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LET US HEIGHTEN THE OFFENSIVE!

Since the beginning of June, more than one-hundred trade union, youth, community and other leaders have either been detained or banned by the Botha regime. At the meeting convened by various democratic organisations in July, the participants correctly noted that this serves to show that the enemy suffered a serious setback during the anti-white Republic campaign. What is the extent of the victory we have scored? Below we discuss the significance of the May-June Campaigns...

PHOTO (right): Students burn the racist SAn flag.

The entire democratic movement of our country has just emerged from a hard-fought and yet victorious battle against the regime of Botha and Malan. We have emerged from a battle of principle, a contest between the present criminal system of white domination and the future society based on the ideals enshrined in the Freedom Charter.

Battlelines Drawn

On one side of the battlelines stand the people, the representatives of that future, who were and are resolved to seize the initiative from the oppressor, to reject and challenge the celebrations of oppression and exploitation by the racist regime and its supporters. On the other is the racist minority which was bent on roping us into its festivities to join in singing choruses of praise to 'providence' for the 20 years of the uninterrupted

rule of terror. As we all know, subsequent upon this event were our days, the 5th anniversary of June 16th and June 26th, South Africa Freedom Day which we had to observe in a fitting manner, Botha's threats and violence notwithstanding!

Such were the forces pitted against each other, then and now. The unanimous voice of the people called for the boycott of and protest against the oppressors' festivities and just as loudly for the active commemoration of June 16th and 26th. What is significant is that these calls were translated into concrete action; action through which we have been tempered for an even more heightened offensive for the destruction of racism and exploitation.

Offensive

Indeed in order to deepen this offensive and to

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STOP SEBE'S TREACHERY!

Puppet Chief Lennox Sebe has decided against the wishes of the overwhelming majority of Ciskeians and the people of South Africa in

general to accept sham and oppressive "independence".

Puppet Chief Lennox Sebe has decided in exchange for thirty pieces of silver, that yet more of our people must become foreigners in the land of our birth.

Puppet Chief Lennox Sebe and his gangster brother Charles have chosen to imprison, torture and terrorise the genuine leaders of the people of the Ciskei rather than accept the people's demand for a united, democratic South Africa.

Puppet Chief Lennox Sebe has consciously decided to serve the criminal

apartheid system and to betray the people's aspirations; to help the enemy with all his strength to intensify oppression, exploitation and repression and to block our path to liberation.

Lennox and Charles Sebe are ENEMIES OF THE PEOPLE, TRAITORS AND STOOGES.

We the people have demonstrated our united opposition to the enemy's Ciskei Bantustan and our rejection of Pretoria's oppressive "independence" schemes.

We are stronger than the Sebes and their masters in Pretoria. Our cause is just and our victory certain!

Now is the time to use our united strength to STOP THE TREACHERY OF THE BLOOD-THIRSTY SEBE BROTHERS!!

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60th birthday of the SACP

It is with a deep sense of pride and honour that I speak on behalf of the South African Communist Party, which celebrates the 60th year of its birth on the 30th July, 1981.

On this historic occasion our message goes to all in our country who stand for the complete destruction of race tyranny. We speak to all who are working in search for the ending of all forms of exploitation of man by man and for the building of a new society in which none shall be master and none servant...

Working People

Above all we speak to the black working people, our great proletariat which through its sweat and toil has created our country's riches and which stands in the forefront of the struggle to overthrow all forms of race oppression and the system of capitalist exploitation. We speak for the working class which owns nothing except its power of labour and which in the words of the Communist Manifesto has "nothing to lose but its chains".

On this great occasion we remember with pride our communist heroes and martyrs, who are no longer with us. Their names have come to symbolise the very spirit of resistance and defiance to all forms of exploitation and oppression. They have won an honoured place in the history of our people's struggle in the past 60 years... We greet those communists and non-communists who are daily continuing to give their all in the Party and liberation underground. Our message also goes out to those communist and liberation leaders who are still languishing on Robben Island and other racist jails.

