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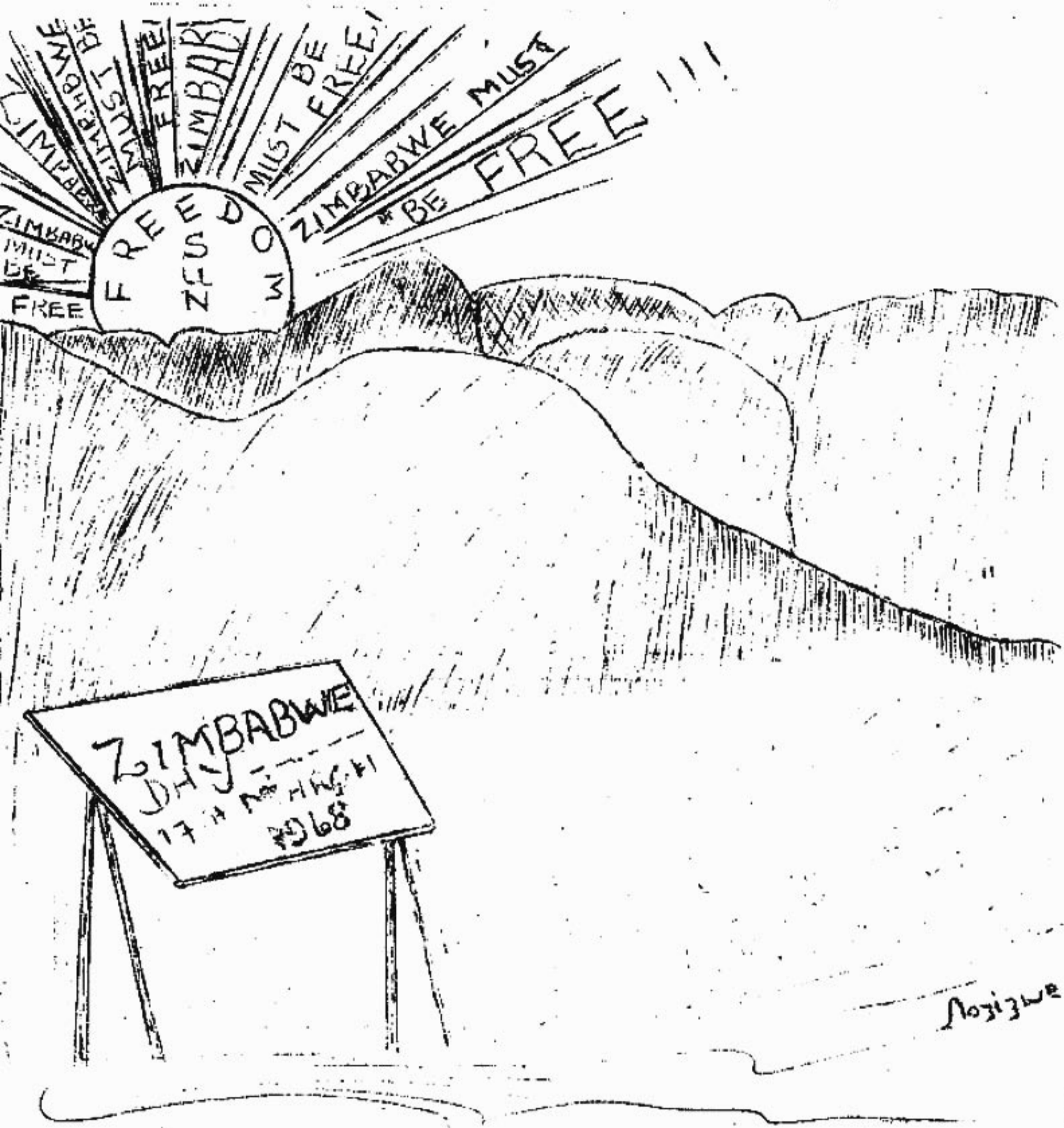
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 READERS PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER
 OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS OF SOUTH
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MAYIBUYE sends fraternal greetings to our Zimbabwe comrades-in-arms and pledges continued support in the just struggle of the oppressed people of Zimbabwe for national liberation. For our readers we reproduce abridged extracts from the ZIMBABWE AFRICAN PEOPLE'S UNION's message on Zimbabwe Day. For copies of the full text apply to ZAPU offices Box 1657, LUSAKA. ZAMBIA.

"ZIMBABWE DAY MESSAGE (1968).

