

# STRAIGHT TALK...

## A Growing Terror Web

Suddenly South Africa is on the lips of mankind. It tops the lists of priority attention on desks of news agencies from East to West. To some it is a zone of strategic moment; an Eldorado teeming with treasures; a vast garden of profits to be secured through the rape and strangulation of its aborigines, through aggression and war. To men of conscience it is a land of lamentation and wee for the majority of its peoples. Its peoples labouring under tonnage of cruel rule, starved and denuded, are harassed by evil pirates and profiteers. The country is the work-shop of the Botha-Malan clique from whence they generate great unease for the whole of the sub-continent at the least, and the entire world at most.

Southern Africa is therefore becoming the cross-roads of history. And the course of events here (in whatever direction) will be an important factor in determining the future of today's world.

Attention must be paid to the ghastly ploys of imperialism managed through the hand of the evil apartheid rulers. The beer-fascists are bent on throwing all and sundry into suicidal conflagration - and the Reagan Administration is actively urging them in this direction. They must be checked! The boers are attacking and murdering in Angola; they are plotting coups in Zambia; they are bullying Botswana and threatening Tanzania. In Lesotho, Mozambique and Angola they are managing herds of bandits who are employed in the perpetration of the most vile and untold crimes against the people and governments of these young independent African states.

### PROBLEMS

Tagging themselves with such attractive names as 'Liberation Armies', 'Resistance Movement', 'Movement for National Independence', etc., these elements seek to confuse the peoples into supporting their reactionary cause. They clothe themselves in the skins of saviours whilst they are in the service of the monster himself. We cannot pretend that young independent Africa has no problems. There are problems - political and economic. But all these problems, which are a legacy of many years of colonialism, can be solved through the united efforts of the peoples of these countries. Not through

the resurging hand of colonialism itself, or through the criminal and treacherous activities of soulless traitors, who in the service of the enemies of the people have stooped so low as to allow themselves to be used as tools in the tearing apart of Southern Africa - all in the interest of the real enemies of the people which are Imperialism and Apartheid fascism. They are murdering people, kidnapping and attacking eminent public figures and sabotaging economic infrastructures, (A spate of such criminal actions during the past few months has been witnessed especially in Lesotho and Mozambique - to say nothing of the big scale boer aggression against the People's Republic of Angola) and yet they naively hope to be declared heroes by the very people they are sending to the doldrums. If they were wise they could be learning from the Red Brigades.

Yet we doubt if they are capable of heeding the lessons of history for they are not their own masters. They are the thin strands of a growing web of terror unleashed by reaction in a futile attempt to stem the tide of revolution in the sub-continent. In this way the enemy hopes to throw the peoples into conflict and self-destruction whilst he stands by, ready to leap in, pick up the pieces and construct a cordon of puppet states around himself wherein the traitors will be appointed to manage his affairs whilst he occupies the throne of supreme authority. Only the myopic or the bamboozled will not see these real intentions of Pretoria.

In the face of such dangerous schemes, Southern Africa, Africa and the world must unite and rally around the urgent call to destroy apartheid. The people of South Africa and Namibia under the leadership of the African National Congress and the South West Africa People's Organisation are leading the offensive. We call on all the conscious people to extend a hand of solidarity. The time to act is now. Surely the memory of Hitler's Nazism is still fresh and in the case of Southern Africa mankind cannot afford the lamentable half-hearted 'Phoney War' method.

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