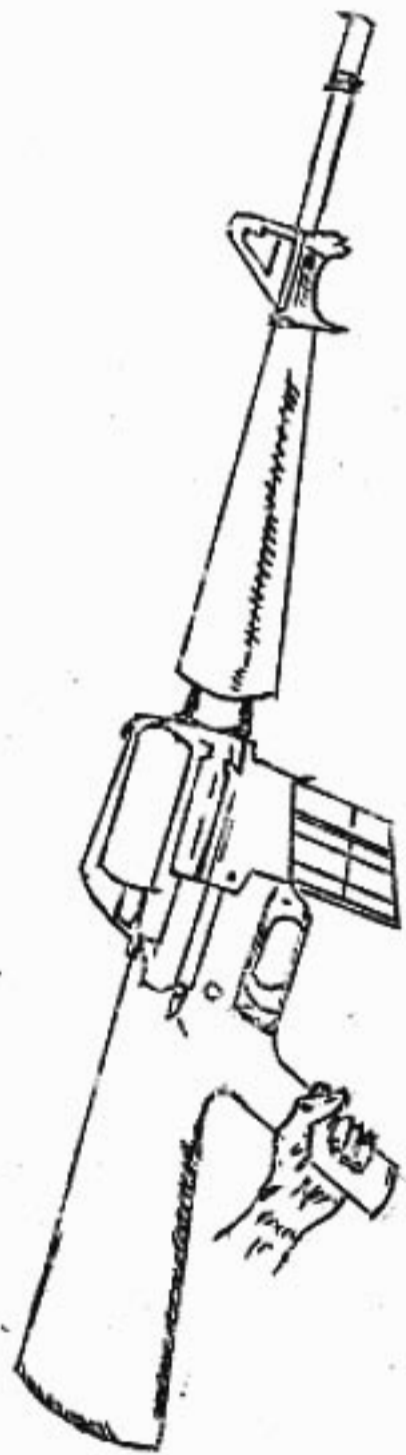


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FORWARD TO FREEDOM NOW!

OUR ACTING PRESIDENT MR. O.R. TAMBO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM AN EXTENSIVE TOUR OF AFRICA AND EUROPE TO BRIEF OUR BROTHERS AND SUPPORTERS ON THE STAGE REACHED BY THE ANC/ZAPU IN CONDUCTING REVOLUTIONARY ARMED STRUGGLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

HE REPORTS THAT EVERY-WHERE THERE IS ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FOR INTENSIFIED STRUGGLE TO SMASH WHITE SUPREMACY.

HIS CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO ALL IS

"FORWARD TO FREEDOM NOW"

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A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION.

On another page we have an article reviewing some of the events of the year. The article does not claim to be complete or comprehensive but it highlights some of the more important developments of 1967. Inevitably Africa features prominently in the review for we are concerned largely with Africa and more especially with Southern Africa.

As the year closes to all our readers, supporters, sympathisers and well-wishers we take this opportunity of extending the compliments of the season. We wish them every success in the New Year..

It is customary at this time to make all sorts of resolutions which, it is hoped, will improve health or wealth. It is generally equally customary to stick to the New Year Resolution for a shorter or longer period of time and then to abandon them for one reason or another but most often for no reason. We are sure some of our readers will indulge themselves in this innocuous pastime on New Year's Eve, we know also that many will not bother; but we urge all our readers and sympathisers to make a New Year's Resolution AND TO CARRY IT OUT.

We ask that they make a decision to assist in the National Liberation ~~Struggle~~ in Southern Africa in any and every way they can. While they celebrate and make merry, brave men are fighting or preparing to fight in Southern Africa for freedom. The task of our Freedom Fighters is not easy. They have to contend with a formidable enemy armed to the teeth.

We do not call upon our readers not to celebrate. We do ask that they remember the heroes who are prepared to lay down their lives so that others may be free. But above all from our readers we need money.

And the amount needed is fantastic, running into thousands of pounds a month. We cannot, of course, go into details here but we assure our readers the need is urgent and immediate. We urge you to give/.....

give as much as you can and a little more than that; we urge you to start giving NOW; we urge you to give regularly and frequently; we urge you to give in cash, by cheque or postal order.

MAKE THIS YOUR NEW YEAR RESOLUTION AND ENSURE THAT YOU STICK TO IT.

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TRANSLATION OF EXTRACT FROM " ILANGA "

"Reports from the Head Quarters of the African National Congress, which has been banned in this country, reveal that its representatives have circulated letters throughout Britain asking for aid amounting to R1, 000, 000 (£500, 000) to enable them to carry on the struggle in this country...."