Fellow Zimbabweans,

Today, 17th March, is Zimbabwe Day - a day of honouring our country and its gallant peoples - a day of our rededication to the cause of our liberation and freedom. On this day we feel a sense of pride that history,

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MURDER IN ZIMBABWE

In our last issue we said:

"The Smith regime, having already committed murder, may find that it is easier to commit the next murder."

We had certainly not expected our prediction to be confirmed so soon and with such brutal contempt for world opinion. Two more Freedom Fighters have died on the gallows - callously murdered for having dared to fight for freedom and justice.

NON-VIOLENCE. The cup of our anger runs over. We are, of course, fiercely angry with Smith and his clique. But, also, we are angry with ourselves for having for so many decades engaged in a non-violent struggle hoping that our oppressors still had a spark of humanity left in them. No, perhaps that is not quite true. We do not think we were wrong in seeking a non-violent solution to the problems of Southern Africa. It is our frustration that speaks - our frustration at having endowed our oppressors with qualities of decency and compassion. We know that we were much too generous in our assessment of the enemy. But the world knows we tried.

THE ARMED STRUGGLE. Smith's murder of innocent Africans finds us already having taken the first steps towards launching a full scale guerrilla war. The initial skirmishes and battles severely jolted the enemy. If there is cause for frustration it is in the fact that we are not yet ready to march on Smith's citadel, release the Freedom Fighters and arraign the fascists for murder. In time, we shall surely do so.

THE REPRIEVES. But in the meantime the fascist traitors have many of our comrades at their mercy. We would be less than human not to admit that we are greatly relieved by the announcement of reprieves for a substantial number of Freedom Fighters. We are aware, of course, that legally Smith and his henchmen have no authority to reprieve or, for that matter, to hang anybody. But in the absence of any action from the only legal authority, the British Government, we are happy to learn that not all the Freedom Fighters are to be murdered.

It is a paradoxical state of affairs when murderers announce that they will not commit as many murders as people thought they would; even more paradoxical is the relief so many of us experience at the announcement. Smith has already clearly demonstrated that he does not care a hoot for world opinion. Despite the disgust and revulsion of the whole world Smith went on to commit new murders.

Why then the reprieves? Some people hold a theory about the relationship between Imperialism and the racist regimes of Southern Africa in which the Africans are pawns to be pushed forward and backward to deceive the world/....

world; this theory is so gory, implies such monstrous inhumanity on the part of the participants, that we shall not go into it here (though it is entirely possible, judging from the past histories of the participants). We prefer to think that certain external pressures have prevailed upon Smith to tread with caution. This implies that Smith is susceptible to external pressure. We think so.

NO-SANCTIONS SANCTIONS. Sanctions have failed to move Smith, for the simple and now obvious reason that they were never applied. Fascist South Africa and Portugal openly supported Smith. And international companies, even British companies, ignored the sanctions as exposed also by those pillars of the Establishment, the BBC and the "Times" of London. No action has yet been taken against these companies, confirming that Britain had no real intension of applying sanctions.

BRITISH RESPONSIBILITY. Self-proclaimed "Socialist" Wilson now stands further exposed. But it is not yet too late for Wilson to put back some of the "Greatness" into Britain and, perhaps, even some socialist compassion into the British Labour Party. Smith is a rebel, a traitor, who has murdered citizens whom the Queen herself sought to protect. Here is an opportunity to rally Britons round the Queen. Will Wilson use the opportunity to send his army into Zimbabwe? From his past record we would be more than a little astonished if he did. Yet there is no other way for Wilson. Failure to act will confirm more than ever that the so-called "Socialists" of the British Labour Party are, in fact, agents of imperialism and accomplices of murderers.

UNITED NATIONS. The United Nations cannot shirk their responsibility towards the people of Zimbabwe. In another article in this issue ("Parellels Of History") we express our disappointment with aspects of the past functioning of the United Nations. Right now we are dismayed that more than a week after the murders the U.N. has not yet taken any decision. It is time that progressive nations exposed the intrigue and chicanery perpetrated by a handful of imperialist countries. The only logical step is for the U.N. to ignore Britain's special position vis-a-vis Zimbabwe and take full responsibility for the problem.

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY. We have been heartened by the spontaneous gestures of so many individuals, organisations and governments who demonstrated in so many different ways their disgust with the murders and their support for our cause. In this context we are particularly grateful to the President, the Cabinet, the Government and the people of Zambia. They have not only shown anger, compassion and revulsion but they have spurred us on to further action and more than ever proved they are fully behind us in the struggle. The oppressed people of Southern Africa are conscious of the fact that their liberation can come only from their own efforts. Nevertheless, it is inspiring to know that the overwhelming majority of mankind is on our side. How can we fail?

