

encouraged this step as "real movement". This is the right course in that it answers such burning questions as how workers' movement must survive, grow and become effective in preservation and defence of workers' interests. The call for "One Industry, One Union, One South Africa, One Federation" is exactly what "Uncle" J.B. would be striving for. A veteran revolutionary and trade union champion, he is a shining example underscoring the necessity of combining trade union and political battles in a war of liberation. That some trade union activists and leaders have blazed this trail can only mean a deepening of our revolutionary tasks and

progress. The slogan, "An Injury to One is an Injury to All" must be seen to be a thread running through all our common burdens under and struggle against apartheid. It is a call to arms. In the face of such demonic arenas as Bantustans, President's Council, OMSBPB, Unemployment and repression, the ball is in our court. This must be taken in line with achievements Umkhonto we Sizwe has secured on the battle arena against the enemy. "Uncle" J.B., as part of our people's dedicated and dynamic leadership serves as an indistinguishable flame of hope and inspiration to all those dedicated to freedom and independence.

# LEARN with DAWN

## *You too Countrymen, can be a Freedom Fighter*

1. South Africa was conquered by the gun and today is ruled by the gun. Untold terror and bestiality is daily meted against the lot of the downtrodden Black masses to which you belong. Not a day and not an hour passes without black men, women and children being forced to kiss the ground in salute to their tormentor. This cannot be left to continue unchecked...

2. The enemy's arsenal is a collec-

tion of a variety of weaponry from several Western imperialist and capitalist powers that shore up the apartheid system, covertly and at times overtly. We the downtrodden and deprived by law the right to learn the manipulation of these weapons - obviously the enemy fears an angry oppressed black man who can handle a gun...

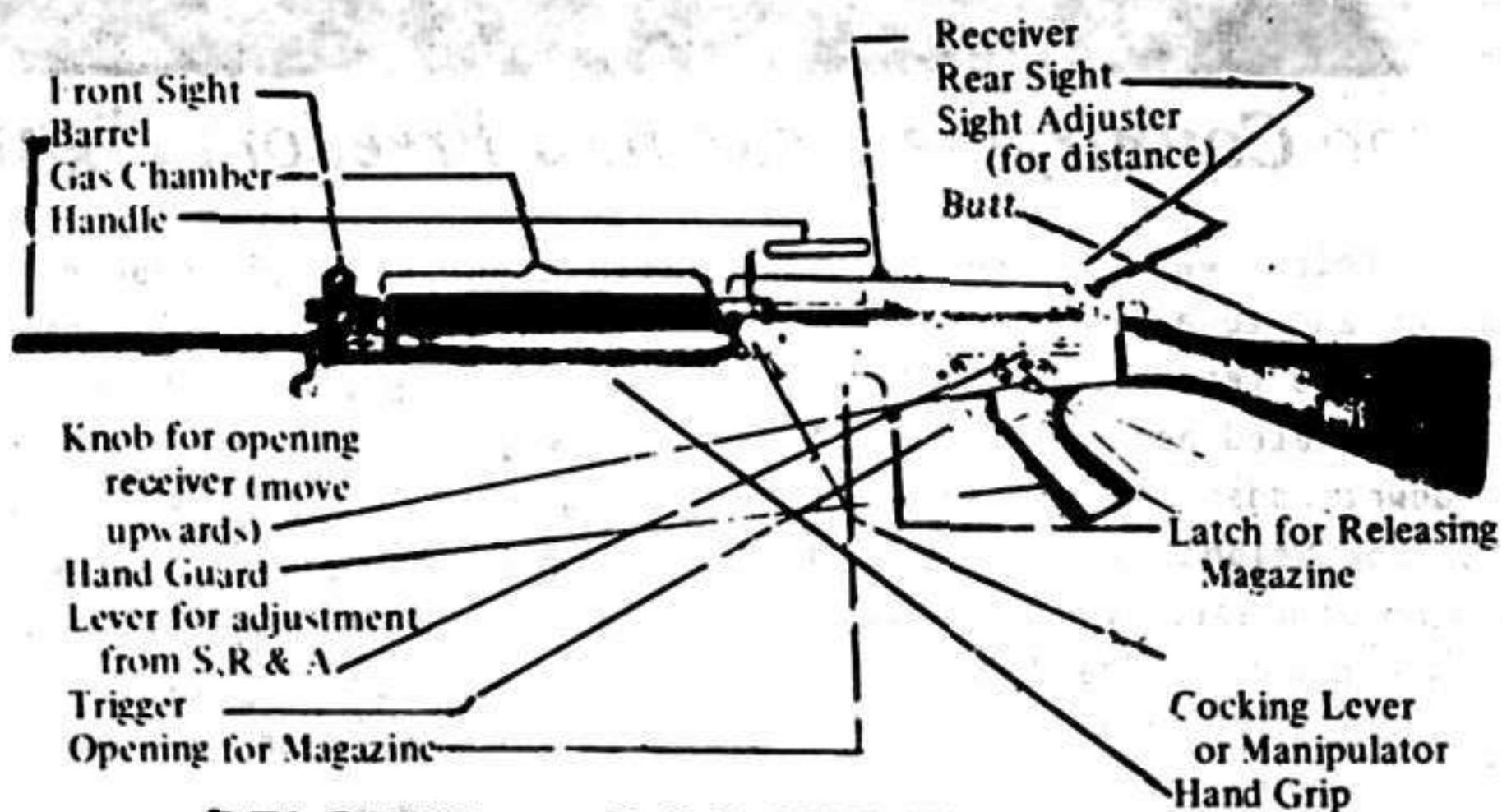
3. But the enemy is not as strong as he claims and his guns can be

