

And again:

"The final victory of socialism in a single country is of course impossible." (Lenin: Works Vol XXVI P470) (our emphasis)

". . . it is the absolute truth that without a German Revolution, "we are doomed." (Lenin: Works Vol XXVII P98) (our emphasis)

In the face of the above quotations how can Brian Bunting say:

"But he (Lenin) never said that socialism cannot be built in (one) country.?"

We leave it to the reader to judge the calibre of Brian Bunting, the Editor of the *African Communist*.



COUNTER REVOLUTION IN THE NAME OF DEMOCRACY

In Rumania, the National Salvation Front, an organisation allegedly of communists, took part in the recent elections held in that country. Observers from the capitalist countries judged the elections to be fair. Contrary to the general trend in Eastern Europe and contrary to the expectations of the imperialist West, the National Salvation Front won a landslide victory — more than 80% of the electorate voted for the Front.

Although all organisations and interest groups were allowed to take part in the elections, the losers refused to accept the results. These anti-democratic forces caused riots and demonstrations and demanded that no communist should be in the government. When the police tried to disperse these anti-democratic demonstrations, that became the signal for counter revolution to swing into action. This is how *Newsweek* a very pro-capitalist publication, described what followed:

"They (the demonstrators) set cars and buses ablaze and, their numbers swelling into thousands, stormed the Romanian television station. Others hurled Molotov cocktails and used trucks as battering rams to break into police headquarters and the Interior Ministry." (Newsweek 25 June 1990)

So great was the force of counter revolution that the police were unable to subdue it. The government of Ion Iliescu called on the miners to help. It was the miners, with the help of the Police, who literally clubbed counter revolution to the ground.

The imperialists were none too pleased with the outcome of events. In the first place, they did not expect the Communists to win. In the second place, they hoped for the counter-revolutionary forces to rouse public opinion against the Government of the day by initiating an anti-Communist campaign. When none of these happened, imperialism condemned the action taken against the counter revolutionaries.

Locally, the liberal bourgeoisie took their cue from their imperialist overlords. Hence, the editorial of the "Natal Witness" of the 18 June 1990 says the following:

"Having apparently won the recent elections fairly, it (the Rumanian Government) has reacted to subsequent student protest in Bucharest by importing a host of tough miners to deal with the protesters. The violence was totally unnecessary for the protest was running out of steam anyway when the miners were unleashed."

Not a word in the editorial about petrol bombs; about the trucks being used as battering rams to break into the police headquarters!

Stripped of all sanctimony and hypocrisy, the criticism of the Rumanian Government means only one thing. That is that the imperialists and their agents want counter revolution unhindered and unobstructed. The fact that over 80% of the people of Rumania voted for the Government means nothing to imperialism. Such is the cynicism of George Bush, Margaret Thatcher and their hangers-on.