POLITICS, CULTURE AND SPORTS IN SOUTH AFRICA

by Rata Botswerere

"Everyone has the right freely to participate in the cultural life of the community, to enjoy the arts..."

Article 27(1) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

"The Doors of learning and culture shall be opened... the colour bar in cultural life, in sport and in education shall be abolished"

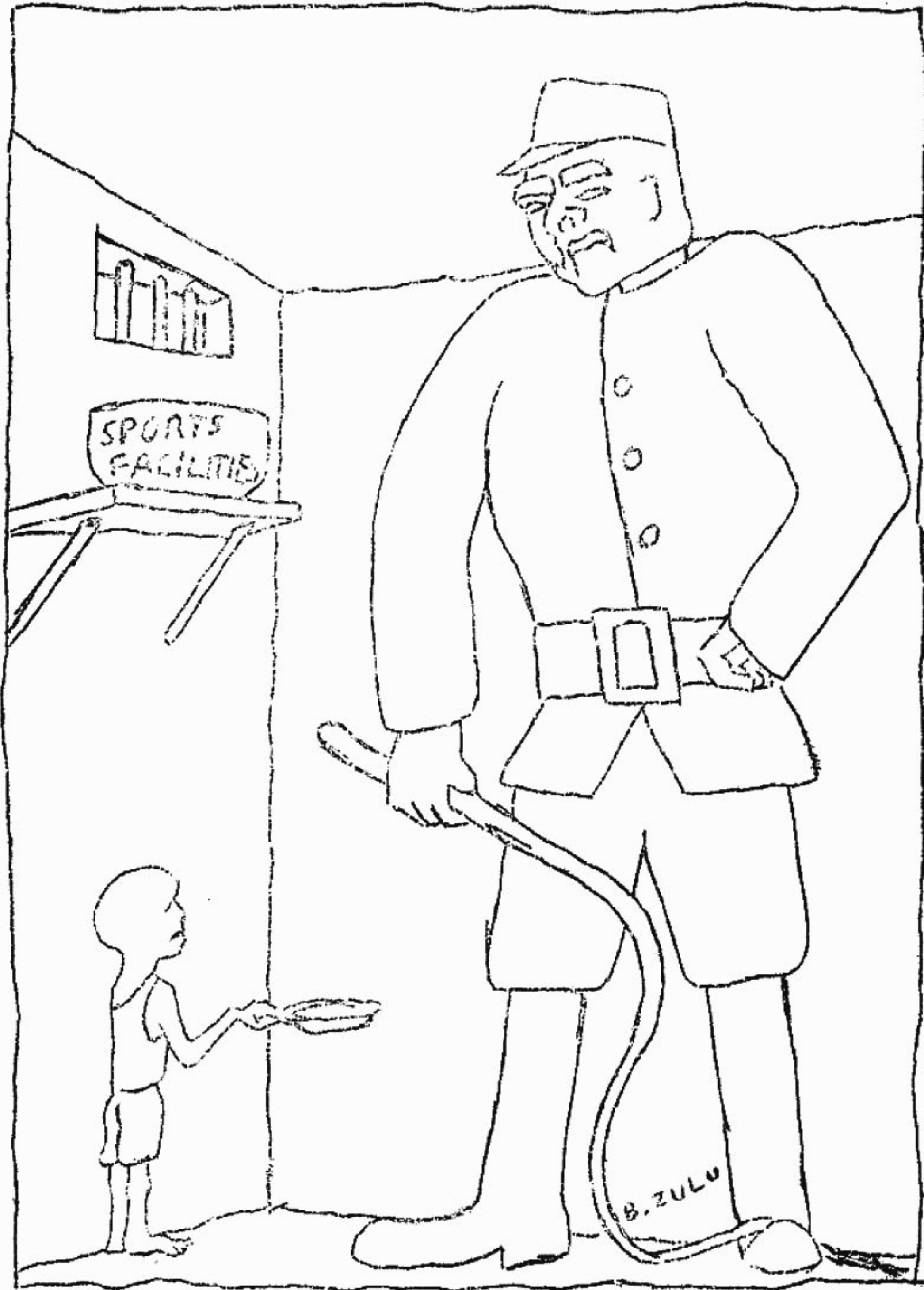
- Freedom Charter -

There is only one country in the world which as part of its policy, laws and customs unashamedly espouses racialism and discrimination against the majority of its population on grounds of skin colour - the Republic of South Africa. In this respect South Africa is unique not only in the world but in history.