On this day we South

(EXTRACTS FROM AN ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SACP, CDE. YUSUF DADOO TO MARK 30TH JULY, THE DAY ON WHICH THE PARTY WAS FORMED.)



On the occasion of his 70th birthday in 1975, the late 'Malome' Kotane, a stalwart of both the Party and the ANC was declared ISITWALANDWE-SEAPARANKOE, the highest award of democratic South Africa. Among the leaders present at the ceremony were Comrade Pres. Tambo and Cde. Dadoo.

African communists warmly extend our hand of friendship and solidarity to the struggling oppressed and exploited peoples in every part of the world. We regard every blow against capitalism, imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism, as a blow against our own exploiters who form part of the reactionary world imperialist alliance.

International

As part of the great international communist and workers' movement we on this day greet all our brother Parties in the struggle to create a world of peace and friendship among all nations, a world in which man will no longer be robbed of the fruits of his

labour - a world of socialism.

On this day we embrace the working masses of the socialist community of nations and their Marxist-Leninist Parties who are building a new socialist way of life and, inspired by the principles of proletariat internationalism continue to make sacrifices in the interests of the struggling and oppressed peoples everywhere, for peace and against the continuing threats of imperialist war-mongering. We greet especially the great Bolshevik Party of the Soviet Union, the CPSU whose victory in the Great October Socialist Revolution of 1917, and whose success in socialist construction, have transformed their land into an unconquerable fortress of workers' power.

We South African communists have a proud record of struggle both as a party and as part of the alliance of the liberation struggle led by the African National Congress. It is no accident that our Party has been chosen by the enemy as a key target in its attempts to discredit the liberation

movement and to hold back the forward march of the revolution.

The enemy unceasingly hurls abuses at our Party and its members. We are called foreign agitators and are accused of trying to introduce foreign ideology into South African politics. These are slanders which have become the stock in trade of every capitalist ruling class trying to hold back the sweep of the revolution by the down-trodden people everywhere.

Our answer is clear and our record speaks for itself. Our ideology of Marxism-Leninism is shared by thousands of millions of workers and peasants in every part of the world.

New Societies

Armed with this ideology some have already won themselves new societies which have put an end to all forms of exploitation, national oppression and exploitation of man by man. Others, like our people are still locked in the battle to achieve these objectives.

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HELP SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF THE ANC!

PASS MAYIBUYE ON:

*GIVE IT TO YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

*DROP IT IN A NEARBY POSTBOX OR YARD

*STICK IT ONTO A PUBLIC WALL OR BUS SHELTER AT NIGHT

*DISCUSS THE ISSUES RAISED WITH THE PEOPLE YOU MEET AND YOUR FRIENDS.

BE CAREFUL!!!



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Marxism-Leninism is not a property of a single country or people. It is a property of every continent of our globe.

In Europe it has been the weapon for the creation of the first contingent of the socialist world and in the Americas it has enabled Cuban revolutionaries to build their outpost of socialist civilisation at the very door-step of the head of imperialist reaction - US imperialism.

In Asia it guided the great Vietnamese people in their defeat of the overwhelming force of world imperialist reaction and provides the Vietnamese workers and peasants with the strategy to advance towards the socialist way of life.

In Africa it has been proclaimed as the fundamental guiding ideology by countries such as Ethiopia, Benin and the Congo. In our own subcontinent, Marxism-Leninism has become an inspiration of the newly-independent states of Angola and Mozambique who have transformed their liberation movements into workers' vanguards dedicated to the task of the construction of socialism right on South Africa's borders.

Foreign Lands

And who is it that accuses us, South African Communists of injecting foreign ideology into South African politics? It is the very racists who came from foreign lands with the bible on the one hand and the gun on the other. In the name of so-called "European civilisation", to deprive our people of the land, transformed us into reserves of cheap labour and imposed an alien settler-ruling class which maintains its grip with the support of foreign imperialist powers.

This ruling class fears us, South African communists, precisely because we are and have always been of the people on the very soil of our land! They fear us because we represent the future South Africa of one united people where there will be no masters and servants whether be they white or black.

