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The Pretoria boers are faced with a big problem. Only yesterday their old-time ally Smith was pushed off the stage of white minority rule, and they are now gripped by the fear of losing their eldorado in Namibia, not to mention their growing nightmare of losing absolutely everything as the tide of struggle rises in South Africa itself.

It is this imminent doom that is forcing Botha and his henchmen to make changes. But because this Afrikaner clique has for so long lived under the illusion that their illegal rule is god-ordained they are still moving from the premise that grand apartheid cannot be removed since their survival depends on it.

Faced with this gloomy situation the boers are now trying to contrive all sorts of schemes so as to make 'change' without touching apartheid itself. One of the aspects of this plan is that they are taking the demands for real and complete change and distorting them to suit their own ends.

The latest arrangement in this line is the so-called constitutional changes which, according to apartheid spokesmen entail the creation of what they call presidential and black citizens council etc. But this trick, like many before, will not yield the desired results.

We, the people of South Africa, have insistently been hammering into the thick skulls of the boers the simple fact

that we want nothing short of unconditional transfer of power to the people. And since we know the Pretoria clique for what it is we are resolved to seize power with our might born of our unity and organisation, with guns in hand.

This scheme, therefore, is an insult to the dignity of our entire people and the world community. Even a fool can see that this is just another of their manoeuvres to hold on to power. Those who allow themselves to be dragged into this scheme will be showing clearly that they have chosen the side of the oppressor, and that they are being left so far behind by the rising tide of revolution that one wonders whether they will be visible for much longer on the road of our people's inevitable destiny.

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# **COMRADE PRESIDENT O.R. TAMBO ON AFRICA DAY**

## **FROM A RADIO FREEDOM INTERVIEW**

Africa Day was observed for the first time in 1958, the proclaimed date being April 15. At that time, following the independence of Ghana, the movement for the decolonisation of the whole continent of Africa was gathering momentum, uniting the people of Africa in a common struggle for freedom and independence from Algiers to Cape Town, from Senegal and Cape Verde to Mogadishu in Somalia.

Always in the fore-front of the struggle for African unity and for the liberation of Africa, the African National Congress marked the first Africa Day with a mammoth open air rally in Alexander township of Johannesburg. Large portraits of Africa's leaders were displayed at the gathering, among them Jomo Kenyatta, Kwame Nkruma, Jarmahl Abdel Nasser, Julius Nyerere and our own Chief Albert Luthuli.

By 1959 the tempo of the struggle had quickened throughout the continent. Colonialism was collapsing in many parts