Many states both now and in the past have practised racial discrimination as a technique to maintain and justify slavery and oppression of others. South Africa is probably the first to make out that this racial oppression is a virtue to be boastfully flaunted and recommended as a contribution to world culture and progress. Herein lies the central core of the abhorrence and disgust felt by mankind at the astounding arrogance of the White supremacists in South Africa.

WHITE MONOPOLY. This policy has gone under a variety of names in the last fifty years among which might be mentioned "Trusteeship", "White Baas-kap", "Segregation", "White Leadership With Justice", "White Leadership Through Merit", "White Christian Western Civilisation", "Separate Development", "Development Along Your Own Lines", "Good Neighbourliness" and other such euphemisms (sic) for naked oppression and exploitation. Whatever name was used the policy always meant that the White minority in South Africa has unilaterally conceived, and executed all policies in our country. The indigenous majority - the Africans - and the other non-Whites have been subjected to ruthless oppression for the benefit of the privileged White minority which enjoys a total monopoly of political and economic rights as well as cultural, recreational and sports opportunities.

As is natural the struggle of the oppressed people of South Africa has attracted the attention of the world primarily for its political and economic aspects. Therefore not enough is known about the fantastic obstacles placed in the way of Africans who merely seek to enjoy themselves and to use their limited number of leisure hours fruitfully. The cultural, recreational and sports suppression suffered by our people in South Africa is a/....



“What! More than Mexico?”

is a crime for which it is going to be very difficult to forgive the White oppressors.

"EXPERTS" ON AFRICANS. The present government of South Africa never tires of posing as some sort of guardian of African tradition and culture. This is considered as part of their self-assumed duty to foster the "development of the Bantu along their own lines". It never occurs to them that Africans would like to develop along lines of their own choosing! As a consequence the Ministries of Bantu Education and of Bantu Administration and Development are top-heavy with pseudo experts who regale the world with their silly ideas on African life. These 'dokters' (all these experts seem to hold doctorates conferred by some Afrikaaner University) dominate the curriculum committees; they experiment with African languages; decide what books must be written and prescribed for African schools; what music must be played; what is genuinely 'Bantu' culture. The only Africans these "experts" have met are those in the employ of the government or dependent on government favours for a living. The supposed guardians of African culture do not know the Africans as human beings themselves. And how does White South Africa carry out its self-assumed role?

Let us begin by eliminating the obvious.

CULTURAL APARTHEID. There is not a single drama theatre open to Africans in South Africa. All City Halls are closed to Africans. In some cities "location halls" have been made available to our people. These "location halls" are uniformly small, ugly, dingy, dirty and absolutely disgraceful for a country which boasts the wealth and development of South Africa.

Practically all the major libraries in South Africa are closed to Africans. In some areas books can be obtained from these libraries through inter-loan service with small libraries provided for Africans. These services are so limited as to be virtually worthless. African students cannot even consult the national archives for academic purposes without the written permission of the Secretary for Bantu Administration and Development. The library services for Indians and Coloured are only slightly better.

There is not a single music hall in the whole country at which African artists can play or sing without restriction. The Music halls that do exist are for European audiences only.

Our people are very musical and have produced great musicians both in the classical and jazz mode. Such men as Caluza, Mohapeloa, Moerane, Masiza, Matshikiza, Sidyiyo, Tyamzashe and others have delighted generations of people with their light and serious music. But the conditions under which our composers work; the poverty and official suppression which forces them to produce much that is worthless in order to earn money, is one of the saddest chapters in the history of oppression.

Even institutions which should know better have contrived to suppress African/....

African talent in music. The liturgy and hymns of the Anglican Church, for example, still allow the absurdity whereby African words are used to the tunes of English music. This travesty renders church services meaningless and grotesque to any musician. Many might however, regard this as merely unfortunate. We must stress, that it represents cultural oppression.

SPORTS APARTHEID. After a great deal of effort Father Huddleston, now Bishop of Masasi, managed to have a swimming bath built at Orlando in Johannesburg with the help of funds provided by philanthropists. This swimming bath for over half-a-million Africans is a kind of latter-day wonder in South Africa! There may be one or two others in South Africa but we do not know of them. There is a sports stadium of third rate standard at Orlando. There is another at Welkom. Enclosed soccer grounds at Wemmer, and at Bantu Sports ground have long catered for African players. In Durban the Somtseu ground and Curries Fountain are open to Africans. There are terrible grounds at East London and Port Elizabeth. This is the sum total. And so the sorry story goes on.

RECREATIONAL APARTHEID. In some cities in our country there are some very fine cinemas built by Indian entrepreneurs to cater for non-Whites. These cinemas are strictly controlled under the Group Areas Act and the Publication and Entertainment Act (1963). Most of the fare provided at these is the usual American stuff which can hardly be called culture, but does provide some recreation.