"Sources close to the A.N.C., say that Congress has announced that it has started fighting in earnest. Bitter fighting has been going on in Rhodesia since 13th August when it was reported by the Rhodesian authorities that Security forces had fought pitched battles with A.N.C. Freedom-Fighters. This caused a lot of misunderstanding between Britain and S.A. and it was during these days that the Prime Minister announced that he had sent S.A. Police to help Smith.

The reasons given were that among the insurgents in Rhodesia, there were some from this country who are reported to be very brave and fearless as well as highly trained.

Their fighting skill is reported to be the best since the days of SHAKA. It became clear that if South Africa did not help Rhodesia, the Smith government would collapse and fighting would then extend to this country".

- " ILANGA ". - 23rd September, 1967.

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THE YEAR IN PERSPECTIVE

As we go into print the year, 1967, is drawing to a close. In many ways this has been a year of great historic Significance. Historic in the sense that there have been several events which have steered the course of development, permanently, in a specific and unalterable direction. Much has taken place of which all of progressive mankind can be justly proud; much, too, has happened which has caused sadness; and there have been some events which call for greater determination and dedication in the cause of justice and humanity.

It is, of course impossible, in the course of this short article, to review the whole year in detail but we shall attempt to highlight some of the more important developments.

INTERNATIONAL.

Perhaps the most inspiring development has been the evolution of the Afro-American movement in the United States into a radical, militant, mass movement. It would appear that a clear-cut ideology has not been fully worked out and things are much in the melting pot. But there is no doubt that the struggle of the Afro-American people has taken on a much wider orbit than merely Civil rights, encompassing as it does outspoken support for the armed struggle in Southern Africa and a generally strong anti-imperialist stand. More particularly the Afro-American movement has become the focal point of mass protest in the United States against imperialist aggression and barbarity in Vietnam.

In Latin America, the struggle for democracy acquired a wider mass base, covered a wider geographical area, and took on an increasingly military character. The tragic death of that singularly outstanding internationalist, Ernesto "Che" Guevara; was a loss not only to Latin America but to the whole world. Few will find it difficult to believe that "Che" was murdered by the Bolivian Security police after his capture. This man embodied, in himself, such courage and fearlessness, such powers of leadership and organisation, such flexibility combined with an awe-inspiring intellect, and above all an almost fanatical sense of purpose/.....

of purpose and objective that U.S. imperialism could not possibly permit him to live. And they killed him.

Outside the Americas events in Britain and the Soviet Union gave an insight into the future. Britain, the greatest imperial power at the turn of the century exhibited the thrashings of a decadent and dying society.. Under the Labour Party, masquerading as socialist, the economy reached such a deep abyss that it was pawned to international bankers and sterling had to be devalued. Politically, Britain found itself caught between the demands of Africa on the one hand and fascist racists on the other. Political bankruptcy was demonstrated by British inability to wriggle out of this vice. Diplomatically, the British were humiliated by the Chinese with a mere whimper of protest. Militarily, Britain had to pullout of Aden. Wilson, the one-time blue-eyed boy, is on the verge of launching the final sell-out - the supply of arms to racist South Africa. This prototype of Right Wing Social Democracy has turned his back on every principle of Socialism.

Contrasted with this sick and moribund Society was the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution in the Soviet Union. The USSR, the first Socialist country, convincingly exhibited the tremendous potential of the Socialist way by prominently displaying its economic, military and Social achievements. Could anything be more explicit and indicative than this contrast between decadent Britain and an advancing USSR?

In Vietnam U.S. imperialism continued to pour in more and more money and men but suffered reverse after reverse, both militarily and politically. In West Germany, fascism was seen to be gaining ground and becoming more blatant and aggressive - being protected by the Federal Government, in the guise of "democracy". Imperialist predictions of an imminent collapse of Chinese Society refused to materialise, much to the annoyance of Bourgeois apologists.

#### AFRICA.

On the African Continent, triumph has been mixed with tragedy. Without doubt, the historic Arusha Declaration, in January, was the most important/.....

most important and vital victory achieved by the African Revolution in 1967. Heroic President Julius Nyerere outlined in that living document the blueprint for a Socialist Tanzania. Words were quickly followed by action and several major undertakings were speedily nationalised. A demand was made to match ideas with practice and all senior political figures were called upon to relinquish their private business. What true son or daughter of Africa did not dance for joy together with the tens of thousands at Arusha. For the Arusha Declaration was a victory for the whole of Africa.

