

country is growing daily. Even some circles in the enemy ranks are stating openly that there can be no solution to the South African problem without the ANC.

The prospects of a new South Africa are brighter than never before. We have the basis for elevating the revolutionary struggle higher and higher. Our task is to make these positive developments irreversible, even with our blood if needs be. Heightened mass actions coupled up with intensive military operations will lead to mature insurrectionary conditions, a prelude to a victorious revolution.

THE RACISTS WILL FAIL!

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The liberation process in Angola was followed by the South African beer-fascists with utter bitterness and distaste. Consequently the attainment of independence by this heroic country in 1975, after many hazardous and bitter years of bloodshed of an anti-colonial war, was received with great anger by the apartheid rulers. Allied to this was a satanic resolve to actively engage in a campaign to upset the revolutionary transformation of the country. Even before the proclamation of independence on the 11th November of 1975, racist South Africa aided by thousands of mercenaries invaded Angola on the side of Angolan separatist bandit groupings - UNITA and FNLA. The consequent course of events, characterised as they were by much bloodletting and carnage has been much publicised. It was during this period of a serious threat against the independence of the Angolan masses, a period of intense crisis and war, that the real allies of the oppressed peoples assisted the heroic Angolan people to thwart the reactionary designs of imperialism by repelling the invaders with heavy losses.

Since this time the racists, have employed all sorts of ruses, pretexts and slander, seeking to justify their unprovoked and dastardly raids into the southern regions of the People's Republic of Angola. This most bellicose campaign against the peace, independence and integrity of the young republic has since been pursued with unbridled persistence.

The current racist invasion is indeed more intense compared to anything since the 1975-76 one. The fascists began amassing military hardware including heavy artillery, military aircraft (bombers and fighter planes), tanks and personnel numbering over 15,000 men in early July. From the 23rd of August they started with their big scale invasion of peaceful Angola. They did not only go for military targets but seem to have delighted themselves with civilian targets and the destruction of the economic infrastructures.



The remains of a furniture factory bombed by South African fascists in Lubango, southern Angola.

The outrages committed against the civilian population are untold. The fascists brutally massacred thousands of unarmed men, women and children and displaced even more, leaving them homeless, denuded and starving. The so-called Angolan refugees 'pouring' into northern Namibia are, in fact, the Angolan civilians who have been abducted at gun point and forced to leave their Motherland. This is the real face of apartheid fascism! It brings to mind the countless atrocities and brutalities the boer beasts perpetrate against the millions of blacks inside South Africa itself. It reminds one of the criminal detentions and death sentences imposed on black patriots; the homelessness and hunger of the Bantustans; the congestion and squalor of the townships and ghettos, and, above all the continued denial of human rights of the oppressed majority. This is the real face of apartheid! The Preterians cutthroats are bent on forcibly exporting it into as many states of independent Africa as possible.

One may wonder what the source of this racist determination is. When the arch-racist Ronald "Cowboy" Reagan assumed office early this year, an ill-wind began to blow in international relations. He (Reagan) in defiance of world public opinion leapt to a shameless identification with the Apartheid regime. "I do say South Africa has for a long time been

an ally of the United States," declared Reagan in an important policy statement. In this light therefore, racist South Africa's invasion of Angola should be seen as part of what the Reagan Administration term the fight against "international terrorism". What a deliberate misrepresentation of facts!

The Pretoria fascists have a vast military machine at their command which is oiled and maintained by imperialism. The US is in the forefront of a campaign to beat economic sanctions against South Africa and military non-collaboration with Apartheid. NATO member states on the one hand and the Zionists on the other, continue with shipments of arms and other war materials to South Africa in defiance of the embargo imposed as far back as 1963 by the United Nations. In this way the Pretoria bullies are wound-like robots let loose to unleash a terror only comparable to Nazi pogroms.

PRETORIA'S OBJECTIVES

The objectives the beer-fascists are pursuing are not new. The victories of the peoples of the former Portuguese colonies - Angola and Mozambique, and the defeat of the racist regime of Ian Smith in Zimbabwe, destroyed the illusionary buffer zone which protected South Africa from direct contact with independent Africa and therefore not only opened new vistas for the popular struggle against apartheid inside South Africa itself, but also focussed world attention on the theatre of, perhaps, what will transpire as the fiercest liberation war ever to be fought on the continent. Within a brief period the revolutionary war in Namibia and South Africa under the leadership of SWAPO and the African National Congress respectively, grew from strength to strength - made possible by the disinterested support by these newly independent states of Southern Africa.

The support Angola renders to the brother people of Namibia in their fight against the racist occupiers appears to be the reason behind this endless military aggression. By this South Africa naively hopes to achieve the impossible, that is to force the MPLA and the government of the People's Republic of Angola to compromise its principled and unflinching positions as regards the genuine independence of Namibia in line with Security Council Resolution 435 of the UN. In a broader sense, this ill-conceived scheme was hatched by the most reactionary factions of international monopoly capital (the big shots of the Western Gang of Five) in collaboration with the Pretoria fascists. Playing on political rhetoric and bourgeois jargon they are intent on reducing the Namibian

independence plan to a perfect neo-colonialist blueprint. In this connection, Angola is seen as a giant obstacle and therefore imperialism is bent on bringing pressure to bear upon the government and people of this country to compel them to submit. For this purpose, Racist South Africa is being used as their striking arm.