They fear us South

African communists because we represent the best interests of our working class, the dominant class against racism and against its foundation: the system of capitalist exploitation. They hate and fear us communists because from the very beginning our Party has worked unceasingly to break down racism, tribalism and regionalism; because in our ranks are to be found every section of our people - African, Coloured, Indian and those revolutionary whites who have broken with racism and have stood and stand with socialism.

On The Continent

On this anniversary we recall with pride that 60 years ago our Party was the first on our continent to plant the flag of Marxism-Leninism and to place on the agenda of the struggle the objective of workers' power in a socialist South Africa. This objective is inextricably bound up with the overall struggle for national liberation - the struggle in which our Party has made and continues to make a vital contribution.

It is a fact of history that our Party in the early 1930's pioneered the slogan for a Black Republic and was the first to demand majority rule for South Africa! In the struggle of our people in the past 60 years, we communists have been there in the frontline together with other revolutionaries working and sacrificing for the common goal of national liberation. Whether be it in the trade union, in the anti-pass campaign, in the political general strikes, in the historic defiance campaign, in the Congress of the People, in the Squatters' movement, in the Great Miners' Strike, in the creation of Umkhonto we Sizwe the armed wing of our liberation movement, our Party played an important and vital role.

Today, in the words of our Central Committee's 60th anniversary statement, "The South African Communist Party is the vital part of the entire national liberation forces headed by

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The African National Congress calls on the women of S.A:

OBSERVE

August 9th

- 25th ANNIVERSARY OF
SOUTH AFRICA WOMEN'S
DAY!

August 9th, 1981 marks the 25th ANNIVERSARY OF SOUTH AFRICA WOMEN'S DAY. Millions of women throughout the world and the international democratic movement as a whole will observe August 9th in solidarity with the heroic women of our country.

FOR US THE WOMEN OF SOUTH AFRICA, AUGUST 9th MUST MEAN:

- A day of rededication to the struggle for people's power!
- A day of affirmation of our support for the Freedom Charter!
- A day of mass demonstrations to reiterate our demands!
- A day on which we honour our heroines and militants such as Lilian Ngoyi, Martha Mahlangu, Dorothy Nyembe, Helen Joseph, Florence Mophoso, Dora Tamana, Annie Silinga, Wini Mandela, Albertina Sisulu, Liz Abrahams, Thandi Modise, Diphfo Mange, Amanda Kwati.....



WOMEN OF SOUTH AFRICA!

- Unite to observe our glorious day, the 25th anniversary of August 9th!

- Unite in mass action against the pass laws, high prices, rents and fares!
- Unite in mass action against inferior education, the Bantustan system and all other dummy institutions, low wages, the migrant labour system, police brutality, torture and detention!
- Unite in mass action for the release of Nelson Mandela and all other political prisoners and detainees!
- Unite in mass action for a PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT!



ETERNAL GLORY TO THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF SOUTH AFRICA WOMEN'S DAY!

FORWARD TO A POWERFUL, UNITED AND FIGHTING DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S MOVEMENT!

BOTHA, WATHINT' ABAFAZI, WATHINT' IMBOKODO!

MAATLA!



A June 16 commemorative rally: The banners of the people and of the future they represent are black, green, and gold!

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strengthen our grip on the initiative we have seized, will require a bold and honest assessment of the victory we have scored. To answer the question, 'how do we go forward' we must look at the factors which ensured this decisive victory

"At no time in the past 20 years has the majority of the people so effectively acted out their united opposition to the apartheid racist regime", President Tambo said in his address to the people of South Africa on June 1st. "Seldom has the polarisation between the racists and the mass of the people been so strikingly dramatised!" Such is the the great achievement of the the anti-white-republic campaign. We have together registered our rejection of the racist republic and all its represents.

United Action

Our patriotic organisations and leaders seized upon the regime's festivities - an issue quite central to the lives of all South Africans - to mobilise all the people for united action to isolate the hated regime and those who support it.