On the other hand, Israeli aggression in the Middle East and the apparent ease with which the forces of the United Arab Republic were defeated caused much sadness and despair. Many of us were filled with a sense of utter desolation as the tragic news reached us. It is true, of course, that certain treacherous and ambitious elements in the High Command of the United Arab Republic were responsible for the debacle. We are pleased to note that the Israeli military clique achieved no victory from its aggression and happy to report that President Nasser, supported by the peoples of the UAR, is vigorously dealing with the traitors. The Middle East developments hold an important lesson for Africa, a lesson not new. For they demonstrated that political independence without a radical change in the nature of society, especially the army, police and Civil Service, is a dangerous foundation on which to build a progressive society. Let us hope Africa learns from its mistakes and errors quickly. Else the African Revolution will be completely betrayed to imperialism.

The defeat and expulsion of all mercenaries from the Congo ushered in a new era in the affairs of that tortured and maligned country. The army and people of the Congo can now hold their heads up proudly and take their rightful place in the African community. There was, at one time, talk of sending the vicious mercenaries back to their countries of origin under Red Cross escort. This would have been a shameless travesty of justice. We are pleased to note that the

Organisation of African Unity's Special Committee on Mercenaries has recently decided every single mercenary must be sent back to the Congo to stand trial there. Let justice be done.

Elsewhere, in Malawi and Lesotho especially, traitors to the African Revolution are busy selling out the hard won independence of the peoples of these countries to fascist White thugs who still rule Southern Africa. The Bandas and the Jonathans have neither shame nor scruple. They are corrupt and motivated solely by filthy lucre. The people of Africa will surely wreak vengeance on these puppets dangling from Golden Strings. In Malawi the writing is already on the wall. The death of that courageous patriot, Yetuta Chisiza, was a great loss but the struggle goes on.

The decision of the OAU to increase its moral and material support for the armed struggle in Southern Africa was of tremendous significance and well-timed. The interminable Civil war in Nigeria continues along its tragic parts despite all efforts to resolve the differences.

#### ZAMBIA.

President Kaunda has rapidly risen to the top as an outstanding African leader. His role as mediator in the Kenya Somali dispute succeeded beyond all expectation. His courageous and principled leadership of the Zambian people in the difficult conditions resulting from UDI have won him greater affection from friends and supporters and grudging admiration even from enemies. Zambia continues to face a difficult and uncertain future. But we are sure, if the philosophy of Humanism is widely and sincerely applied, and if adequate preparations are made against threats from the racist South, the people of Zambia, led by their brave President, will eventually succeed.

#### SOUTHERN AFRICA.

For the Southern half of Africa 1967 has been a year of decisions which have unalterably changed the future course of events.

The battle of August when the combined ZAPU - ANC army unleashed  
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deadly, determined and effective blows on the rebel Smith forces stands out as a phenomenon which will be repeated many times over in the months to come. Our men were tried and succeeded beyond the bounds of imagination. Their calibre has now been proven and all the ~~carpers~~ silenced.

Of perhaps greater significance was the beginning of Unity-in-struggle of Southern African liberation forces. There has been recognition that the enemy is united and this has resulted in the unity of ZAPU and ANC forces. This may be a forerunner to a wider Unity.

The liberation armies of FRELIMO in Mozambique and MPLA in Angola continued to meet with ever increasing success. There is no doubt that Portuguese forces in both these territories are on the run and it is only the support of South Africa and the imperialists that keep them going.

In South West Africa, the liberation forces suffered a tragic reverse when Tobias Hainyeko was brutally murdered by fascist South African police on the Zambezi river. The trial of the 36 South West African Freedom Fighters continues in Pretoria despite the protests of the international Community.

Leabua Jonathan has completely sold out to fascist South Africa. The people of Lesotho are deeply disturbed and we are sure they will once again rise up and fight for their independence. Botswana, faced with enormous problems of communication is slowly but steadily moving closer to Africa. This is indeed an encouraging sign.

Ian Smith continues to joer ~~at~~ Britain and flaunts his theft of a country. He is now a puppet of Nazi Vorster. We are quite sure Britain will do nothing. Not so the people of Zimbabwe. They have taken up arms and the end result can only be victory.

The fascist racist regime in South Africa continues with increased vigour on its oppressive path. Bans, banishments, arbitrary arrests and brutality continue to be the order of the day. Vicious laws like the Physical Planning Bill and the "Terrorist" Bill have been added to the/.....

to the already over-blotted Statute Book.

As the year draws to a close we think the balance on the whole has tilted somewhat in favour of progressive forces. We, fighting in Southern Africa, will see to it that in the next twelve months, we will increase even more our weight on the side of progress.