UNITA COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES

The racists, in the wake of their marauding campaign have been injecting units of UNITA counterrevolutionaries in parts of the southern provinces of Angola. The underlying motive for this incredible haste in imposing UNITA in occupied parts is to give an impression that the bandits grouping is in fact controlling territories in southern Angola. It is very easy to discern the purpose of this exercise: The boers hope to 'legitimise' UNITA's participation in the next round of talks on the Namibian independence issue. Furthermore, and with the intention of watering down the revolutionary course in Angola, they intend to create grounds for UNITA's claim for recognition and participation rights in a so-called 'Government of National Unity'. This course is calculated to establish a favourable foothold for the defence of imperialist interests and the recapturing of lost positions in the entire region.

On the other hand, the build-up of such pressure and subversive designs is naively intended to demoralise SWAPO, create a climate of disillusion amongst its general membership and in this way, sow the seed of compromise.

The treacherous schemes against Angola should also be seen as part of the general imperialist offensive against independent Africa. The desire of the African countries to pursue a policy free from imperialist superintention and their increasing positive role in world politics, is frightening imperialism. To defeat this progressive development imperialism will use all the evil tricks in the bag including brute force as is the case with Angola and the entire Front-line States.

IMPERIALIST OUTPOST

For this purpose, Racist South Africa plays the role of imperialist outpost with the aim of blocking the sluice-gates of revolution by frantic endeavours to destabilise all independent states within her reach and weld them together into a commonwealth of reaction. The monstrous dangers of such a play are too ghastly to contemplate.

The aggressive incursion into Angola is also part of a frontal attack against the non-capitalist process unfolding

in young revolutionary states. The revolution in Angola has entered a qualitative phase characterised by the world transforming ideas of scientific socialism establishing firm root. The racist marauders aim to arrest this process. They are intent on strangulating the People's Republic of Angola, destroying social life and fanning public dissatisfaction and by so doing destroy this seed-bed of the African revolution.

Under the shingle of fighting so-called 'Soviet expansionism' and 'Cuban intervention' the racists and their imperialist props intend to divert Angola from her struggle for a new and better social order. The fascists also aim at catching the eye of the entire imperialist bloc as determined bully-boys and anti-communist gendarme, to entice more support from these quarters. Already the voice of US imperialism reflects satisfaction over this. They have declined to join other members of the UN Security Council in condemning the invasion. "The US has no desire to act as Africa's policeman, but it would not hesitate to help its friends or resist others" it warned. Have they forgotten the lessons of Vietnam?

The acts of aggression by the racist South African regime are not aimed at independent Africa alone. One of South Africa's chief dreams is to weaken physically and if possible eliminate the national liberation movements, that is SWAPO and the African National Congress. Innocent, unarmed and harmless refugees are not spared the brutality which characterises the daily raids by these fascists against what they term as 'terrorist bases'. The world will never forget the Rhodesian Selous Scout massacre of Nyazonia, the racist South African regime's murder of unarmed old men, women and children in Cassinga. The attacks against liberation movements are not limited to such large scale military operations. The formation of assassination squads to eliminate the leadership of the liberation movements is assuming the rank of state policy. This is indicated by the recent cowardly murder of the ANC leader, Comrade Joe Gqabi and the statements made by the racist leaders thereafter.

The racists also intend to deflect the attention of the African continent and our sub-continent in particular from the dauntless struggles waged by our people to destroy the tyrannical apartheid system. Our people under the leadership of the ANC and its military-wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, are inflicting heavy blows on the enemy. The enemy's inability to match Umkhonto we Sizwe's combat skill inside the country sows confusion, fear and despondency in his ranks. The raids against Angola and other neighbouring African states are not an exhi-

bition of strength but a show of weakness and desperation.

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The Angolan people stand firm as a rock in defence of their Motherland, and their hard-won independence. Rallies are held in all towns of the country and all sections of the Angolan society express not only anger at the racist South African invasion but also readiness to fight till an end is brought to the invasion. No force on earth will drown the Angolan revolution. The meeting of the Front-line States held in Nigeria condemned these racist attacks, pointing out that they are not attacks against Angola only but against the entire African continent. The assertion that Africa will never know freedom, peace and stability as long as the odious Pretoria regime still exists remains as true as ever. The meeting (of the Front-line States in Nigeria) further appealed to the OAU to consider ways and means of rendering all-round support, including military, to help Angola repel the aggressors. Several African states have already expressed readiness to send their armed forces pending an invitation from Angola. This should serve as a reminder for the racists that Angola is not alone. The entire continent and progressive mankind the world over is on the side of the Angolan people. Furthermore, half a decade is a period not long enough to allow the racists the luxury to forget the ignominious defeat they suffered when they were repelled by FAPLA soldiers with the help of the Cuban internationalist soldiers.

The power of proletarian internationalism has been demonstrated clearly in Angola, Ethiopia and Afghanistan. The socialist countries, the natural allies of African liberation have shown their readiness to commit their all in defence of the African revolution against the enemies of the people; imperialism, colonialism, racism and apartheid. We, of the ANC and its allies, pledge to raise the struggle in our country to even greater heights, making it impossible for the enemy to cross our borders, till we attain our freedom and build a democratic South Africa based on the Freedom Charter which states: "South Africa shall be a fully independent state, which respects the rights and sovereignty of all nations... The right of all the peoples of Africa to independence and self-government shall be recognised and shall be the basis of close co-operation." The racist crimes will not go unpunished!

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