rendered ineffective or even used against him if and when we know how to use them! We can all learn how to fight and contribute to the advancement of the common cause. The revolutionary arsenal is wide: stones, spears, pangas or any other useable weapon, yet these cannot suffice without our mastering of fire-arms. Thus we must now learn to operate the rifles and guns used by the enemy's soldiers and police against our people.

4. We must do this discreetly and with extreme caution because the enemy has infiltrated his agents and stool pigeons amongst us. We must beat the enemy at skillful exercise of clandestine tactics. Learn well how to organise into underground active units of the South African revolution. This is crucial to the future of the

liberation struggle...

5. Know that this is a difficult path. The enemy will seek out all of us who choose to tread it with the aim of destroying us. But never lose your nerve, stay cool and move with caution. The people are the mountains and we are the people, so we are strong.
6. Umkhonto we Sizwe is amongst you! It will help in the selection of targets! It will help in advancing your knowledge! It will help to make you better fighters for a better future.
7. NEXT TIME YOU COME ACROSS THIS WEAPON, KNOW HOW TO MANIPULATE IT...  
(You'll probably remember seeing it during the 1976 and subsequent upheavals where it was used against our people).



**BELGIUM 7.62-MM NATO, FAL**



1. The FAL is one of the standard NATO sub-machine-guns. Though it is of Belgian make, it is produced in several Western countries including South Africa under licence.
2. It is an automatic weapon. This means that it is a weapon which does not require its operator to make any movements to reload the weapon. After a shot (single) or burst, the firer just squeezes the trigger and continue firing until the magazine is empty.
2. Purpose of the weapon is to eliminate personnel of the opposing side. (N.B.: We can use it against enemy soldiers and police).
4. Purpose and design of some mechanisms and parts:

**BARREL:-**

- it directs the bullet;
- it has a bore inside with grooves which make the bullet to spin;
- the bore breech portion is made to fit a cartridge and is called the cartridge chamber.

N.B. Barrel is coupled to receiver by means of a junction.

**RECEIVER:**

It accomodates the firing mechanism and serves to join together all parts and mechanisms of the sub-machine-gun and to ensure proper closure of the breech with the bolt, etc.