Our common view to call for joint action by all freedom loving South Africans and to identify the theme: 'there is nothing to celebrate!' is in itself a great achievement. For mass action we all found a common issue with an appeal to a wide spectrum of forces of opposition. Further, we so-

ught and found the appropriate organisational forms.

In the recent campaign we formed our anti-Republic Day Committees and campaigned in many parts of the country for a mass boycott of the festivities. All patriotic organisations, churches, sports clubs and organisations and significantly, a section of the independent trade union movement joined in the campaign for the boycott, an achievement unprecedented since the All-In-African Conference in 1961.

Anti-Republic Committees

Yet, did the organisational formations established to lead the campaign - the anti-Republic Day Committees include in their ranks all organisations opposed to the celebrations? What efforts were made to form such committees in all regions including the rural areas and at national level to ensure united, planned and co-ordinated actions by all the people? The experience of the 1961 anti-white republic struggle teaches us that a campaign of such dimensions requires the existence of a national front with an effective organisational form, to lead the people through all the stages of the campaign. Thus was convened the All-In-African Convention in 1961 to elect a national co-ordinating body and to chart out the strategy and tactics to be employed.

It would be foolhardy

to suggest that history must repeat itself, that we should emulate past events in form and content. But the general principles of unity and organisation will always remain infallible.

Our experience in this campaign also points to this reality. As we proceeded from the boycott stance to the position of challenge, the need for co-ordination by all those opposed to the celebrations was clearly manifest. In our attempt to answer the question, 'boycott and then what', we had to organise the people to participate in united action to register their protest. Actions were thus proposed by different organisations and institutions, such as prayer meetings on May 31st, protest meetings, the call to ignore the June 1st holiday and so on. Not all of these proposals were propagated at national level, national though they were supposed to be.

To give added impetus

to the boycott a call was issued for a 3-day stay-at-home on May 25th, 26th, and 27th, a call which was a welcome response to the insult hurled at our feet.

Enough Time

Yet, did the organisers and campaigners have enough time to mobilise for this action? Was the call taken up by the entire anti-celebration front? Indeed, support for such action by the the organisations which opposed the 'celebrations' was one of the necessary prerequisites for its success. It would have given additional strength to the efforts of the underground movement which had responded to this spontaneous initiative by rallying the people to action. This challenge faced the trade unions, youth and students, and civic organisations, and the anti-Republic Day Committees.

Therefore, the success scored in the stay-at-home



We successfully commemorated our days despite Botha's guns and tears

on May 25, 26 and 27 is commensurate with the extent of organisation, the support the call received from the entire anti-celebration front, and the time that the people had to prepare for such actions. In this context credit is due to the organisers and campaigners; to the youth and students in the 'black universities' and many schools, at Wits, University of Natal and UCT; to the workers in a number of factories who correctly combined this call with their day-to-day struggles, and all those who translated the call for a stay-at-home into action even beyond the 3 days selected, despite the odds against them.

These actions were given added impetus by the effective, well-coordinated armed actions by the People's Army, Umkhonto we Sizwe - actions which also demonstrated the unity in our struggle between mass political and armed resistance. The sabotage on railway lines in Port Elizabeth, Johannesburg, Durban and other areas gave concrete support to the stay-at-home, whilst the daring attack on the recruiting centre of the racist SADF strengthened the growing resistance of many white youth to forced conscription into the army of oppression, at a time when the democratic white youth were in action side by side with their black compatriots. The co-ordination, precision and sophistication of the attacks which the enemy had to concede, signify a great step forward in our struggle. The combination of these important aspects of people's war - mass action, underground work and armed actions, is an art that we must all continue to learn and master for it is a pre-requisite for victory.

Master and Develop

We must continue to master and develop this unity in action because the point at issue, as our President said in his address on June 1st, is not just the day, the 31st of May. "It is our life, our country, past, present and future". This was clearly demonstrated in our meetings in many parts of the country where we raised high the banners of the people

black, green and gold, against the rising smoke of the colonial flag which indeed must go with the entire system it represents!

