

diplomatic concessions that are contrary to the principles of national liberation and the best interests of its people. This is the end result of a militarist approach to armed revolution.

We have already said that it is essential to anticipate such an outcome by taking the necessary preventive measures. We hold that there must be unanimity of mind to a great degree among those who wish to make revolution, on what constitutes People's War and how it should be waged, as well as the political objectives which form the rallying call of the war of liberation. Guns fired at random achieve a random result. We must therefore aim our arrow at a specific and definite target, and we are sure to hit a bull's eye.

The purpose of military action is to steadily destroy the power structure of the enemy, and systematically build up the political power of the people. No military saviours can achieve this in South Africa. Only the massive action of a united people acting in unison can do this under the guidance of determined political fighters. There can be no other answer to the problem, apart of course, from the voluntary surrender of the enemy, which is quite a difficult proposition to conceive in the present circumstances. We should learn to distinguish the difference between the energy and skill employed in the fruitless act of trying to fill a leaking bucket, and the wisdom attendant upon such an action.

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ON THE UNITED FRONT

We find it important to pinpoint our basic proposals on this all-important matter of the United Front of all our fighting people.

We think that the fundamental principle upon which a United Front should be formed is a measure of agreement on what constitutes people's war, and how it should be waged. This helps to determine the rallying call of our war of liberation, and decides who should take part in leading the fighting alliance of the people.

We believe that those who lead the alliance should retain their political independence and military initiative to ensure that the revolution will not be disrupted or led astray by the probable vacillation or betrayal consequent upon political rivalry within the machinery of alliance.

We hold that all schools of thought which are neither willing to capitulate to nor compromise with imperialism in general, and white domination in the domestic scene, can be accommodated within the unified strategy of a People's War, and can share in the systematic building up of the democratic political power of the people, without which armed struggle is purposeless.

We seek neither to make sensational newspaper headlines, to win academic debating points, nor to rake up old political skeletons.

It is needless to state that our political tasks are arduous and urgent, and that the urgency of execution demands a unified liberatory movement