AFRICAN ACHIEVEMENT. Despite all these negative conditions caused by oppression the Africans have broken through in many fields. In the field of sports this has sometimes been through the help of wealthy White philanthropists or even the mining houses. This has been due not to any altruistic motives but in order to keep the Africans from such "dangerous" things as politics and communism. Nevertheless our soccer can be said to be comparable to world standard although we are not allowed to compete with Whites within the country or in international tournaments abroad. Our Athletes in individual cases have achieved world standard inspite of lack of coaches, poor nutrition and restricted facilities. Our enemies who never tire of lecturing us about our languages have not produced novels of the class of Nyembezi's "Mntanami Mntanami" or Jordan's "Ingqumbo Yeminyanya". Nor can they match the musical productions of our people even though they try to drown quality in a mass of puerile quantity which they officially encourage. And what is nauseating is the cynicism of the South African Information and Radio Services in telling the world that our cultural successes are the result of their oppressive policies. For it must be emphasized again and again that any breakthrough by our people in culture or sport has been achieved in the teeth of the restraints on talent imposed by Apartheid.

INTERNATIONAL ACTION AND REACTION. The struggle for equality of participation in culture and sports entered a new phase after the Second World War. The dominance of the imperialist countries and big business in international organisations was challenged by the Socialist world and the newly independent countries/....

ndent countries of Asia and Africa. From 1946 onwards the demands for cultural, sports and recreational facilities grew. As the international solidarity movement against Apartheid developed various means of reaction to Apartheid emerged. Famous artists refused to play to exclusive White audiences. Playrights would not allow their works to be performed in South African theatres. In 1965 a new Copyright Act was passed by the South African Parliament to overcome this by ignoring copyright. South African White Sports Organisations were expelled from International Organisations.

OUR DEMANDS AND ASPIRATIONS. As South African Whites began to suffer inconveniences a few crumbs were thrown at the non-Whites. The Orlando Stadium is one such sop to Cerberus. But our people do not want concessions. We are demanding our right to participate fully on the basis of equality in the cultural and sports life of the country - not outside the country where the writ of Apartheid does not run in any case. Nor is it any use parading such stooges as Thabede, Rathebe and others who have never fought for equality in sports and are now being pulled out of a hat as representative Africans willing to accept empty concessions. Furthermore, this is not a question of half-a-dozen athletes who may individually wish to travel to Mexico even if the African nation as a whole remains oppressed. This is a matter of the rights of the entire nation and not favours to individuals. We are told that to keep Africans out of culture and sports is not politics. But that for Africans to demand their right to participate without compromise is "introducing politics into sports and culture". This arrant nonsense will not deter us in any way. Our people demand the right to read the works of Hemingway, Gorky and Sholokov and to create similar works; they want to see Shakespeare and Brecht acted on the stage; they want to hear Tchaikovsky, Masiza and Moerane played in the music halls to audiences that include them; they want to write, sing, dance and play. Their talent must be given free rein!

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SANROC APPEALS TO YOU

"URGENT APPEAL FOR ACTION" OPPOSITION TO RACIALISM IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES.

Several countries will be deciding shortly their attitude on the question of a racist team from South Africa taking part in the Mexico Olympics in October.

It is vital that some pressure should be applied to get the right decision.

Please do what you can to get action
by protest meetings and actions
by letters to the press
by appeals to MP's, leading figures, sportsmen and officials
by letters and cables to leading figures;

For further information please contact SAN-ROC (South Africa Non-Racial Open Committee for Olympics) for material for distribution and background."

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LIVING MEMORY OF AN HISTORIC DAY by Mangwane.

International Women's Day, March 8, was commemorated by a meeting in Lusaka when over 100 women from Southern Africa - political refugees and Freedom Fighters - living in exile here met at the Africa Liberation Centre. There were women from Zimbabwe, Angola Mozambique, South West Africa, South Africa and Zambia. The meeting was organised by the African National Congress (S.A.) Women's Section chaired by Ruth Nompoti.

In her opening address she told the audience in detail the history of International Women's Day, the struggles and achievements of women the world over. Ruth in a clear way described the struggles of women in Africa, Asia, Europe and America, how in each country the women are making a contribution to win a world free from slavery, hunger, war and colonial oppression. She particularly showed how the Women's struggle is no longer confined to a clamour for feminine rights and privileges. That today the place of women is in the forefront of Man's struggle for peace and justice, for freedom and friendship; that women of Europe, America, Africa and Asia can help the heroic women in Vietnam who are bravely defending their country against American militarists; that women are assembled as part of the Women's International Vanguard in the battle for a decent world in which to live and bring up our young ones. Her speech ended with the crowd shouting Africa! Mayibuye! Amandla Ngawethu!

