

Straight Talk

PSEUDO-INDEPENDENCE NO!

Wonders do not cease! It is r e a l l y incredible how some so-called homeland leaders lie about the situation in the bantustans. Suddenly the bantustans are 'economically viable' and the people are 'opting' for independence. This obviously self-defeating campaign, at the hub of which lately we find such quislings as Lennox Sebe, is continuing in spite of the disastrous results it has yielded in the pigsty reserve of the Transkei. Yet we are told; "99% of the Ciskeian people voted for independence" during a referendum that was meant to serve as opinion poll on the attitude of the Ciskei towards independence.

The fact of the matter is that the great majority of the people boycotted the sham referendum refusing to have anything to do with an exercise that was in fact a mockery to their right to elect what is good for them. One questions seriously the conscience of such men as Lennox Sebe. He seems to forget that he is dealing with human beings - people who also possess the ability to think and are able to discriminate between 'true' and 'false'. Mr Lennox Sebe is just going a bit too far with his role of yes-baa-man.

NO STAKE

Let us therefore be explicit. The people of the Ciskei have no stake in a scheme aimed at the fragmentation of our country, they refuse to be slaves of white minority rule. They have not only pronounced this from platforms but have actively d e m o n s t r a t e d in fierce struggle against racist oppression together with its ill-conceived policy of separate development. That is why they refuse to be dragged into participation in the forthcoming celebration of the fraudulent independence of the Ciskei on December 4. The formation in Port Elizabeth of a civic organisation, the Committee of 21, which plans to rally the people to actively oppose 'independence' and bring about the disruption of this satanic ploy is ample evidence of what the real attitude of our people is towards the Bantustans. The 6 million Ciskeians do not want to loose their citizenship rights by will-

ingly drifting into poverty, disease, etc., in an 'independent' pig-sty reserve.

Our national liberation movement has repeatedly warned about the dangerous consequences of the Bantustan policy. In the words of our leader, Comrade Nelson Mandela:

" ... No serious or responsible leader, gathering, or organisation of the African people has ever accepted segregation, separation or the partition of this country in any shape or form ... Behind the 'self-government' talks lies a grim programme of mass evictions, political persecution and police terror. It is the last desperate gamble of a hated and doomed fascist autocracy."

This is very evident even in today's Ciskei. Pretoria's placemen here, as led by the chief quialing, Sebe, are not only cracking the whip but are implementing the very practices of the fascist regime against which our people have fought courageously for years. This comes as no surprise for the Bantustan puppets have so lost their souls that in attempting to catch the eye of their master, they endeavour to outshine him in certain aspects of suppression of our popular struggle for liberation.

F A C T S

These are the facts: Lennox Sebe and his crowd are today amongst the trusted disciples of the Botha-Malan regime and its brutal policies and fascistic campaigns against the popular struggle for freedom and democracy - they have even adopted the undiluted derogatory terminology of the fascists. All opponents of the A p a r t h e i d system in all its manifestations including the Bantustan programme, are to them also 'communist agitators' or 'terrorists'. Puppets surely learn fast! Today the Ciskeian authorities are harassing the people in typical racist fashion - they are closing down churches, arresting worshippers and clergymen as they did with the "Ibandla Likantu Church" recently. They are detaining trade unionists and students and in April they abducted a traditional leader, Chief Inky Hoyi for his patriotic identification with the struggle being led by the African National Congress. These are but some of the reactionary activities of the yes-baas-men of the Ciskei bantustan.

No! Our people cannot tolerate this type of life, let

alone when it is managed by appointees of the fascist boer oppressors. The people totally reject the ill-conceived plan of the Balkanisation of our country. They cannot accept to be condemned for life in these dumping grounds for the unemployed whilst the Sebes swim in luxury afforded by their blood-wage. Our people refuse to be enticed with the illusion of 'independence' for they know that there can be no true independence and freedom without the complete destruction of the present regime and all its structures. We of the ANC call upon the people to fight against the Bantustan program, the Sebes and all their ilk.

DOWN WITH THE BANTUSTAN PUPPETS!

FORWARD TO A SOUTH AFRICA OF THE FREEDOM CHARTER!

PORTRAIT OF A PUPPET

Part 1

- EDWIN MABITSE

As is the case with most revolutionary struggles, the Angolan revolution has gone through many a difficult period. At times the problems of the national liberation movement here, stemmed from internal contradictions borne of the heterogeneous nature of the social forces that clamoured for change. This is precisely because the anti-colonial struggle for national independence bring about the association of classes and strata whose long term interests have no common bearing beyond the immediate question of national independence. This objective character of the anti-colonialist movement creates unfortunately favourable grounds for future neo-colonialists and outright counterrevolutionaries.

In Angola, the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) was no exception. Motivated by genuine patriotic objectives, the MPLA has from its inception always striven to unite Angolans of all races and social strata into a formidable movement for independence and democracy. At first it was plagued by teething problems, but more still the PIDE (Portuguese political police) on the one hand and on the other, some Angolan petty-bourgeois intellectuals who clamoured for nothing else but recognition, personal power and a name within the liberation movement. The latter explains