

MK SOLDIERS' VIEWPOINT

OUR TASK IS TITANIC

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We have now entered the third year of our decade of liberation and with it new heights of the liberation struggle. Scanning the South African socio-political situation since the tumultuous June 16 events it becomes increasingly evident that the country will never be the same again. During this relatively brief time lapse historic developments have taken shape exposing deep-seated contradictions that define the nature of South African society thus emphasising the imperative and justness of the Black man's fight. Against the backdrop of mounting repression and boer-fascist terror manifested through a galaxy of draconian legislation and unprecedented racist brinkmanship, the torch of freedom burns fiercely at the helm of the heroic column of the South African revolutionary process. The gaping fissures that result from this conflict are beyond the enemy's ability to mind.

The mighty workers of our land are up in arms. They are defending the dignity of the Black man which has been corroded for centuries by blatant racist arrogance and the capitalist profit motive. The courage and determination they have displayed in the skilful combination of industrial with community issues betrays an irresistible current destined to ultimately sweep the present system asunder. All our people together, so-called Coloureds, Indians and an increasing number of White democrats are joining their battle-steeped African counter-parts in historically decisive struggles around local and national issues. The youth and church people have proved themselves as equally important reinforcing formations in the noble fight.

We the Youth of South Africa organised in the gallant ranks of our People's Army draw great inspiration from this happening. They convince us more than ever that the apex of these struggles will be the conquest of power by the down-trodden masses.

On the other hand the Pretoria hordes have not been sitting idle marvelling at the gathering storm of revolution. They mobilised their forces and asked for reinforcement from their equally vile allies, the most reactionary factions of international imperialism (the Pentagon has been appointed the role of general headquarters commanding these bellicose hordes). They are bent on achieving the impossible of a host of untold crimes against our people and fellow freedom strugglers elsewhere in different

parts of the world: the Matolas, Maserus, Beruīts, Techipas, the El Salvadors and Kampucheas for example. The impunity with which they pursue these satanic schemes is fast knitting our embattled peoples into a solid bedrock of revolutionary struggle. We of Umkhonto we Sizwe draw great strength from mere knowledge that the peoples will never ever drop the fight.

T E R R O R

The mounting terror unleashed by the Pretoria sadists literally in all corners of our country brings to mind the acute urgency of strengthening the revolutionary mass base inside South Africa, to unite the oppressed around the Freedom Charter into an impregnably formidable vehicle of revolution. The popular unity we seek is one that should permanently register a desire to act, to fight, to shoulder responsibility and make sacrifices as in accordance with the behests of our forebears and leaders such as Luthuli, Kotane, Mandela, Kathrada and others. This unity cannot be beseeched and solicited through colourful rhetoric but must be fought for everyday, every hour and every minute of our lives. In other words unity born of active struggle will yield indefatigable UNITED ACTION - the rallying theme of the 1983 campaign of the ANC.

In this direction the justness of the cause in itself constitutes the nemesis of our strategic aim. But we have to warn ourselves and our people, the dedicated organisers and campaigners against careless haste. Our work to this end must be cautious and extremely vigilant against enemy intrigues in all their manifestations. Such carrot packages as the Presidential Council, Bantustan Independence, Sun Cities, Rugby Tours and George Bensons are calculated to pacify us and make us cheer and dance to our denudation and strangulation. We cannot bow that low to our oppressor's whims. We have to hit back through united action against all variations of enemy ruses.

The revolution advances through purging itself of tendencies to wallow in small victories and the very fettering tendency to vacillate every small victory must constitute a basis for greater advance and advance results from unflagging effort and determination. Let us resolutely fight against the enemy's endeavours to indoctrinate and delude us with his exaggerated might for we are the people and the people are stronger!

Everyone from the oppressed can be a freedom fighter! Wherever we are, in the township and ghettos, village and homesteads, factories and schools, hospitals, prisons, travelling or at home, we must find time to throw our weight behind the fight for liberation. We must see this as among the essential pre-requisites for a successful process of UNITED ACTION - which is the highest means through which our cherished goal of liberation will be achieved. Umkhonto will continue as it does, to spearhead the popular fight. For

this reason its ranks must be swelled than never before as we proceed to engage the enemy at every step and every day.

Our task is becoming even more titanic. That is why every able-bodied man and woman, young and old, are called upon to throw in their weight. The struggle needs all of us.



WHO IS THE ENEMY?

DAWN's youngest contributor, aged 9, replies to the question. For reasons obvious to all who are following the political developments inside South Africa ("A five year old boy has been detained by police in connection with a fire which burnt down two classrooms of a school in Daveyton, Benoni, this week, says a police spokesman". - SOWETAN 23.12.82.) the article won't bear his name.

Plainly, if someone should ask you, "who is the enemy?" You would say "the boers" or "the South African regime", because is a better way of explaining it?

You could not just say "oh I don't know" could you?

If someone asked me, I would say "the enemy is the South African regime, who rule under apartheid, and as a dictatorship against the black majority".

Then people might ask "then what is apartheid?"

Then I would reply "apartheid is when you divide people into their own tribes so that they are to weak (secretly) to destroy you then you rule them. Then you hire the people that need work and you exploit them, and make a profit. That's called capitalism and that is who the real enemy is.