VICTORY SHALL BE OURS.

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### ISRAELI INTERVENTION.

The first news of a projected plan to enable Isreel to intervene in South Africa against the oppressed and exploited African people who suffer racial discrimination and apartheid from the cradle to the grave has now come to light. We have on several occasions made specific reference to the aggressive imperialist-inspired actions of Israel. Although South Africa is already producing her own fighter jet-bombers at the Atlas Aircraft Corporation plant, Israel has now entered the field as a prospective supplier of aircraft to be used against our militants.

It is reported in the South African Press that the deputy director-general and the chief engineer of Israel Aircraft Industries, the biggest aircraft production organisation in the Middle East, were among a group of 60 prominent Israelis who visited South Africa recently as guests of El Al, the Israeli Airlines.

The group of 60 is said to have included important Government officials, members of El Al, and leading Israeli businessmen.

The Israeli aviation experts toured the Atlas Aircraft Corporation Plant near Johannesburg. After the tour, arrangements were started to bring an Israeli-manufactured Arava short take-off-and-landing aircraft to South Africa for a series of demonstrations.

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THE ENEMY SPEAKS.

Notwithstanding the stupid vilification on *ANC/ZAPU* military operations at Wankie and other parts of Zimbabwe made by the PAC and its allies in treachery, the enemy is day-by-day dropping hints that the fight against White dictatorship in Southern Africa has really entered a *life-and-death phase*.

In the Sunday Times of the 10th December, 1967 is a report headed "S.A. police in "NASTY" war". It is based on an interview with Brigadier M.D.V. Cloete, S.M., M.C., Chief Chaplain of the S.A. Police force. Before the interview could be published it was handed over to the Commissioner of the Police, Lieut.-General J.M. Keevy for censorship. So much for the noisily-proclaimed right to "freedom of speech and freedom of the Press in South Africa".

What emerges from the reported portion of the interview with Brigadier Cloete is sufficient to prove that the morale of the South Africa/Rhodesian forces in combat against our militants has run very low. A noteworthy feature of the South African propaganda reports on the armed struggle in Southern Africa is that they have now changed their tactics. At first they announced "heavy" casualties on our side but when this failed to conceal their losses, they immediately resorted to a blanket ban on news relating to actual scenes of battle. This strict police censorship is now coupled with energetic attempts to pass off our military attacks on White enemy forces as being "communist-inspired assaults". The red bogey will be with us for a very long time. It is intended to win the active intervention of the U.S. and other imperialist forces on the side of the fascist White minority regimes.

Brigadier (theRev.) M.D.V. Cloete is a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. When the Acting State President recently pinned the Police Medal for Meritorious Service on his chest, "Doempies" Cloete was said to have become the most-decorated officer in South Africa's uniformed forces. His decorations and medals now total 15. This man who represents in word and deed the White supremacist forces  
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in our country has described our battles against the enemy in stark terms such as "a particularly NASTY kind of war", "the (White) men live under canvas at the bases, but have to be on the move for long periods", "a 1000-mile stretch of the most inhospitable and dangerous frontier in the sub-continent".

We reproduce Brigadier Cloete's interview as reported:-

"S.A. Police in "NASTY" WAR

FIGHTING MAN'S PADRE TELLS OF FRONTLINE."

"PRETORIA, SATURDAY. The first front-line report about the South African Police contingents on the northern borders of Rhodesia and South West Africa has been given to the SUNDAY TIMES by the best-known "fighting man's padre" in the country, Brigadier (the Rev.) M.D.V. Cloete, S.M., M.C., Chief Chaplain of the S.A.P.

The Brigadier, affectionately known to World War II and Korean War veterans as "Doempies" (from Dominee), has returned to Pretoria from visits to the detachments which operate from bases spaced along a 1,000-mile stretch of the most inhospitable and dangerous frontier in the sub-continent.

Because of the strict security blanket covering the size, locations, fire-power and operational procedures of the border force, this report has been submitted for clearance to the Commissioner of Police, Lieutenant-General J.M. Keevy.

"There isn't much one can say for publication about the activities of our young men up there." Brigadier Cloete told me.

"They are not only on active service but they are also involved in a particularly nasty kind of war in which the initiative for mischief-making rests with people who do not observe the conventions that govern organised hostilities between armed forces.

"One can say, however, that our men have taken the measure of the enemy and with their superb training and discipline, coupled with physical stamina and mental alertness, they can be relied on to take this unconventional warfare in their stride."

On the move/.....