Our successful commemoration of the 5th anniversary of June 16th through a national stay-at-home, school boycotts and mass meetings is a fitting reply to Botha and his cohorts who had unleashed a reign of terror to intimidate us from such actions. Equally fitting a reply to this reign of terror was our successful observance of the 26th anniversary of the adoption of the Freedom Charter thro-



Remains of the destroyed SADF recruiting centre after the UMKHONTO attack.

ugh services where we rededicated ourselves to the struggle for the attainment of a People's Republic.

We have shown that the spirit of June 16 and 26 shall never be smothered, even if the racist rulers let loose their blood-thirsty murderers on us. The people are on the offensive and no amount of terror will stop our confident march to victory.

For the enemy, the united stand we took represented a defeat not just with regard to the fact that the overwhelming majority refused to participate in his celebrations. The political programme which the apartheid regime has spent more than 30 years evolving and trying to impose on us also suffered a well-deserved defeat.

We united in struggle to reject the Bantustan and the so-called separate deve-

lopment programme, to reject the enemy's deceitful "reform programme", to reject the enemy's efforts to divide us on national, racial and tribal grounds and to present our struggle as a Soviet-inspired conspiracy, to reject white minority domination in all its forms.

Reaffirmation

Our struggles during May and June represented a reaffirmation of our commitment to fight for a united and democratic South Africa, for the realisation

ories and enemy reprisals. These reprisals become more vicious and desparate the more we approach our goal.

"Today the workers are on strike. Let us support them. Some big firms and I say at their peril, are getting into the habit of dismissing workers who demand justice. Let us defend the workers. Leaders of Trade Unions, of students' organisations and other activists of the struggle are being detained, prosecuted and others victimised. Let us defend them, let us demand their release.

"We have had the Matola massacres of January this

of the ideals enshrined in the Freedom Charter, for people's power. In the coming period we must hold firm to this great victory, build on it and not allow anybody to tamper with and compromise the political unity of patriotic forces cemented during the May - June struggles.

The imperative of the moment is to consolidate these tremendous victories and deepen the offensive. As the President said in his message:

"The end of May, 1981 is of course not the end of the struggle to win power for the majority of all South Africans. But the end of May should mark the end of disparate, uncoordinated mass actions. We are united. Let us stay united and use that unity in joint action and mutual support.

"Our march to the goal of freedom consists of vict-

year. The enemy is planning more reprisals inside and outside South Africa. We must stand firm and march on. Victory awaits us beyond the massacres and the assassinations.

"The notorious Selous Scouts are now being recruited into the South African Army, but will be dressed in the uniform of a bantustan. They will perpetrate unspeakable atrocities and will blame this on the ANC and the liberation movement. They have done that in Zimbabwe.

"Let us be vigilant and refuse to be deceived or cowed. The appearance of the Selous Scouts on our soil means that now our struggle is gathering a momentum that will soon put South Africa - this last colonial stronghold - among the liberated countries of Africa!"

'WHY I CONFESSED'

SIZAKHELE NDIYENI

(EXCERPT FROM *DAWN*, THE MONTHLY JOURNAL OF UMKHONTO WE SIZWE, THE PEOPLE'S ARMY VOL. 5, NUMBER 2, 1981)

"Comrades, the African National Congress is the organisation of all the people of South Africa regardless of race, colour or creed. It even accepts those in our ranks who have been sent by the enemy to infiltrate it and it works to transform them because it knows that no single African in South Africa has not experienced the cruelties of Apartheid in one way or another. It also understands the conditions under which they have been recruited!"

These were the words said by one of our leaders when he was addressing the detachment in our camp. The way he was saying this, the love he showed for us and the people of South Africa made me bow down my head in deep meditation. I began to realise that the ANC is the organisation that is committed to the emancipation of the oppressed people of our country. This was to me in direct contrast to the mendacious lies said to me by 'my bosses' when telling me to do anti-people activities in the ANC.

Own Background

I began to think of my own background as an African, a pass bearer, as a person affected by the Group Areas Act and as a person affected by forced removals. As it is all known, we Africans in our townships live in what has been notoriously known as match-box houses without any electricity, ceiling and proper cementation. At the same time one has to work for the people who have made one's life miserable and live a sojourner in the land of our birth.

