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(1) WORKERS STRIKE

Last week, a strike by Two Thousand black workers of Isithebe Industrial Complex in the Kwazulu Bantustan brought twenty eight factories to a standstill. According to the latest reports, the strike lasted for four days. Among other things, workers demanded an increase in wages and better treatment from their arrogant employers. The plight of black workers in South Africa, is horrible and shocking. In pursuit of greater profits for owners of factories and mines, black workers are denied even the most elementary rights, including the right to bargaining with their employers for better wages and better working conditions. Yet the entire economy of the country rests on the shoulders of black workers. Huge profits, produced by the labour and toil of black working people, are used by the clique to satisfy their greed, long run, to maintain Apartheid, and to suppress the just aspirations of the oppressed black majority. The fascist regime of John Vorster, puts aside two hundred million Rand every year in defence of Apartheid.

The oppressors and exploiters who are ruling our country against the will of the black majority, have created a huge army and police force to safeguard their interests. Strikes and peaceful demonstrations are met with brute force, but these brutal methods used by the racist regime in trying to suppress our just demands have only served to sharpen our people's militancy and enhanced their resolve to free themselves from white minority domination. This was demonstrated clearly on Monday, when two policemen were wounded whilst engaged in suppressing the just demands of workers. Our people have learnt from bitter experience, that the only condition is that they can must be ready for their rights. When fighting for a vicious confrontation even against great odds. As in all capitalist countries, where the factories, mines and large tracts of land are in the hands of a few parasites who rule the country, the army, police and instruments of administration are used to safeguard these interests and to suppress the just demands of workers and the poorest sections of the population. In South Africa the Apartheid system is a product of capitalism. It provides the racists and exploiters super profits by using the labour of the oppressed majority. The blacks are deliberately denied their birthright.

Vorster and his gangsters have undertaken this racist policy, which, results in having Africans herded into reserves therein to form a supply of cheap labour. The Vorster regime has said on many occasions that these reserves will also be used as an offloading ground for the so-called unproductive Bantu. We of the African National Congress declare that South Africa belongs to all who live in it, and that we have been made foreigners in the land of our birth by a government founded on injustice and racial hatred. Our Freedom Charter, states that the land shall be shared by those who work it. Countrymen, the African National Congress calls on the working people in all corners of the country to close ranks. We call on the workers, peasants, students and teachers to organise better for future battles against the enemy.

Amandla! Maatla!

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(2) I SPEAK MY MIND

Our feature here again, will deal with the stand of the Coloured and Indian sections of the population, with particular emphasis on the former, with regard to the new constitutional proposal. We expose the final truth about the constitutional footwork currently apace as against the general aspirations of the South African people. As the Nationalists are currently engrossed in a concerted drive-ahead, on the so-called powersharing bid, it is quite imperative for fact and emphasis to declare candidly from the very onset that, such constitutional gimmicks are but only and exercise in futility.

This truth, we can only be able to align ourselves to, if we view the racial setting through sober eyes, and against backdrop of its historical exactitude. (Already) The rock-jaw nationalists have already clearly enunciated their stand, (that one of 'or else' overtures), it has there become even much clearer to the middle-roaders, in the Coloured and Indian communities that: this plan might eventually turn out a steam-roller affair. But as we have noted previously, whether or not the 'dissenting' Coloured and Indian opinion, looses the a day to the Nats, will depend on our firmness on the rejectionist stand we maintained. What we previously noted inasmuch as the Nats threw the ball in our court was amongst other things, common response from the Coloured and Indian sections of population. As Mr Mayet stated as early as last year, the Indian people, reject the idea of 'powersharing', as long as it excludes the African majority. It will be unfair at the same time to leave stunned other parties within these communities, which are said to be representing a certain section of the population. But as regards this, we cannot afford to get away without having in our sight the truth that; on the whole there are indications of discrepancy in the Coloured Indian opinion. Let us sight in this respect, the Rand Daily Mail, dated the 9th of January this year. It reveals the following:-

The Coloured Federal Party - now renamed the Freedom Party of South Africa, 'conditionally acceted the Government's new constitutional proposals at the weekend'. The Party's national Congress was attended by 137 delegates from the transvaal, Organge Free State, Northern, Eastern and Western Cape. Dr. W. J. Bergins, the 'national' leader, the paper reported, said his party had accepted the new constitutional proposals solely as a basis for further negotiation to attain full citizenship for all the peoples of South Africa.