Mr. M. Nkoloso, the Personal Representative of Zambia's President, Dr. Kenneth Kaunda, greeted the meeting with a fiery speech: "It makes me feel both man and woman to have the honour of addressing our mothers and sisters on this historic occasion," declared Mr. Nkoloso. He severely condemned the murder of the three African Freedom Fighters who were hanged in Salisbury on Wednesday 6th March. He also urged the women as mothers of Africa to tighten their belts; that no sacrifice can be too big to win back our motherland; our Africa! "Chase the White fascists, colonialists out of our land! Let our land and people be free and be rid of these parasites." The Director of UNIP's Women's Brigade, Mrs. Maria Nankolonga had been invited to attend the meeting but could not be available due to pressure of work.

The next speaker was Mrs. V. Nokwe - wife of Adv. Duma Nokwe A.N.C. (S.A.) General Secretary. Mrs. Nokwe, teacher and mother of four children spoke on the life of women in South Africa, their contribution in organising and uniting South Africans against Apartheid and race discrimination; of their sacrifices, separation from their husbands and children; of how they have kept up the fight for a decent life for their children. She dealt at length with the heroism of the Vietnamese women in their fight against American aggression.

Then followed Mrs. Dube, the speaker from ZANU, ZAPU Women's Organisation, who began her speech by requesting the meeting to observe a one minute silence in honour of the Zimbabwe heroes who were hanged by the
illegal/.....

International Women's Day



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Top: The audience listening with gripping attention to solidarity speeches on International Women's Day. Left: H.E.P.R. Mr. M. Nkoloso, addressing the meeting. On his right are V. Nokwe, and R. Mompoti. Standing is Mr. M. Mashobane interpreting.
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Left: Women sharing their impressions of the meeting.

illegal regime of Smith. She condemned the Wilson Government for supplying Smith with arms to shoot and hang the sons of Zimbabwe, many of whom are awaiting to be hanged or may already have been hanged in secret. That their lives may be saved by the women joining and strengthening the ranks of our men in the armed struggle. She went further to say that this is a challenge to women of Southern Africa and indeed of the whole world. In conclusion she said the women of Southern Africa like their sisters all over the world should rise and take an active part in the struggle for freedom and dignity. With their joint efforts determination and dedication the enemy will be crushed.

On behalf of the SWAPO women Mrs. Appolous called on the women to take a stand and join in the fight against the Vorster, Salazar and Smith fascist regimes. She said women as mothers bring life into this world and it is their duty to fight and protect their young ones. She condemned the unlawful arrests and murder of South West African Freedom Fighters by the South African Government whose only crime was waging a struggle for freedom in their motherland.

A message was read by the Chairman on behalf of the Angola women, who together with their menfolk have been engaged in an armed struggle for some time now. The meeting observed a one minute silence in honour of the five young Angola women who were arrested last year by Holden Roberto's men in Congo Kinshasa and whose fate up to now is unknown.

All speakers expressed confidence that their countries will be free from the tyranny of race oppression and will join hands with independent African States to free their people from hunger, ill health and illiteracy and build a life of plenty and joy for all.

In the audience were young children who listened most attentively to what is happening in their parents' homeland. Freedom songs were sung during the course of the meeting.

The chairman in closing said that March 8, International Women's Day, is today of greater significance and a far more dynamic challenge to the women of the world. That the women rededicate themselves and pledge not to rest until they have won for their children fundamental human rights.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

PARALLELS OF HISTORY by Ndab'ezitha.

They say history repeats itself. We do not agree; we do not know of history ever repeating itself exactly. There may, of course, be parallels between two different sets of events, but the circumstances and the outcome are usually quite dissimilar.

Today, in Southern Africa, certain developments and the international community's reaction to them have some gross parallels with developments in Europe before the Second World War. We will outline some of these, not because we think that the outcome will be the same as that experienced in Europe, but to show that those who in so many ways encouraged the fascists in Europe are the same people who are now giving comfort to the White minority regimes in Southern Africa.