I think you will understand the circumstances that made me a potential recruit for the boers. It is either one is blackmailed, enticed with a lot of money and luxury, promised to pass one's exams and get a lot of pocket money, promised to get a house and many other trickles the boers use for recruitment.

As for myself, I was promised a lot of things. I

was promised to pass my exams, and thereafter I could be allowed to further my studies either in Britain or the USA. I was also promised to be given a posh car for going to school, etc. I must say that these things can blind a person for a little while because sooner or later you are going to come into grips with the real face of fascism. June 16 is just one among thousands of examples one can give when one comes face to face with state terrorism.

I was told to skip the country and infiltrate the African National Congress and that after coming back I would then have the whole world in my pocket. There was nothing else I could do except agreeing, but at the back of my mind I was wondering how I could have the whole

world in my pocket when the Group Areas Act will not permit me to live in Lower Houghton, Constantia or any other place reserved for whites. This to me seemed to smack of hypocrisy and trickery. But the urge was still there to take the chance and reap the fat purse.

Sole Purpose

Therefore, I joined the ANC with the sole purpose of being a provocateur, disrupting its activities, cause confusion in the army and also, as I came to realise later, to do the impossible, i.e. of destroying it.

Of course it was not difficult to be accepted in the ranks of the ANC because the ANC is the organisation of the people. What is difficult is to be in the ANC with such devilish intentions as to be an agent provocateur.

The political education we underwent in the army made me to seriously think of myself and of the crime I was committing not just against the people of South Africa but against the world because as we all know, apartheid is a crime against humanity. I also began to realise that the mission I had come for was futile because the soldiers knew what they were fighting for, they were motivated by the

justness of the cause. They understood that apartheid in South Africa was moribund. I then knew that I could not succeed because the war that is being waged in South Africa is a people's war and Botha cannot defeat a people united and determined to repossess what is rightfully theirs.

One other thing that I noticed when I was in exile was that when the fascists were carrying out their barbarous and piratic raids into the neighbouring states and also to the camps, they were bombing indiscriminately; they never cared whether you were their agent or not. The conclusion that one reached was that those like myself who have been sent by the enemy to infiltrate the ANC were being used as pawns, we were being used to safeguard the selfish interests of the colonialists and monopolists. To me this was the last thing to do.

After spending sleepless nights pondering over this question, thinking whether to confess or not, I decided to reveal myself.

It is a pity one cannot fully express oneself as to how one finally reached this conclusion. But I must say that those who are in MK camps will understand me. The high morale of the cadres is one of the factors that showed me that the ANC is strong. When going to meals, for tactics or for cultural activities I would hear them singing with stirring voices and always dancing or doing what is known in the camps as "Itoyi-toyi". The way they were doing "Itoyi-toyi" reminded us of the heroes of Isandhlwana. I sincerely wanted to fully, without any hypocrisy, belong to these proud ranks of the people's soldiers.

Dirty Mission

When I told the leadership of my dirty mission they hesitantly accepted me. I was told to do my best in proving myself and also to do my best in increasing my political conviction. After my confession I

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Chies Chewing Gum. It's the thing to share.



En route to maim and murder. It's the only 'thing' the racists are prepared 'to share'.

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could feel I have been relieved of one of the heaviest loads in my life.

My full acceptance after confessing was yet another surprise in my experiences in the African National Congress. I was now completely convinced that the boers are feeding their agents with lies. All what has been said to me was just slander against the ANC. Not a single thing that was said to me when instructed to infiltrate the ANC was proved true. This was yet another indication

that the racist regime of Pretoria cannot win the war waged by our people. Anyway, how can you win the war when you base your strategy and tactics on lies?

As for myself I was prepared to serve the organisation without any inhibitions. I came to understand that to die for your country is an honour.

