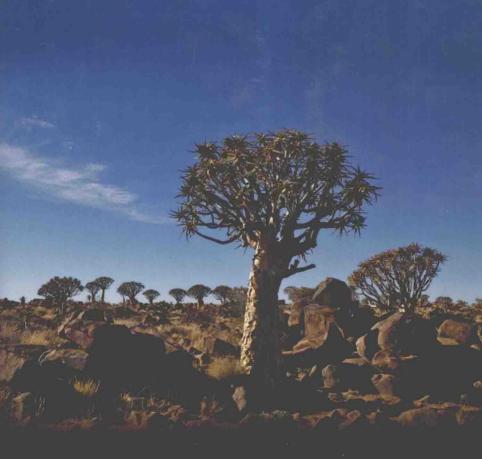
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### **ABBREVIATIONS**

AACRLS Archives of Anti-Colonial Resistance and the Liberation

Struggle

AG Administrator-General

AMEC African Methodist Episcopal Church

BAB Basler Afrika Bibliographien (Basel Africa Library)

CANU Caprivi African National Union CDM Consolidated Diamond Mining

DEK Deutsche Evangelische Kirchengemeinde (German Luthe-

ran Church)

DKG Deutsche Kolonialgesellschaft (German Colonial Society)

DKGSWA Deutsche Kolonialgesellschaft für Südwestafrika (German

South West Africa Company)
Democratic Turnhalle Alliance

ELK Evangelical Lutheran Church

ELOK Evangelical Lutheran Ovambo-Kavango church

FMS Finnish Mission Society

DTA

FNLA National Front for the Liberation of Angola

ICJ International Court of Justice

ICRC International Committee of the Red Cross

JAH Journal of African History JNS Journal of Namibian Studies

JNSS Journal of the Namibia Scientific Society JSAS Journal of Southern African Studies

JSWASS Journal of the South West Africa Scientific Society

LMS London Missionary Society

MHAG Missions-Handels-Aktien-Gesellschaft (mission trading

company of the RMS)

#### ABBREVIATIONS

MPLA Popular Front for the Liberation of Angola NAD (South African) Native Affairs Department

NAN National Archives of Namibia

NANSO Namibian National Students' Organisation

NASA National Archives of South Africa

NGK Dutch Reformed Church

NLO Northern Labour Organisation

NMC Native Military Corps NNF Namibia National Front

NP National Party

NNC Namibia National Convention

NPCC04 National Preparatory Committee for the Commemora-

tion of 2004

NUDO National Unity Democratic Organisation

NWV Namibia Women's Voice OAU Organisation of African Unity

OMEG Otavi Minen und Eisenbahngesellschaft (Otavi Mines and

Railway Company)

OPC Ovamboland People's Congress
OPO Ovamboland People's Organisation

PHFHC Conference on 'Public History, Forgotten History', Uni-

versity of Namibia, Aug. 2000

PLAN People's Liberation Army of Namibia

RMS Rhenish Mission Society (Rheinische Missionsgesells-

chaft)

SADF South African Defence Force
SAHJ South African Historical Journal
SLO Southern Labour Organisation

SWA South West Africa

SWACO South West Africa Company

SWANLA South West African Native Labour Association SWANLIF South West Africa National Liberation Front

SWANU South West African National Union

SWAP South West Africa Police

SWAPA South West Africa Progressive Association SWAPO South West Africa People's Organisation

SWASB South West Africa Student Body SWATF South West Africa Territorial Force

SWC SWAPO Women's Council

#### ABBREVIATIONS

SYL SWAPO Youth League

TGNU Transitional Government of National Unity

UN United Nations

UNIA Universal Negro Improvement Association

UNITA National Union for the Total Independence of Angola

UNSWP United National South West Party

UNTAG United Nations Transition Assistance Group

WBMC Walfish Bay Mining Company

WNLA Witwatersrand Native Labour Association

UNIN United Nations Institute for Namibia
UNSCR UN Security Council Resolution
UNSWP United National South West Party

#### GLOSSARY

Former name for Lüderitz(bucht) Angra Pequena

Baaiweg (Afrikaans) Ionker Afrikaner's road between Wind-

hoek and Walvis Bay

African boy in employment of German Bambuse, pl. Bambusen

(German) troops

Baster, Bastaard Person of mixed race Historical and variant terms usually equa-

(Berg/Hill) Damara/Dama/ ted with modern Damara people Daman

Bezirk (German) (Administrative) region

Historical term usually equated with (Cattle) Damara

modern Herero people

Approximately, 'Germanness', German Deutschtum (German)

identity

Distrikt (German) (Administrative) district

Eanda (Otjiherero) Female line in the Herero double descent

system

Efundula (Oshikwan-Female initiation ceremony

yama)

Ehi rOvaherero Land of the Herero (Otjiherero)

Eingeborene (f.)/Einge-

Native borener (m.) (German)

Frauenbund (German) Women's League/Association Orange (River) Gariep

Great Namaqua Historical term denoting ancestors of

modern Nama people

#### GLOSSARY

Kaptein (Afrikaans)

Landesrat (German)

Mwanamwalie (Silozi)

Ohamakari (Otjiherero)

Captain, chief, leader

Territorial Council

Lozi representative in the Caprivi

Ohamakari (Otjiherero)

Ohango (Oshindonga)

Ohorongo (Otjiherero)

Site of battle at the Waterberg
Female initiation ceremony
Name of Maharero's clan

Omaheke (Otjiherero) Desert/very arid area in eastern Namibia

Omalenga, sing. elenga Senior headman/woman (Oshiwambo languages)