FASCISM IN SOUTH AFRICA. The Afrikaner Nationalist Party firmly entrenched in power for the last twenty years draws much of its inspiration from the Nazis. Indeed, two of its best known Prime Ministers, Verwoerd and the present Premier, Vorster were active supporters of Hitler. Verwoerd, as Editor of "Die Transvaaler" during the Second World War, was prosecuted for his links with Hitler's Nazis, while Vorster was detained at Koffiefontein for actively propagating sabotage of the war effort. Myths of racial superiority backed by pseudo-scientific jargon are as much a part of Apartheid ideology as they were of Nazism: for Hitler the Herrenvolk were the "Aryans" for Vorster and his breed they are the "Whites". The abuse of education in Nazi Germany is matched by the attempts being made by the apartheid fanatics to manipulate the minds of the young by their policy of "Christian National Education"; the prostitution of science, the degradation of the arts, the corruption of social life have close parallels in apartheid South Africa with Nazi Germany. Above all, the utter contempt for human lives, the blunting of feelings of compassion for human suffering are spread by a vigour not exceeded by the Nazis. South Africa, like Nazi Germany is a fascist, police State.

FASCIST AGGRESSION. This is further evidenced by an increasing military build up, and by an aggressive foreign policy. In this respect racist South Africa constitutes a threat to its immediate neighbours in Southern and Central Africa and ultimately to world peace. It has already invaded Zimbabwe to "maintain law and order": its police and army run rampant in South West Africa killing and arresting with complete contempt for international opinion. In Ian Smith the fascists of the Nationalist Party appear to have found their Mussolini!!

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. As far as the international community's reaction to fascist-racism in Southern Africa is concerned there are again similarities between the action or rather inaction of the pre-war League of Nations and the United Nations. Both bodies were set up at the end of major wars which involved most of the world and which took a terrible toll in terms of material resources and the loss of millions of human lives.

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It was hoped that such world assemblies would safeguard peace on earth, protect the weak against the strong, and, perhaps, ultimately result in the formation of a world government.

FAILURE OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS. Unhappily, deliberately or otherwise, the League of Nations overlooked the power of the imperialist powers who, while paying lip service to pious platitudes, sabotaged every effort at genuine action. Thus Mussolini was allowed to desecrate Ethiopia; Franco, with the open assistance of the Nazis, raped Spain with impunity - the farce of non-intervention prevented even those willing to do so from coming to the assistance of the Republican government; Hitler was able to occupy the Rhineland with little effort. The failure of the League of Nations to take effective action and the preference of the imperialist powers to work outside the ambit of the League eventually led to the appeasement and betrayal at Munich by Chamberlain (and, of course, Alec Douglas Home). This last step, loudly proclaimed as having "saved the peace" directly encouraged Hitler to unleash the Second World War.

THE UNITED NATIONS. On the surface, the United Nations seem to be following the dishonourable foot-steps of the League of Nations. The fiasco of Korea, the tragedy of the Congo, the powerlessness at the time of the Cuban blockade when the world stood so close to the brink of war, and the inability to compel the expulsion of the U.S. imperialists from Vietnam in the face of world-wide condemnation are sad echoes of the failure of the League of Nations. Having withdrawn the South West African mandate from South Africa the U.N. appears unwilling to act to implement its decision. Fascist South Africa continues to bully, bludgeon and kill South West African citizens in blatant disregard of the U.N. Resolution. In Zimbabwe an illegal rebel regime has usurped power which rightly belongs to the majority and has, in fact, gone on to murder Freedom Fighters without any attempt at secrecy. Once again the U.N. appears powerless to stop a handful of rebellious murderers.

IMPERIALISM - THE CULPRIT. In the case of both the League of Nations and the United Nations the failure of the world assembly to take effective action for peace and progress is directly due to the machinations of the imperialist powers who are guided solely by profits, by the need to maintain the capitalist system by fair or foul means - mostly foul.

As far as the United Nations is concerned the actions of the imperialist powers were guided in Korea by the need to "contain communism", in the Congo, the riches to be had from copper and diamonds, in Cuba, to prevent the extension of the Socialist Revolution into Latin America, in Vietnam again the need to "contain communism".

IMPERIALISM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. In Southern Africa the imperialists have investments in South Africa's apartheid economy which reap enormous super-profits. Thus, while the whole world condemns apartheid nothing is done; colonialism is attacked but nothing is done to assist the liberation struggles of the people of S.W.A., Angola, and Mozambique; illegal rebels usurp power and murder Africans publicly and the U.N. has difficulty in arriving at a "suitable formula" of condemnation.

FASCIST SOUTH AFRICA IN 1968. But there are great differences between the pre-war world and 1968. True, the White minority regime in South Africa is every bit/....

every bit as racist and fascist as Hitler's Nazis but the Nationalist Party has to keep down 80% of the population - the oppressed Black majority. And this majority, more and more conscious of its oppression, has consistently rebelled against the oppressor until today its vanguard, the A.N.C., has launched an armed struggle for liberation. Furthermore, the realities of industrial development are daily making the more insane aspects of Apartheid ideology completely uneconomic. The apartheid fanatics are trying to hold on but there can be little doubt that in a head on collision economic interests will prevail. Already there are some fissures in the granite wall of Nationalist Afrikanerdom.