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(3) POLICE POWER AND ACTION IN SOUTH AFRICA

The biggest menace today, to the security, property and well-being of all South Africans (black and white) is the police. These thugs have such tremendous powers that they are actually above the law and are not subject to punishment for crimes committed against the people. This was clearly shown in Vorster's words when the police were shooting school-children during the June uprisings. He said, "There is no crisis here!" By this he actually meant that he saw absolutely nothing wrong with what his police were doing. They were acting in self-defence (as they put it) and defending 'law and order'. Indeed as Vorster once said when the police shot and killed 11 miners in Carltonville, he would have been very disappointed with the police if they had not acted in the way they did. Even now, had the police not murdered more than a thousand young students, the blood-thirsty Vorster would have been very disappointed. Having thus been given the go-ahead to murder and harass the people, the police-thugs in South Africa have gone on the rampage. It is as if a pack of hungry wolves has been let loose to devour all and sundry. The Vorster regime has passed a host of laws aimed at protecting his thugs against any criminal action that might be taken against them. They now have the power to confiscate property if this is considered to be in the interest of the so-called 'law and order' or in the interests of the 'security of the state'.

In carrying out their work they can detain without trial, search without warrant and violate the privacy of one's home. Very many of our people have suffered under these terroristic laws, too many to enumerate. Let us take the case of Jacob Zoke Selebe of Mofolo. Jacob was detained last year and his parents only got to know of his detention when journalists called to inform them that he was being held at Molder B under the notorious internal security laws. Jacob's father said that what annoyed him was that the police did not have the decency to inform them of the matter. His younger brother George said, "We were a lot because many things happen to people while in detention". Indeed much can happen when one is kept in Vorster's dungeons, subjected to constant visits from his Hyenas who are happy to see human blood. In a word these are sadists. Since 1961, when detention without trial was introduced, more than 41 people have died in prison detention. In nearly all these cases, the magistrates have ruled at inquests that

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(1) DEPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN TRANSKEI AND SOUTH AFRICA.

A few days ago, matanzima announced that he was terminating what he calls, deplomatic relations between the Transkei and the Pretoria regime which has brought his puppet government into existence. The gesture is aimed at winning credibility for the Bantustans, which have been rejected by the oppressed masses of South Africa, and by the international community as well. The Vorster regime has embarked on a number of futile attempts to gain recognition for the dummy independence of the Transkei, including some economic blackmailing of countries like Lesotho and Swaziland, all to no avail. Instead we are witnessing an unprecedented escalation of the armed struggle inside the country, and the growing isolation of the regime by the international community, which is bound to paralyse the oppressive and exploitative machinery of the regime in the form of Bantustans. To start with, the international community has demanded economic sanctions against the racist Vorster regime, and because the Transkei, and all other Bantustans in South Africa are not recognised by any other country, except their creator, these actions when they succeed will also affect them adversely. The Transkei and all other Bantustans cannot exist politically and economically, without the regime of Pretoria. After all they have been created as an extension of the entire system of oppression, to preserve its political economic and administrative structure. Matanzima and his colleagues are mere tools and servants of this brutal system of Apartheid and racial discrimination. What they do and say, cannot be outside the interests of those who have given them these posts.

This finds proof in the nature of laws which operate in the Transkei, and are a reflection of all brutal laws of Apartheid. Individuals and organisations, which are declared illegal by Vorster, have also been outlawed by Matanzima's government. Matanzima enacted Proclamation Four Hundred, whereby people, who oppose his sham independence and his actual participation in the robbery of our birthright, are brutally suppressed. There are numerous other agreements between Vorster and this puppet, who now wants us to believe that he can take serious actions against what was predetermined by the racists in Pretoria. He is only to render his loyal and well-paid service. Ways and means which are devised by the regime to chase us away from the so-called White areas, are also given blessings by Matanzima and his colleagues. Last year they jointly formulated the passport system in the place of passes, whereby Africans are given the status of temporary visitors in the country of their birth. This was done in spite of all discrepancies in the creation and so-called independence of Bantustans, including the cold shoulder given demands by these puppets for additional land for their respective

Bantustans. Matanzima also says that if his masters do not heed this demand, he will resort to guerrilla warfare against South Africa. With the escalation of the armed struggle in South Africa against the regime the puppet also hopes that he can mislead our people by talking their language. He talks of guerrilla warfare without knowing what it means, or what this type of struggle demands as a precondition for its prosecution. As we are saying guerrilla warfare can only exist with the support of the oppressed masses for their genuine political and economic rights.

