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complicity and guilt in the crimes of colonialism and neo-colonialism; recently they resigned from the Committee for Decolonisation; In an outrageous statement they made their stand abundantly clear; They stated that colonialism 'was a product of history and that there was nothing criminal about it: 15;

This statement was a contemptuous and arrogant challenge to the Declaration on Decolonisation, to the objects, aims and efforts of the United Nations Organisation, the OAU, the progressive national and international organisations, to the Whole of world opinion;

To the imperialist powers, therefore; colonialism, that

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brutal and ruthless exploitation and Oppression of people; their enslavement, the plunder of their land and wealth, their destruction physically, mentally and culturally, their subjection to poverty; disease and ignorance, is justifiable and not criminal at all; Hence their conspiracy to recolonise Africa;

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The colonialist never welcomed the collapse of the imperialist system; It is true that they claimed that they were granting independence to their colonies; This was a despicable lie; The change in balance of forces in the world, the growth of the power of the Socialist countries and indeed the determined struggles of the National liberation movements forced them against their Will to give at least political power to their former colonies:

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However, it is necessary in retrospect to face the issue bluntly that in too many respects, and sensitive aspects at that, our African Revolution yet young and incomplete placed too much reliance on the assistance of our former colonialists in our efforts to advance and consolidate our independence: Economically; technically, culturally; educationally and even for diplomatic and military training we relied on the experts, personnel and training institutions of our former oppressors and exploiters who have harboured bitterness and sinister plots of subversion against

cyur independence and Were fundamentally opposed.to the consoÃ© ,
lidation of independence; 'When Presidentihwame Nkrumah was oVer4
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Sandhurst have done it;â\200\235

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It is our duty to draw attention to these facts because

â\200\234we \$ee that some Af iean states are'beginnihg to rely heaviky
an'the racist goVerhment of South Africa; a sworn.enemy of
Afri-\201ean Independence and the African Retolution and'we fear

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The fascists claim that they have the same role to play in Africa as the U S has :3n the world 1 2"â\200\230the policeman or gendarme against Comm.nism 1n AfrieaÂ§â\200\234

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This aggressive and expansionist policy is being put into effect rapidly and systematically.
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The past decade since the year 1960 â\200\234the year of Africaâ\200\234 has been an era 01 the most Uhpleeedented upsurge of the Natorĩ-\2011 revolution in Airiea Which resulted in the rapid disintergration of colonialism in its old form; The frontiers of imperialism shrunk under the offensive and pounding blows launched by the liberation strucbble.

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HoweVer? the VICTOf1â\200\231G of the National Lleeretien.MOVGe ments were in most cases not easy, smooth and cetplete, nor was the retreat of the imperialists always unplanned and a complete defeat; The imperialist powers systematically planned and resorted tommany political, economic and even military strata; gems to launch a counteroffensive in order to reverse the African revolut10h, and to restole their domlnaton in Africa.

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Colonialism.was outlawed by international law in that historie"1â\200\230eclaration Oh the granting of independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples", adepted 1n 1960Â§ Which solemnly proclaimedz" The necessity of bringing to a speedy and unconÃ©ditional end colonialism in aLl its lorms and manifestations1â\200\234 The U1No Gehelal ĩ-\2011ssemhly vehemently e ehdemhed the imperialist states'Which were helping the eolonialists and racists by declaring that â\200\234The continuation of colonial rule threatens

'international peace and aeeuritr and that the practice of apartheiĩ-\2011g as also all forms of racial discrimination; constiÃ©tutes a crime against lmma:3171"

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In complete defiance of international law, the resolutions

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fundamental decisions but have lately Openly justified colonialĩ-\201Ism;

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special Committee set up to supervise the implementation of the

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no compromises nor halfhearted friendships; They ruthlessly demand and desperately work for complete subservience; sub; mission and Loyalty to their capitalist system of oppression and exploitation which serve their basic interests; otherwise they are determined to use every conceivable means of subversion and to install their puppet regimes; This is a bitter but grim truth;

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By 1961 Malawi has proved the success of an experiment by the colonialists and racialists to continue to maintain all the

(1 features of colonialism and to continue their conspiracy against the people in a whole state which is nominally independent. The old system through which the imperialists oppress and exploited the people of Malawi by indirect rule using indirect rule as they thought it is now being successfully applied in some so-called independent states; The success of this experiment has spurred the imperialist and racialist powers in their counter revolutionary activities

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Hildegard Müller, the fascist Foreign Minister of South Africa, openly boasted in Parliament in March 1969 that his policy of creating little Malawis in Africa was yielding unexpected results; This was no empty and idle boast; South Africa 1

indeed? in the whole global conspiracy of the imperialists; one of the main spearheads and springboard for aggressive colonialism and subtle neocolonialism in Africa;

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Already with the active assistance of the Western imperialist powers she has penetrated and seduced a number of states to deny the possibility of a successful armed struggle against the white regime, and has ensnared them to adopt a policy of accommodation dialogue as led by Houphouët-Boigny; and so-called good neighbourly relations;