With examples of comrades like Mini, Mkhabela and Khayinga who went singing to the gallows, I vow to follow their path if needs be. With heroes like Solomon Kalushi Mahlangu who

walked tall to the gallows and shouted the ANC slogan, 'Amandla!' when the hangman's noose was dangling over his head, the example of the Silverton Trio and with the recent case of the three comrades Lubisi, Mashigo and Manana who have been illegally sentenced to death, the apartheid regime can only delay us but not win the war.

They cannot win because the majority of the oppressed and exploited people are on our side. The President of our people's organisation, Comrade O. R. Tambo also stressed

that, "...they cannot win because we are determined to win and determined to make the maximum sacrifice for our victory..."

My advise to those who have been sent to carry out such diabolic and criminal acts of infiltrating the ANC, is to come out and confess. I say they must come out because they cannot, and I stress never destroy the African National Congress. The ANC has 69 years of experience, active experience. Malan, Verwoerd, Vorster and Botha cannot destroy the 69-years old African National Congress!

FIGHT AGAINST HIGH PRICES!

The 9,5% increase in the price of maize by the Pretoria regime last April was an act whose harsh impact will certainly not whet the appetites of the oppressed majority to whom maize is the staple food. Yet the maize scandal was just an element of the rampant inflation which has continued to eat into the lean pay-pockets of the working people.

The oppressor's economists and statisticians alike have attempted to 'shed light' on this development and to counsel restraint and patience. We have been told of 'inflation' and 'stagflation', that we "are fortunate to be living in a country in which financial problems such as inflation are caused by prosperity", to quote fascist minister of finance, Horwood. But we the people know what it means to go to bed on an empty stomach; what it means to bear children only to watch them die of malnutrition.

Ever Prosperous

Of course the 'other South Africa', the South Africa of the rich has always known prosperity. The owners of the mines, the farms, factories and other businesses had their luxury further enhanced during this period of economic growth in South Africa, which, at 8% in 1980 was the highest since the Second World War. The

economic crisis afflicting the imperialist countries has led to the unprecedented increase in the price of gold since 1978, out of which the South African state and the mine-owners earned more than R10-billion in 1980 alone.

Tax Cuts

Contented with this 'bumper harvest', the regime also cut the taxes of the exploiters, to "stimulate further economic growth".

Growth indeed there has been. What these growth figures indicate is that there has been an increase in the overall quantity of goods produced in South Africa. But, as our own experience shows, this has not meant growth in the living standards of the poor. Rather there has been growth in the profits and comfort of the rich - increase in the number of luxury cars, washing machines, sophisticated television sets and so on.

We know that production in South Africa is not carried out to improve the



It is only through struggle that our children can be assured of a decent meal.

standard of living of the people, but to enrich the exploiters. The ever-recurrent Egg Scandals and the 1976 exposure of dairy farmers who were overfeeding their pigs with gallons and gallons of fresh milk to keep prices high, are just few symptoms of the inhuman nature of the profit-inspired and oppressive system in our country. So is the recent Maize Scandal whence we learnt that,

- the increase in price was made despite the fact that a great surplus has been harvested,
- of the 13-18million tonnes harvested 4 million will be exported at R90/ton (home price being R146/ton) to feed pigs and cattle abroad,
- there is in fact another surplus of 1,6mil tonnes left over from last year,
- ultimately about 6,2m tonnes will remain which the farmers do not know what to do with and will have to be bought by the Maize Control Board for storage,
- the maize farmers who

have been correctly described as the 'molly-coddled darlings' of the regime, had in actual fact asked for this increase in order to raise their overall income, and that they have always used inefficient farming techniques for they are assured of a large subsidy from the regime!

Whilst we struggled to eke out a living, all the major companies last year revealed a confident increase in their profits. Whilst none of these companies recorded profits of less than 20%, such groups as Toyota, Group 5 and Gresham Industries recorded more than 300% profit! Even the maize farmers who were said to be working at a loss are to reap R96-million more in net income as compared to last year.

Income Increased

Equally, the fascist state had its income increased from gold earnings, state-run

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enterprises and taxes, including the General Sales Tax (GST) which we have been forced to pay since 1978 for all goods we buy. It is this money which has been used for the financing of the fascist army and police to wage wars against us and the rest of the people of Southern Africa, and for the increase in the wages of its civil servants and other state employees - not for our housing, educational and other basic needs.

