop. We have begun raising funds to purchase and send full printing equipment and supplies to SWAPO, and to send two cadre to help train six SWAPO members in the techniques of offset printing. We estimate the total cost of the project will be \$20,000.

The Namibian people's struggle against apartheid and imperialism has many fronts, and one of the most important is education and information. Progressive North Americans can now help SWAPO advance on this front by contributing their support to the SWAPO Printshop Project. We hope that LSM NEWS readers will be moved to express their international solidarity with the Namibian people's struggle in this manner and, in President Nujoma's words, "demonstrate that they stand on the side of justice."

Please send contributions, suggestions and enquiries to: SWAPO Printshop Project

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