### On the move

Although the Police units operate under conditions demanding the utmost physical and spiritual endurance, everything possible is done to provide living comforts, Brig. Cloete said.

The men live under canvas at the bases, but have to be on the move for long periods.

When they return to their bases, they have well-cooked food cooked in properly equipped field kitchens. The variety of the food assures them of a nutritious and balanced diet.

On their mobile operations they have to eat hard rations, but these are also prepared to provide a balanced diet.

### Adventurous

"The men who guard our borders are making great sacrifices in their domestic, social and church relations," said Brig. Cloete. "But regular visits by Police chaplains and reading matter help to keep them in touch with what's going on at home, and their morale is exceptionally high.

"Although our youngsters up there are involved in a grim job, it is also an adventurous experience for them and they are responding to it as any normal young men would do.

"They are gaining invaluable experience and gathering a store of memories and anecdotes of their front-line fighters' life."

Brigadier Cloete knows all about this. He is a veteran of many World War II battles when he became a legendary front-liner who succoured the wounded under fire and won the Military Cross when he was chaplain to the Wits-De la Rey infantry regiment in the Italian campaign.

He also served in the Korean War as chaplain to the S.A.A.F.'s "Sheelah" Squadron.

To-day we publish a Lament for Jackson (Mbali) written by one of his comrades-in-arms on December 16, 1967 which is Mkhonto DAY. We prefer to preface the tribute to the memory of Jackson by recalling a touching summary of death in the poem "Lament for the Death of a Bullfighter (Llants por Ignacio Sanchez Mejias) by Federico Garcia Lorca. In the poem Lorca employs many symbols, metaphors and figurative language to express the fundamental tussle between Life and Death, Progress and Reaction, Happiness and Sorrow, Hope and Despair.

Lorca represents progressive mankind in the form of the Bullfighter and uses bright colours to associate Progress, Hope, and Happiness with the actions of the Bullfighter. The Bull represents fascist tyranny in a form not unlike Picasso's famous "GUERNICA." And in Lorca's Lament too there is the Dove of Peace but the dove struggles with the leopard "at five in the afternoon." Lorca depicts the Bullfighter as carrying death on his shoulders although he might be lying mortally wounded by the horns of the heartless Bull. He depicts the Bullfighter as ascending, going up, not down.

"Ignacio climbs the stairs  
carrying death on his shoulders.  
He sought the dawn  
and found it gone.  
He seeks his sharp profile  
and the dream cuts him off.  
He sought his handsome body  
and found his blood wide opened."

It has been commented on this part of Lorca's imagery as follows:-

"It is the Bullfighter, man, who carries death, just the opposite of the old macabre conception in which Death carries off, kidnaps, man: an example of personal death, of great death, as Rilke said. A symbol of that conception of living in which the human being advances through time, always the bearer of his death."

The struggle for Freedom like bullfighting requires all the skill, agility, resourcefulness, courage and singleness of purpose which form the main armoury in the art of the Bullfighter.

"LAMENT FOR JACKSON"

by Harold Moseley

"Come let us build a mass Youth movement"  
You said,  
And build we did with you in our midst;  
Those were the glorious days in 1953,  
Days that will take more than death to obliterate  
From the minds of those who know you,  
Those who ever worked by your side;  
Those who basked in the sunshine of your Comradeship;  
Those with whom you always shared  
Your views, whatever their nature

Who knew that this would find you  
Alone in your cold grave,  
In a lonely Church-yard in Kongwa?  
Who knew the physical suffering you were undergoing,  
When your life,  
Was ebbing slowly from your bones?  
But you refused to die!  
You always fought death -  
By throwing yourself into your work like a fanatic.  
Death itself knew, that it was missing a lot  
By not conquering you.  
When at last you succumbed,  
It was not in resignation to your fate;  
But with conviction, that what you built  
Will never be shaken.

Those of us who made more  
Of the time we were together; at home or in exile,  
Know just how we gained,  
From the untiring help you used to extend  
To those who needed help.  
Mentoring to those who need it;  
And how grateful many of your Comrades are,  
Especially on this December 16 - Mkhonto DAY,  
They talked and talked about you,  
Pouring out their love for you,  
Seeking to let you know that they have not forgotten,  
Neither will they ever forget you.  
Our Comrade! Our brave Comrade!!

"Never mind that you have died...  
But in the Song of the brave and Stout hearts,  
You shall always be a living example;  
A proud call to freedom, to light!!  
"To the madness of the brave we sing our Song,"  
So said Maxim Gorky;  
So says I to you Jackie.....  
Dear Jackie, Good bye!