As always, the solutions proposed by the bosses and the fascist state to the problem of our deteriorating standard of living are such as will further worsen our conditions and improve theirs. Having admitted that the price increases are particularly 'unfair' to the oppressed people, it was recently suggested by spokesmen of the regime that the working week should be lengthened; that the state should vehemently oppose the proposal for minimum wage legislation since this 'would increase unemployment'; that the campaign to recruit skilled manpower abroad should be stepped up as 'this would ensure increased production'; and lastly, that yet another inquiry should be made on food prices!

Of course we know who will benefit from such measures. We know what findings such inquiries will present. Above all we know

and have shown in action what is the way out. Our heightened struggles for a shorter working week and better working conditions, for higher wages and recognition of our trade unions, against high prices, rents and transport fares, against unemployment and the pass laws...in brief against the entire system of oppression and exploitation, reflect this correct understanding!

At the same time, our deteriorating conditions cry out for a heightened struggle on all fronts. The call for a minimum wage of R2 per hour issued by some democratic trade unions should be taken up by all workers in mass united action. Women's and other organisations should campaign vigorously on the question of high prices. We should, if necessary even form ad-hoc organisations which will lead us in the fight for the lowering of food prices. The Maize Scandal is one such current and burning question which must be taken up by all patriotic organisations to unite all the people in struggle against the rapidly worsening standard of living. The fight against high rents, bus fares, school and examination fees which has already won us some gains, should be intensified!

**WE ARE OUR OWN
SAVIOURS!!
ORGANISE OR STARVE!**

60th birthday of the SACP

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the African National Congress. This alliance aims to unite all sections and classes among the oppressed and other truly democratic forces for a revolution to destroy white racist domination. This revolution whose main content is the liberation of the African and other oppressed groups must put an end to racist discrimination in all its forms, restore the land and the wealth of the country to all its people and guarantee democracy, freedom, equal rights and opportunities to all.

Racist Colonialism

"We believe that the immediate struggle to destroy racist colonialism and to win freedom is an essential part of the struggle for a future Socialist South Africa. In this struggle the key forces have always been and will continue to be the black working class in alliance with the mass of the landless rural people."

The celebration of the 60th anniversary of our South African Communist Party comes at a time when our people have entered the most decisive stage in the long history of struggle for national liberation. Faced with mounting class and national struggles, the ruling class tries to cling to its reign of power in two ways:

Brute Force

On the one hand it has its strategy of terror and brute force against the people and open aggression and economic blackmail against the newly-independent states in our sub-continent. On the other hand it is pretending to reform Apartheid in little concessions which have little meaning to the overall vast majority of our people, who are aware that the enemy is entrenching and

deepening as never before, the real essence of race rule...

Our people, our working class and the new generation of the fighting youth have not bowed down to the enemy's terror nor have they fallen for the tricks of the enemy's 'reform' manoeuvres. Throughout our land and among all sections of our people the ruling policy of blood and smiles has been met with growing resistance.

The cry for people's power and for the complete destruction of the white republic to end black misery is growing louder by the day. And this cry is accompanied by the rising sounds of the rising armed blows being dealt out to the enemy by the military wing of the liberation movement, Umkhonto we Sizwe.

Tree Of Freedom

And in this 60th year of our Party, we, communists pledge to continue to water the tree of freedom in our land, if necessary, with our own blood. We pledge to spare nothing to fulfill the glorious vision which has inspired our Party from the moment of its birth - the vision to help create a united country, a united people, a South Africa in which every strand of racist domination will be torn asunder; a South Africa which will end the exploitation of man by man and which will be at the service of the overwhelming majority of the South African people, the working masses - a Socialist South Africa!

**FORWARD TO PEOPLE'S POWER!
FORWARD TO A SOCIALIST SOUTH AFRICA!
LONG LIVE THE SACP!
LONG LIVE THE ANC!
LONG LIVE PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM!**



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