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This is a betrayal of the African Revolution and complicity
in a plot to re-establish the domination of the colonialists
and racialists in Africa: It is surrendering not only the
basic aspiration of the people of Southern Africa, but those
of the whole continent. We have consistently warned that South
Africa has become a full-fledged
imperialist power in its own
right and that its foreign policy was expansionist and aggressive.
Botha, the Defence Minister, himself has said that South Africa
is no longer on the defensive but on the offensive, and her
priority was Africa;
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of South Africa. Will spread colonialism and neo-colonialism over
very many parts of Africa;

It is the view of the A.N.O., that the adamant determination

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of Britain to sell arms to South Africa is part of a deliberate

and brazen project connected with the global strategy of the
imperialists to suppress the national liberation movement in
Africa, to jeopardise African independence and to reinforce the
racist government as the fulcrum and bastion of reaction in
the Southern Hemisphere; This audacious move by Britain calls
for concerted action from the OAU.

In conclusion, we wish to stress, as President Nyerere has

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said in his "Guidelines"; the Whole of Africa is in the throes
of the most serious stage of the liberation struggle which is
now being openly assaulted by the imperialist counter offensive

We should earnestly seek to identify our enemies, the U.S.,
Britain, France, West Germany, Japan, Portugal, Smith; ie, the
South Africa; and understand their objectives and aims against
genuine independence and the liberation movement:

Indeed the African Revolution is a liberation struggle

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which is being fought throughout the continent at different
levels; but its enemies are the same and they are highly co-
ordinated in their sinister conspiracy

Regrettably the forces of the African revolution

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that high degree of unity and coordination necessary to effect

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it; It also lacks sufficient coordination with the genuine

anti-imperialist forces of the world.

The salvation of the African Revolution lies in a serious

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reappraisal of the situation; To forge and weld together the
mighty potential of the independent states with the forces of
the liberation movements. The role of the P.A.I.G. C. in Guinea
during the treacherous assault of Guinea by mercenaries is a
clear example of what power can accrue from the coordination
of the forces of independent states and genuine liberation
movements:

We also feel that having identified our enemies it is

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It is necessary and urgent to identify our friends & our comrades in
arms, the world over, and to have maximum cooperation and

coordination in working out and acting on a common

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anti-imperialist, anti-racist, and anti-counter revolutionary strategy.

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We are confident that with maximum vigilance and maximum coordination and determination we can stem the counter offensive of the imperialists and racists.

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The counter offensive of the imperialists and racists (coincided) with the most unprecedented and voluminous international campaign against the South African racists and their allies particularly Britain and France, the biggest arms merchants to South Africa; Credit is due to Dr. Kaunda's mission.

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This year the U.N. has called upon the world to dedicate itself to combat racism; the A.N.C. is confident that the OAU will lead and take the initiative in this campaign;

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We would like to assure your Excellencies once more, that we believe that the brunt of the struggle to liberate South Africa must be carried by the people of South Africa under the leadership of the South African National Congress: We shall never shirk our duty (however difficult it might be) because we are deeply conscious of the fact that until we have seized power from the racist; African Independence remains precarious and in peril:

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Secretary-General

A.N. C. Headquarters;

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Morogoro.

25th February, 1971.

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STATEMENT OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS TO THE ORGANISATION
OF AFRICAN UNITY MINISTERIAL COUNCIL, HELD IN ADDIS ABABA -
FROM THE 26th.gÂshBUARX, 1971;

Your Excellencies:

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The African National Congress of South Africa wishes to take

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opportunity to draw the attention of this session of the

Foreign Ministers Council to certain matters which we believe

are crucial and vital; to the defence and progress of the anti:

colonialist and anti-racist African revolution: These problems
in our view strike at the very roots and foundation of the
stability; consolidation and advancement of genuine African
Independence and the achievement of liberation in the
.unliberated areas of our continent; in parts still completely
dominated by white minority racialist and colonialist rule;

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of African Independence and sovereignty, however incomplete

it might be; and the advancement of the liberation struggle in
our continent in order to free our people from the blight and
plight of colonialism and neo-colonialism: The greatest danger

which faces Africa today is the destruction of the gains of
the historic African revolution and the aggressive and brazen

assault by the imperialists to commit a second rape of Africa

and to recolonise it; restore their domination and perpetuate

their brutal and ruthless plunder; robbery of land, labour

and the wealth of Africa:

The bitter and blunt lesson which must be learnt and

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accepted from the events in Vietnam, Indochina, Cuba; Latin
America; the Middle East and Africa today; is that the Western
imperialist powers and the fascist regimes in South Africa

and Zionist Israel are using every possible method ranging
from direct military aggression, economic sabotage; coups;
bribery and corruption, intimidation, espionage and subversion

the systematic seduction of some African states, and the

fomentation of division and conflicts on tribal and national

bases to achieve their aims; The global and grand design
of this whole exercise is to restore the domination of the

imperialist powers to intensify their subversion of all

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socialist inclined and progressive governments of Africa and
and racists accept

In their desperation the imperialists