We are also aware that Matanzima's army is trained by the racist regime of Pretoria. Above all this army is used against the just aspirations of the oppressed African majority, side by side with the racist army. These tricks cannot deceive our people who now know, from bitter experience like demolition of their houses in Unibel and Wergenoet, who the real enemy is. Our enemy is clearly defined with all its institutions and strategies of oppression, including Bantustans themselves. Our liberation demands a total dismantling of the entire racist and Apartheid structure, and on its ashes the establishment of a democratic government based on the will of the people, which will be guided by the principle enshrined in the Freedom Charter.

Amandla Ngawethu

Maatla Ke Arona!

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(4) AN UNJUSTIFIED SENTENCE

The Pretoria Fascist regime stands condemned for the innumerable crimes it has committed continues to commit against humanity. This condemnation was echoed in a statement by the British Anti-Apartheid Movement on Thursday. "Mahlangu is a South African Patriot, who was prepared to fight for the freedom of his people. It is not the opponents of Apartheid, who should be on trial but those who practice the crime of Apartheid". This was said in connection with the death sentence passed on the 24 year old Comrade Solomon Mahlangu, an opponent of Apartheid and a member of the African National Congress of South Africa. Trying to justify this unjust and cowardly act, the Fascist Judiciary alleged that, comrade Mahlangu and Monti Motlounge are responsible for the death of two white people in on exchange of fire with Fascist Police in Koebe Street. These brave sons of our motherland demonstrated their gallantry by applying revolutionary violence against police interception. They did not drop tails and give in to the fascist thugs because of their convictions. Who is to blame for all this? And who stands to gain from the death sentence unjustly passed on these innocent upholders of human dignity? We say the fascist gangsters together with their conniving Judges are the criminals. What is Justice in fascist South Africa? Justice to the Fascists means political and economic power. It means control over the military machine which is used to terrorise innocent people ... It means control over the judiciary. But one wonders how on earth this demented regime has the nerve to pass such a sentence on innocent people after its own record of such crimes as the murder in prison Biko of Mapetla Mohape, Ndluli, Sipho Malaza and others. A regime which has snuffed-out the lives of thousands of innocent youths and old people because they dared to demonstrate and protest against tyranny and slavery. The whole world shudders at the type of injustices going on in the fascist Hell. It is indeed the justice of the murderers and exploiters. This justice of murderers showed its true colours when the murderers of Steve Biko were exonerated after all the evidence pointed conclusively to their guilt. This did not of course come to us as a surprise after the Mdluli case, and above all after Jimmy Kruger, the South African Himmler a murderer, introduced the indemnity Bill. How dare anybody calling himself a judge, condone such evil by conniving with this regime. Whosoever does, so, is in the same stream with these criminals. The Krugers, and the Vorsters. Such Judges, have allowed their Fascist God-father Kruger pat them on their shoulders with

his bloody hands. Their garments are splattered with the blood of our people, and they feed on bread stained with innocent blood. Our Gallant fighters are confronted by a regime which abides by no code, legal or humane. A regime of implacable tyranny. The International community, has expressed solidarity with our people now in the claws of the Fascist tyrants, and other victims of Apartheid... This regime of terror stands condemned before the world community. Let us organise ourselves to demonstrate Solidarity with these upholders of human dignity, our brothers and comrades. Let us rededicate ourselves to fight for the release of the thousands languishing in Fascist Dungeons ... Let us all say "Release the political detainees".

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(7) SOLIDARITY IN STRUGGLE AGAINST APARTHEID.