Ombuke (Otjiherero) Prophet
Omutandu, pl. omitandu Praise song

(Otjiherero)

Omuhona, pl. ovahona (Otjiherero)

Oorlam (Afrikaans) Person usually of Khoekhoe origin, but

adopting Dutch cultural traits

Oruuano (Otjiherero) Herero church with strong emphasis on tradition, lit. 'communion'; Protestant

Unity Church

'Big man', leader

Oruzo (Ojtiherero) Male line in the Herero double descent

system

Otjiserandu (Otjiherero) Maharero branch of the oturupa

Oturupa (Otjiherero) Herero troop movement(s); also known

as Truppenspieler

Ovaherero, sing. Herero people/person

Omuherero (Otjiherero)

Police Zone The settler-occupied areas of southern and central Namibia

Red Line Term denoting the boundary between the

Police Zone and the areas to the north

Reichskanzler (German) Imperial chancellor Reichstag (German) German Parliament

Schutztruppe (German) (Lit.) protection troops; German colonial

military forces

Veld (Afrikaans) field, plain, pasture, hunting ground

Vernichten (German) Destroy, annihilate

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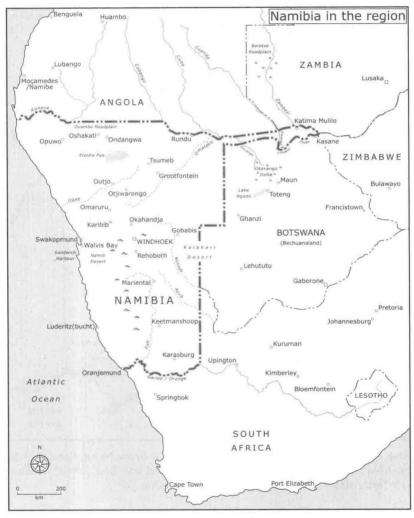
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#### MAPS

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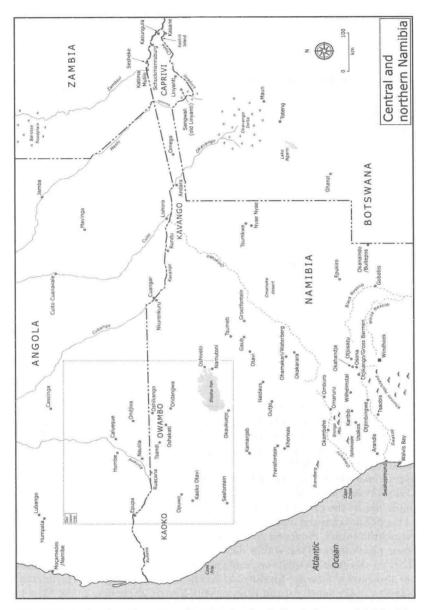


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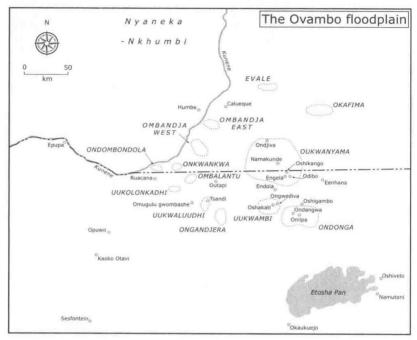
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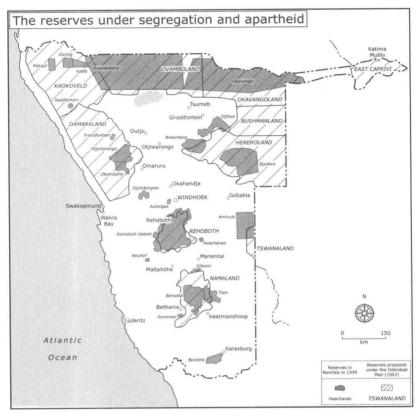
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Map 3: Central and northern Namibia (© Sebastian Ballard). Sources: McKittrick, To Dwell Secure, Map 2.1; Hayes et al., Namibia under South African Rule, p. xviii; Fisch, 'Tawana's Military Campaign', p. 118; Gibson et al., Kavango Peoples; Kriegskarte; Mendelsohn, Atlas of Namibia, pp. 20–7



Map 4: Inset of Map 3 (overleaf), the Ovambo floodplain (© Sebastian Ballard). This map shows places mentioned in the text, rather than the Ovambo floodplain at any particular period. The international border shown here is the modern one; before 1928 the Neutral Zone lay to its south. The map shows, approximately, the location of the Ovambo polities in the nineteenth century; Oukwanyama is also shown extending some distance into Namibia, as it certainly did by the early twentieth century. It should be noted that the borders of the polities changed over time, in some cases markedly, and that, during the twentieth century, the forest zones between them were needed for settlement. Some places now falling within these states may therefore be shown outside them on this map. In addition, some modern foundations, such as Oshakati, are also shown. Sources: McKittrick, To Dwell Secure, Map 2.1; Hayes et al., Namibia under South African Rule, p. xviii; Kreike, Recreating Eden, Map 4.



Map 5: The reserves under segregation and apartheid (© Sebastian Ballard). This map shows the reserves as they stood, firstly, in 1939, before the introduction of apartheid, and, secondly, in 1963, when the Odendaal Report set out new reserve boundaries (not all of which were implemented). Sources: Hayes et al., Namibia under South African Rule, p. xv; Katjavivi, History of Resistance, Map 8.

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