

poisonous chemicals and gases against civilians and their food supplies, they have dropped napalm and phosphorus bombs to burn people alive, they have tortured prisoners and herded countless peasant families into concentration camps after burning their villages to the ground. In the words of the American scientist, Professor Rosebury:

We have sprayed their ricefields with plant poisons, and destroyed their food stores. We have burnt their homes and destroyed their villages, towns and cities as wantonly as our means permit short of nuclear war. We have tortured and killed both prisoners and civilians and there is evidence that we have burned hospitals.

Under the inspired leadership of the National Liberation Front in the South and President Ho Chi Minh and the government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam in the North, the unconquerable Vietnamese have maintained unflagging resistance. They will never surrender or become the colonial slaves of the United States or any other imperialists.

Africans throughout our continent regard the Vietnamese people with admiration, confidence and love. They are our brothers. Like all victims of imperialism we know that they are fighting not only for their own freedom and future, but ours as well.

An Insulting Statement

FOLLOWING THE RECENT Seminar in Cairo, of which we are glad to publish an extensive report in this issue, a statement was issued by the Pan-Africanist Congress and several other Southern African exile splinter-groups, slandering the Seminar and insulting all who participated in the most unmeasured terms. From the type of language used it is obvious that they merely appended their signatures to a document prepared elsewhere, for it is full of the hackneyed formulas and swear-words used as a substitute for argument by the Mao-ist faction which is today wreaking such tragic damage in China itself and throughout the Communist and anti-imperialist movement. The character of this foolish and disgraceful statement is ample proof, if any were needed, of the wisdom of excluding these provocators from the seminar.

Had they been allowed to participate, the high and serious tone of the exchanges would inevitably have been lowered by the introduction of the kind of abuse and phrasemongering which have so sadly disfigured innumerable international gatherings of the peace, youth, women's, trade union and other movements during the past few years.