The Vorster regime is faced with a crisis of grave dimensions, both internally and internationally. Internally we have demonstrated our resolve to fight to the finish against the oppressive regime of Vorster. The revolutionary upsurge which erupted on June the sixteenth, Nineteen seventy Six, continues to shake South Africa. The students are continuing their boycott of the slave Bantu Education, and they vent their anger on the symbols of oppression. The schools continue to smoulder. These heroic actions have permeated into the showpieces of Apartheid, the Bantustans, proving more and more that our people do not differentiate between Vorster and his Bantustan puppets. We consider our country to be a single and united entity and that the oppressive system in so-called white South Africa is also present in the so-called independent Bantustans. The resistance is not only by students, but also embraces all other sections of our population in a nationwide front against apartheid. The majority of teachers who resigned last year made it clear that they will not go back before Bantu Education is scrapped and before the students agree. The working people, the most exploited section in our country, are also in arms against the system.

The strike in Esithebe Industrial complex involving more than one thousand workers brought the industrial strikes in South Africa involving eight thousand one hundred and sixty two workers and forty companies. To all these heroic actions the enemy has responded with unprecedented violence but all to no avail.

It is against this background that we are about to enter the beginning of the International Year of struggle against Apartheid, which begins on March the twenty first, that is next week Tuesday. But preceding this great occasion, the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions decided to make this week, a week of Trade Union action against Apartheid.

The I.C.F.T.U. began its week on the thirteenth of March, that is on Monday. Amongst other things the I.C.F.T.U. will campaign for a boycott of all South African goods. They will pressurise South Africa to recognise African Trade Unions and they will also apply pressure on their own governments to sever economic ties with South Africa. Already, the Norwegian workers have taken steps to tighten the screws on the racist regime of Pretoria. By the decision of these workers, all flights to and from South Africa have been banned in Norway for the rest of this week. This is a step taken by the Scandinavian countries in general. These actions by the international community are commendable. They show more and more the disgust of mankind

The Vorster regime has committed horrible crimes against the people of our motherland, some of which we know only by inference and about which the full truth will only emerge after independence. At present, one of our comrades, Solomon Mahlangu, stands condemned by the system. But being a convinced fighter for freedom and human dignity, he shouted "AMANDLA" even as the judge passed the death sentence. It is with this courage that we must face our enemy. Comrade Mahlangu is convinced that his battle cry has been heard, that his call to arms will not fall on deaf ears. Comrade Mahlangu knows that if he is executed, other hands will rise to pick up his weapon and the struggle will continue ever more vigorously. Countrymen, our struggle is a heavy one, it needs dedication, sacrifice, seriousness and heroism. The international community has declared this year a year of struggle against Apartheid, which is a giant leap in creating favourable conditions for our struggle. But the task of destroying fascism and oppression in our country rests squarely on our own shoulders. It is a responsibility which cannot be shifted. We must wage a tenacious battle until victory is achieved. The people in Vorster's dungeons rely on us to release them. Those who have been murdered rely on us to avenge them. WE DARE NOT LET THEM DOWN.

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(5) DECLINING MORALE AMONG WHITE SOLDIERS.

The ideology of racism and apartheid is an ideology which has no scientific basis whatsoever. Because of this, the propounders and adherents of Apartheid in South Africa have maintained Apartheid by force. They have distorted the history of our people in order to inculcate an inferiority complex in the Black people. They have also distorted the scriptures, an act of sacrilege, advancing the theory that the white people were ordained by god to rule our country. The ruling clique has left no stone unturned, advancing all types of nonsensical theories for enforcing apartheid and racism as well as for maintaining white supremacy in our country. But alas, it is impossible to keep millions of people in perpetual darkness. The result of the incredible lies fed to the people of South Africa has an opposite effect to that intended by the oppressors. Instead of producing servile, docile and humble people, it has produced militants, a people who are not prepared to swallow all these lies and distortions.

It is within the ranks of the white people that Apartheid has been dealt the most severe blow. The young generation of whites, the youths who are supposed to be the custodians of Apartheid have come out questioning the validity of separating people by the colour of their skin, thereby giving one group privileges over the others.

