

## **SAVE SOUTH AFRICA'S FREEDOM FIGHTERS**

- At least forty-six people have been sentenced to death for political activities since 1962 under the Verwoerd-Vorster dictatorship. Six were sentenced to lifetime imprisonment; twenty-eight imprisoned for terms from twenty to twenty-five years.
- Of the five thousand political prisoners many hundreds are detained without charge or trial in solitary confinement. Vicious physical tortures have been reported from all parts of the country, as well as 'psychological' methods designed to break the victims or drive them insane.
- 'Sabotage' trials, carrying possible death sentences, are being conducted in Durban, Maritzburg, Cape Town, East London, Port Elizabeth and elsewhere. The 'Rivonia' case in progress at Pretoria at the time of writing, includes many of the foremost senior leaders of the liberation movement among the accused, such as Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu, Govan Mbeki, Lionel Bernstein, Ahmed Kathrada, Raymond Mhlaba and Dennis Goldberg.
- The UNITED NATIONS General Assembly voted by 106 votes to one ('South Africa') demanding the calling off of these 'arbitrary proceedings' and the release of all political prisoners. Verwoerd and Vorster ignored this demand.
- Hundreds of organizations all over the world have responded to the call of the World Campaign for the Release of South African Political Prisoners (15 Endsleigh Street, London, WC 1, England) to join in the protest and to contribute urgently needed funds for the defence in the political 'show' trials in South Africa.
- Our readers in all countries are urged to help this great humanitarian movement of solidarity with South Africa's heroic resistance leaders.