



REHOBOTH BASTER GEMEENTE

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Members of the Rehoboth Baster Gemeente, yesterday turned up in big numbers to listen to their leaders. The gate at ``Die Kaptein Hermanus van Wyk Gedenksaal`` was however locked and Mr. Kasupi according to information were in Windhoek with the keys, in an effort of the RTC to prevent Kaptein McNab to talk to his people about the ``New Proposed Deeds Bill``. Members of the community, has after refusal by the CEO of the RTC to allow Kaptein McNab to use the traditional house of the Basters decided to pay for the venue to allow the Kaptein to address them. The community have however requested their leaders to remove the lock at the gate as they regard the actions of the RTC as an insult to their leaders and the community is particular.

Kaptein McNab and the political leader of the Baster Mnr. Willem Bismarck van Wyk has during the meeting urged the community not to allow the Swapo Party Government to mislead them. Kaptein McNab informed the meeting that he will not betray the trust of the people by accepting a law that will in the end not benefit the community. He informed the meeting that Minister Naruseb will soon conduct meeting in Rehoboth regarding the new deeds bill and requested them to attend the meetings to give their inputs and views. Mr. Bismarck van Wyk informed the meeting that the community including the Namas and Damaras should stand together against the Swapo Party dominance and oppression. He told the meeting that the Swapo Party Government will do everything possible to get their hands on private land and this new act is just one of the many ways to expropriate land. The Jan van Wyk informed the meeting although there might be some benefits in the new act for now, the negativity of the new act will only be felt later. He requested the meeting not to listen those who preach lies that the Paternal Laws are no more in existence. He referred to the verdict of the High Court on 22 October 1993. He urged members who still call themselves children of the Rehoboth Basters to get involve in affairs that concern them and to claim what belongs to them.

About 600 people attended the meeting, with over 318 and 248 people from Schlip and Groot-Aub respectively that supported the Kaptein on his stand regarding the deeds bill.