The development of the objective situation in our country has forced even the staunchest supporters of Vorster to ponder over this situation. The questions that worry the white people more than ever now are: Is it really right to die for Apartheid? Is there a threat to the white man's existence in South Africa? Is it right to let your son, your husband, your brother die for a cause which the whole of humanity has described as a crime against mankind? Are the white people defending themselves or defending the interests of Vorster and the imperialist western countries in order to enable them to continue to exploit the wealth of South Africa which could otherwise be used for the benefit of all South Africans, both White and Black.

There are those who have found answers to these questions and they have freed themselves from the psychological chains which previously barred them from seeing the realities of the South African situation. They have answered the questions for themselves and found that there is no threat facing the existence of white people. They saw in Angola and Mozambique that whites were not slaughtered or chased away. They further realised

nobody can be held responsible for the deaths of detainees. This verdict has been passed even when there was medical evidence to the effect that the victims were tortured, their bodies bruised, and necks while in detention. But the verdict has always been, "the police are not guilty, the detainee has died of natural causes". Little wonder that Jake's Broken was worried about what happens to people in detention. Not only do the police detain a person on mere suspicion, but there are also the unfortunate ones who are said to be kept under protective custody. These are the people whom we may term the unwilling visitors to the dungeons of the South Africa Fascist state. The crimes of Vorster's police thugs were even more clear during the period of the June uprisings. Here also we can cite thousands of people who were brutally murdered, maimed and deformed but again we shall talk of just one example. This is the case of Mrs Martha Seleke, 30, of 153 Mapetla. Mrs Seleke was murdered on the 23rd August 1976, having died, only three days before giving birth. According to eye witness reports a police thug stopped in front of their house where she and a friend were chatting. Without any provocation whatsoever, the policeman got out of his car and started firing with a Sten gun in all directions. He not only murder Mrs Maleke, but he also killed the innocent child still unborn, curdling warmly in its mother's womb. A child that had never seen the light of day, never uttered a sound and still unaware of the cruelty of the world died, before it was born. The gravity of the South African situation, which is precipitated and fanned by the so-called pholders of law and order, is aptly described by the Editorial of the Star, of the 5th of January this year. This editorial, to which the commissioner of police objected says. "It would seem that protection under the law has been eroded to a point where no one is really safe, whether he be an HNP fire eater, a Left-wing demonstrator or an average citizen standing up for his rights. You may think you are safe, but whether you live in Soweto, Houghton or Waterkloof you no longer have the protection you are entitled to! The democracy and rule of law which the Fascists are so vociferous about, are actually non-existent in South Africa. The police can do whatever they like, immune to the process of law. All this in the name of "democracy" and "christianity". But it is interesting that the Star warns white South Africans that they shall not escape the axe when it comes crashing down. The writing is on the wall. Let us fight shoulder to shoulder and face the menace that threatens to murder us all unless we conform. But conformity is in itself a cowardly way out. It is to accept perpetual slavery. The time to strike is now, to engage and harass the enemy whenever the opportunity presents itself, without actually exposing ourselves to the malicious vendetta of the police thugs. Operate in small groups without attracting attention, avoid talking too much because the enemy is everywhere. Before confiding in anybody make sure you know him very well. Keep your eyes and ears open and be ready to act whenever you are called upon to do so....

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(6) QOBOZA RELEASED.

The police state of South Africa announced last week, that it was releasing Percy Qoboza, the editor of the now banned newspaper the "World" Qoboza, who has been in detention from October last year, was released with some members of the Committee of ten and a few other people. But we, the people of South Africa still have a number of questions to level at the fascist regime of Vorster. The first one is: Why was Qoboza detained in the first place? Second, why did the regime not charge him if it had a case against him? Third, what about the other journalists and other members of the committee of ten who are still in detention? Finally, what about the hundreds of our brothers and sisters still in detention without trial and without their cases being investigated? Some of these people have been in Vorster's dungeons for more than two years, and among them are young people below the age of eighteen. The mere fact that Qoboza was not charged is proof enough that the regime had nothing to pin on him and this is the case with the hundreds of others presently detained.