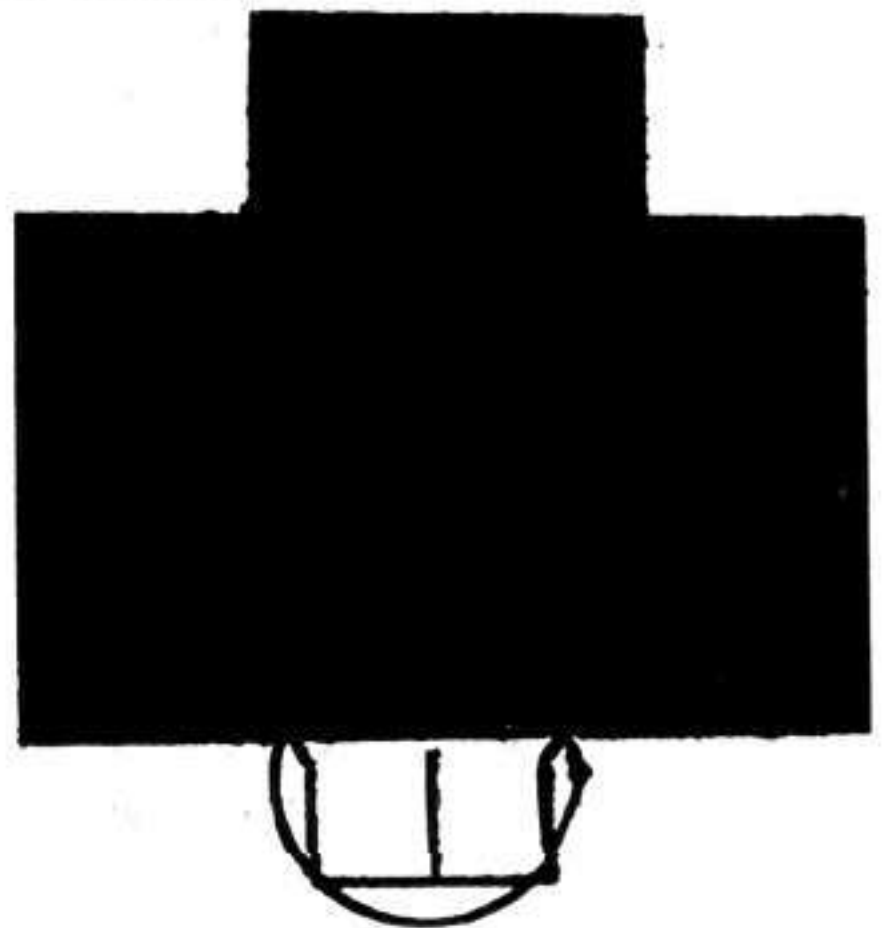
It has:-

- Inside slots to lock the bolt,
- a lug to eject fired cartridge

cases and a guide rib to guide the travel of the bolt.

- At the bottom there is an opening for the magazine and trigger.
- On the left-hand side there are three notches marked S, R and A (S = Safety, R = Semi-automatic/Single fire and A=Automatic fire), and two knobs, one for changing lever at S, R and A and the other for opening the receiver.
- On the left-hand side again there is a manipulating or locking lever.

N.B.: To lock/load weapon pull the manipulator fully backwards along the receiver and release. Cocking is done only after inserting the magazine.

**THE SIGHTS:**

N.B.: When aiming at a target it must appear through the sights in this manner.

They are mounted on the front and rear of the barrel for aiming. The front sights have two ears and a pin at the centre. The rear sight bears an adjuster that runs on rails for setting the sights at appropriate distances, i.e. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 where 1 = 100m.

**RECEIVER COVER:**

Ridged metal cover for closing the receiver to protect its interior.

**MAGAZINE:**

Metal case with capacity to carry twenty (20) cartridges.

*N.B.:* To load magazine, feed in the cartridges one by one. To empty magazine eject also one by one.

**MAINTENANCE:**

Each firearm needs to be kept clean and oiled. This guarantees its combat readiness. Weapons that are neglected tend to rust fast and will cause stoppages and develop other problems during firing. The barrel must be poked with a rod fitted with a piece of cloth, the gas chamber thoroughly wiped and the interior of the receiver mechanism kept free of dust, rust and foreign particles. After cleaning the weapon must be oiled (lightly) and kept until required for use.

**CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FAL SUMMED UP.**

1. The FAL is a Belgian-made sub-machine-gun.
2. It loads with 7,62mm calibre cartridges.
3. The range of aiming with the wea-

pon is up to 600 metres.

4. The weapon is effective within a range of 400 metres.
5. The maximum bullet flight of the weapon is 3 600 metres.
6. The bullet leaves the muzzle at 715 metres per second velocity.
7. Weight of the weapon is 6kg.

**TO LOAD:**

Move the safety/select lever up, to place weapon on Safe. Place a loaded Magazine into the opening for magazine well and latch. Draw the Operating handle to the rear, and release. Bolt and Carrier will move forward and chamber a round. Place the select lever on type of fire desired, down for semi-automatic, forward for full automatic.

**TO FIRE:**

Pull the trigger, the weapon will fire full or semi-automatic depending on the position of the select lever. When the Magazine is empty, the Bolt will remain to the rear.

"Learn well how to seek revenge. Courage but intelligent courage." So that we may preserve our strength by manouvring with skill for the purpose of building a most powerful revolutionary armed offensive for the conquest of power and the creation of a South Africa of the Freedom Charter, a society of hope that will abound in peace and brotherhood.