Without doubt, as far as international practice is concerned, South West Africa is racist South Africa's achille's heel. When it plans mass movements of populations, terrorises and arrests South West Africans the apartheid regime is on very shaky ground. Similarly, the invasion of Zimbabwe by the white South African army and police to prop up Smith's illegal regime is certainly a dangerous step. There is little doubt that the rebel regime could not survive for long without South Africa's active support. In Mozambique and Angola, the Portuguese are having a most difficult time at the hands of the valiant Freedom Fighters of Frelimo and MPLA who are chalking up steady successes. Here again, though hidden, the hand of fascist South Africa is seen by the careful observer. Without doubt South Africa is the king pin in white minority dominated Southern Africa.

IMPERIALISM IN 1968. Internationally, South Africa draws support and comfort from the imperialist countries notably the U.S., Britain and West Germany. These imperialists have huge financial, military and strategic stakes in South Africa; they are determined to safeguard them. Can there be any doubt, for example, that Britain's refusal to act in Zimbabwe is governed by the fact that Zimbabwe is a useful buffer between the African Revolution and fascist South Africa? Or that Angola, Mozambique and South West Africa perform similar functions? So the imperialists lash out at Apartheid in vehement terms at the U.N. and elsewhere but make certain they block any attempt at effective action.

However, the international community, too, is very different now than at the time of the League of Nations. The National Liberation Movements have taken giant strides and in most instances have been successful; the socialist bloc, now comprises one-third of the world; a socialist country (Cuba) flourishes on the doorstep of imperialism. Imperialism, while apparently more aggressive, is on the decline - the powerful United States is humiliated by the courageous people of Vietnam, the British economy is in tatters with the pound in chronic crisis. Progressive international opinion has successfully checkmated fascist South Africa many times despite pressures from the imperialist countries. Apartheid South Africa is out of the International Table Tennis Association, the Federation of International Football Associations, official Test cricket, the International Labour Organisation, etc. The recent re-admission of South Africa to the Olympic Games has disgusted the world; there is little doubt that/....

that with the boycott movement mounting South Africa will not be present at the Mexico Olympiad.

CONCLUSION. Thus, overall the picture is not so gloomy. Racist South Africa may yet plunge the world into a major war; but this is not necessarily inevitable. Imperialism has now been isolated. Africa, Asia and Latin America supported by the Socialist countries are now a major force for progress in international affairs. Most important of all, the oppressed people of Southern Africa have now taken up arms in their own defence; a closer unity is being forged by all the oppressed as evidenced by the alliance between ZAPU and the ANC of South Africa. Fascist racism in Southern Africa is at bay. We are sure that with the support of progressive mankind we shall be victorious.

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(CONT.) "ZIMBABWE DAY MESSAGE (1968)

by casting on us the role of fighting colonialism and imperialism in Rhodesia, has placed us in a wider fold of nations dedicated to the cause of human liberty and eventual peace in the world. This year we observe Zimbabwe Day under the darkest shadow of wanton and outrageous crimes ever perpetrated on our peoples by the British Settlers in our country...

The daring murderous acts of the settlers signify grave danger not only to the gallant heroes facing the gallows but also to the life of our leader, the leader of the African people of Zimbabwe, Mr. Joshua Nkomo and of all those with him in detention...

Comrades, Zimbabwe Day is the appropriate occasion for us to recall some eventful thrusts of our struggle. Prominent among these is the Wankie offensive of last August carried out in alliance with our comrades -in-arms, our brothers of the "Umkhonto We Sizwe" of the African National Congress of South Africa. It is hard to recall moments in the history of liberation struggles which have bred such alliances. This one is singular...

This day is our occasion to remember all the countries and peoples of the world who stand squarely and genuinely in support of our cause morally and materially...

Whilst the rightness of our cause assures us of victory in the ultimate, that victory won't come on its own. Every Zimbabwean must resolve to enter the fighting ranks without hesitation or delay. We must all count ourselves on the cost side of the struggle and the gains will take care of themselves. We are determined to prosecute the liberation struggle to the bitter end, and Zimbabwe Day - today - is our day of resolution.

LONG LIVE ZIMBABWE,
LONG LIVE OUR LEADER JOSHUA NKOMO.
LONG LIVE THE STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM!"

J.R.D. CHIKEREMA
Vice President