All these people are detained under the notorious and vague laws of South Africa called the terrorism and internal security acts. During detention anything is possible. Our brothers and sisters are kept incommunicado and parents and relatives hear nothing about their sons and daughters. They are not even told where they are kept and what charges have been brought against them. Of course there are no charges and therefore Vorster's thugs cannot explain to the next of kin why their children and other relatives are detained. With the number of people who are murdered in detention continuing to increase, we have cause for worry about the fate of those still in Vorster's hands. In the past two years, nineteen Seventy Six and Seventy seven, twenty four people died in detention, murdered by Vorster's thugs. Some of them died within twenty four hours of detention. In all cases Kruger, the chronic liar, made attempts to cover up for his thugs. The absurd stories about death in detention range from suicide by hanging, falling from a tenth storey window, three days' hunger strike, to falling from a chair and dying.

But all these stories have failed to convince us. We know that these brave sons of our motherland are brutally murdered by Vorster's terrorists. This being the case, we have even more cause to worry and ask ourselves. What has happened to those people about whom we last heard when was they were detained. What about the people who have been taken by the police without anybody knowing about their detention? Are they still alive? If so in what state of mind and health are they, because a lot happens behind the fortified walls of Vorster's dungeons?

that they are confronted with a determined people, prepared to sacrifice everything for the liberation of their motherland. Above all they realised that they are being called upon to defend Vorster and the interests of the West which are doomed by history.

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It is particularly within the army that one can clearly see the demoralising effects of the discovery of these truths. According to the Observer (U.K.) of eighteenth December, Nineteen Seventy Seven, an increasing number of South African whites, liable for two years military training, are becoming draft dodgers. Some are going to Europe under the pretext that they are going to study and others to Gaborone, Botswana. Also the 'Star' of Johannesburg reported on the eighth of February this year that one thousand eight hundred and ninety three non-commissioned whites and one thousand Nine hundred and sixty four Black left the police force. There is also the interesting case of Alexandre Eberhard of eight avenue, Lower Houghton who flatly refused to serve even in a non-combat unit. He told a Port Elizabeth magistrate that wearing a uniform means that you are part of the army. All these facts are indications of the low moral and lack of conviction of the white youth with regard to defending a system which has no prospects of permanence. It cannot last because it is unjust, because it aims at denying millions of people their right to self determination and independence. History has no precedent where an oppressor minority has perpetually held away over the majority. Victory for the oppressed might be delayed, but never prevented!

What has been the reaction of the fascist and Sadistic Vorster regime to this dwindling moral within the army? It seems that they have resorted to the most sadistic methods. Young white boys are beaten up and some die as a result of this beating and hard training. Take the case of signaller Solomon Myhard, an eighteen year old youth who died three days after joining the army. He died of heat exhaustion, and Second Lt Hermanus Van Zyl was charged with culpable homicide. Although Van Zyl was fined only a hundred rand for the murder perished the magistrate commented that young soldiers who are dying on the borders must not be subjected to violence and beatings in their own motherland. This was reported by the Rand Daily Mail and Citizen of the twenty second and twenty sixth November, last year respectively. It is our firm belief that we have not heard the last of this sadism in the army. It will escalate with the victories of the national liberation struggle. It is now up to the white youths and parents to decide whether they are to join the side of freedom or choose to perish with Voater and his gang of fascists and sadists. All the same we must warn that we shall allow nobody, be he White or Black, to stand between us and the cherished ideal of freedom. Hundreds if not thousands of our people, throughout the years have been murdered for this ideal. For their sake and that of our motherland we shall not compromise.

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(7) Saturday talk with the workers and people of South African on the problem of unemployment in South Africa today, conducted over Radio Freedom, Lusaka, on April 22nd, 1978. Prepared by Comrade Shope.

Dear fellow workers, friends and countrymen,

Our discussion today centres on one of the most important topics currently being discussed not only by you as workers, but also by the illegal government and the bosses. It is of course a topic which is of great interest to all the workers irrespective of colour, creed or sex, but above all, it is of great interest to the African workers in particular, who, because of the meagre wages you are earning, are not in a position to save part of it for the rainy days.

