

# **WE SHALL RESPOND!**

## **NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO THE FIGHTING RANKS**

Compatriots and Comrades-in-arms, the New Year is now upon us. It brings with it new vistas for advance in our liberatory effort. It also illuminates upon discernible prospects of bitter battles ahead of us. All of us countrymen should rise up and face the future with courage and determination unparalleled.

The Year of Unity in Action (1982) wound up with boer-fascism once more plunging its toxic fangs into many of our militants and comrades. The racists bestial massacre of our brothers and sisters in Maseru was calculated to subvert the struggle through intimidation and bloodletting. But the blood of our patriots slain in Maseru has not spilt in vain. They **shall be avenged!** Let the apartheid cutthroats, mercenaries and lackeys know that their doomsday is fast approaching and that no matter the bloodbaths they are scheming with their imperialist mentors managed by the US Administration, the tide of revolution in our country can never be stemmed. **N e v e r !**

Three-hundred and thirty (330) years of oppression could not subdue our people's desire to free themselves. Apartheid brinkmanship, its bellicose designs both inside and outside South Africa have failed to attain their satanic objectives. Any further attempts at such - and we don't doubt it - will be frustrated by our cool resolve to surge forth to assail the castle of white colonialism and tyranny. Our people have shed much blood in the slaughterhouses of Pretoria. We shall not be cowed down but proceed in the prosecution of the struggle with "a fearlessness that rises with danger."

We shall respond! Umkhonto we Sizwe and our people have taken up the challenge. It will be an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth as we proceed to rout the enemy. The war will not be easy. It will be fought with difficult-

ies and many pitfalls might affect our acceleration. But in the ultimate the forces of justice and progress will prevail upon those of evil and doom.

Throughout the years of its existence, our People's Army has spearheaded the popular struggles as it continues to do so. In the course of this the lives of many of our best patriots, sons and daughters of the oppressed have been lost. It is their blood that is calling. It is also the plight of captives of apartheid - our leaders and comrades - and trials and tribulation of our millions at the other end of the whip of fascism that sustains us in the conviction that the destruction of the system of white domination and racism is acutely urgent. We salute our martyred dead and with them the "Pretoria 6" condemned by murderous judges to death. We vow in their name to never spare ourselves in the fight for liberation and the conquest of a South Africa of the Freedom Charter.

Countrymen and Comrades, the die is cast and there can be no turning back. The battle-lines are drawn with mathematical precision and there can be no room for fence-sitters. You either join the forces of revolution or submit to white terror and racist sadism. We cannot submit.

## R E C O R D

Let us perpetuate our gallant record of struggle initiated by our forebears in years gone by. Let us hold fast to the standard of popular struggle and rally to the banner of our African National Congress. Let us hearken to the instructive words of our President, Comrade O.R. Tambo, who says:

"Let us arm ourselves with the fearlessness of Shaka; the vision and endurance of Moshoeshoe; the dedication and farsightedness of Sol Plaatje, the military initiative and guerrilla tactics of Maqoma..."

We salute the fighting ranks of Umkhonto we Sizwe, its Commanders and Commissars and all the people's soldiers who remain true to the popular cause. To them we say: Your courage and heroic determination is enflaming the

Hearts of the oppressed and invoking their confidence. In the new year let us spread our exploits and beat the enemy at skilful exercise of tactics. Our victory is in sight but we have to wade through a raging sea to claim it. We are equal to that task comrades. We are strong and have to and must be stronger as we mount the offensive. Our New Year wish is that in 1983 we are to present ourselves to the people as an army worthy of its name and prestige. But to the enemy we should descend like raging tigers to vent our hatred upon his lot.

### C A L L

We call upon you the down-trodden, you whose sweat furnishes luxuries for the fascist monster, you whose toil sustains the coffers of the oppressor to revolt against the tyrant. The hour of reckoning has come! We call upon the workingmen and rural masses, blacks in the civil services, intellectuals, youth, students and worshippers of God Almighty. We say: This is your Fight! You all have a role in the revolution. Join Umkhonto we Sizwe now! Smash apartheid at sunrise and win freedom for your day.

**THE EDITOR.**

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