We shall all discuss the method used by the illegal government in an attempt to solve this burning problem. Now, how do we begin our discussion? We shall begin our discussion by drawing your attention to what the Bible say about how a man must live. The Bible says: "A man must eat from the sweat of his brow". In plain terms, what the Bible is saying here, is that in order for a man to live, he must work. Indeed the first historical act of men is the production of the means to satisfy his needs. It is a fact that men must be in a position to live in order to be able to make history. But life involves before everything else, eating, and drinking, a place to sleep, and clothes to wear. Therefore the first historical act of man is thus the production of the means to satisfy these needs, the production of material life itself - food. Indeed this is an historical act, a fundamental condition of all history.

What does this mean? This means that men must produce their means of subsistence and by producing their means of subsistence, men are indirectly producing their actual material life. It means that men must work to produce food, because men must eat. It means that if you live in the rural areas, say the so-called Bantu homelands where the chances of employment are non-existent, you must plough the fields and produce corn, and if you live in towns, you must be employed by those who own the factories and the machines. They must pay you wages at the end of a week or a salary at the end of a month. With this wages or salary you are then able to buy yourself food as the first most urgent thing in your daily action.

What then happens if you are not employed, if you can't find a job? Naturally, you will be compelled to steal, because no man can go for a day, let alone a week without food. Hunger knows no law.

But the Bible again says: "Thou shall not steal". Yes, to steal is a bad thing. But no one wants to be a thief. Work, therefore, is the first thing that distinguishes man from an animal. Men distinguish themselves from animals because they produce their means of existence, that is, they work to produce food, build their houses and make clothings for themselves. In our times, these things are bought from shops with the wages

with the dehumanising policies of Apartheid. The United Nations has declared Apartheid a crime against humanity, and democratic mankind has braced itself to assist us in whatever possible way in our struggle against apartheid colonialism. While we welcome and fully appreciate the assistance by democratic mankind, the task of finally destroying the Vorster regime can only be fulfilled by us, the oppressed majority in collaboration with the democratic sections of the white people. This is our responsibility, and mankind can only assist us if we also stand up and fight against the Vorster regime. We are already at war with the enemy, and what we need now is to escalate our struggle for national liberation. It is in this light that we must look at the assistance that is given to us, because if we relax, if we relent, all this assistance we get will amount to nothing. It will simply go up in smoke. Comrade Nelson Mandela has said that there is no Easy Walk to freedom, while Chief Luthuli has said that the road to freedom is via the cross. What they meant actually is that our freedom will not fall from the skies, and that it can only be won selfless sacrifice, dedication and organisation. We already have an advanced organisation, the African National Congress. This organisation has been tested, steeled and tempered in the sixty six years of its existence. Let us unite under the umbrella of the African National Congress, which is the only movement capable of destroying fascism and oppression in our country and restoring democracy without discrimination based on the grounds of colour, sex, belief or religion.

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or salaries we earn from our bosses. But what if we can't get jobs? Why can't we get jobs? These are serious political questions which come to a worker through the demand of his daily needs - food, house to live in, and clothings to cover your body.

There is a serious unemployment situation in South Africa today, especially among the African workers. There are high prices of staple food, transport and rent. Prices of staple foodstuffs are more expensive in the townships where you live than in the supermarkets in towns. All these hit you - the African worker, the hardest. Yet, Mr. Simkins in his working paper, titled "Employment, Growth in South Africa 1961 - 1976, and according to the report of the EDP, predicted that unemployment in 1976 would reach 1,995,000, and would rise to 2,099,000 in 1977, that is, unemployed Africans, and Professor P.J. van der Merwe, a labour economist of the University of Pretoria, commissioned by the Federated Chamber of Industries, stated that in July 1976, there were 14,000 registered unemployed Whites, Coloured and Indian workers, and he estimated that at the end of June, there were 600,000 unemployed African workers in the towns and White farm areas, that is, 12 per cent of the African labour force outside the homelands. This figure, he said, was rising at a rate of between 9,000 and 10,000 per month and job opportunities had increased by 85,000 since the beginning of the year; but the African labour force had increased by more than 200,000. Within the homelands, the Professor declared, some 400,000 people were unemployed or under employed.

As you can see, there are, in towns alone 600,000 Africans unemployed - a number nearly equal to the whole Soweto residents, and if we combine them with those in the farming industry, the unemployed population is close to 3 million Africans - a population higher than the population currently living in the Transkei and Bophuthatswana combined. How are these people expected to live? Where must they sleep, and what must they wear to cover their naked bodies? How is the government going to solve this problem?

In its Radio Broadcast, South Africa usually claims that in South Africa in the newly independent African States. It claims that Lesotho, Botswana, Swaziland, Mozambican and Angolan workers flock to South Africa in search of employment and are employed in the South African economy to save them from starvation in their countries, because, it claims, African governments cannot run the economies of their countries. To solve the problem of unemployed Africans in towns, the government resorts to deportation of these workers to the so-called Bantu homelands; to labour camps such as Dimbazi, Limehill, Stinkwater and many others, under the pretext of removing idle natives.

As we know, only early this year, the government introduced

in parliament, a Bill aimed at removing the so-called idle Blacks. Lack of employment in the towns is described as idleness on the part of an unemployed African worker. In terms of this Bill, urban Blacks, that is, urban Africans who are unemployed for four months or 122 days in any year will be subject to arrest as idle bantu in terms of the Bantu Citizenship Amendment Bill. Such a victim of this criminal ruthlessness, of the illegal fascist Vorster's regime, is liable to be sent to the so-called rehabilitation scheme within Bantu homelands.

Can the government solve this problem, and if not, who can? Certainly the government can never solve the problem of unemployment in South Africa, especially when it affects the Blacks. The government will never solve it because unemployment among the Africans is the very source of cheap labour, the way of cutting down rises in the wages of the workers, the way of intimidating the workers from taking strike actions in support of their wage claims. It cannot solve this problem mainly because the African workers have no way of influencing the affairs of the state. We have no political rights, and without political rights we can never hope to be protected against unemployment.

It is for these reasons that we have always emphasized that African workers must get organised into labour unions, and that in these labour unions African workers must discuss not only economic questions - higher wages and better working conditions - but must discuss seriously about their political conditions. Political rights are the basic fundamental rights of every human being. A man without political rights remains for ever a slave of those who control politics in his country. He can be starved at any time by those who control the factories and mines because they have political rights, and in fact, the laws of any state in a capitalist society like South Africa, protects not the have beings - the people - but the private properties of those who own them - they protect profits of the big bosses.

Then workers have political rights, they have at least a means when talking to employers and government representatives, and to be listened to because their employers and rules can be voted out of power at the election time.

That is why White workers get fantastically inflated wages while the African workers are not paid at all. The higher wages paid to White workers is a bribe for votes at election time. Any African worker who says that trade unions must confine themselves solely to economic issues and have nothing to do with the political struggle of our people, is not only a sell-out but a traitor to the cause of the oppressed Black South Africans. Any African worker, a member of his trade union, or a leader of a trade union saying that African workers must have nothing to do with politics, is an agent of the enemy. We must get organised and be prepared to sacrifice.

To overcome the problem of unemployment, the problem of starvation, the problem of lack of place to sleep. The problem of lack of clothing, workers must organise themselves into powerful unions, capable of taking good political and economic decisions which can be listened to, not only by the employers, but also by the government. To overcome this problem, African workers are advised to be prepared to sacrifice everything than to continue to live in slavery. Remember that all men are created equal, and the unalienable rights of man are life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, as the Declaration of INDEPENDENCE of the United States pointed out in 1776.

We can enjoy life, liberty and pursuit of happiness only when we have political rights, only when we can influence the affairs of the state, only when we also can vote and be voted to all the institutions which make the laws of the land. In short, when a government of the people by the people is for us a reality. Without these fundamental rights, the right to vote and to take part in the political life of our country, we shall always remain slaves in our own land of birth, we shall remain the most humiliated, humiliated even by idiots within the White community, we shall remain the most insulted, underpaid and unprotected against police criminal brutalities meted out to us in our daily life.

Let us get organised in every factory, mine, railway yard, farming industry let us speak one language, the language of organised workers; let us speak from organised strength. Let us call an end to unemployment, to starvation wages and to the high cost of living. Let us call for one man one vote, not in the Bantustans but in South Africa as whole.

This is my message to you tonight. Organise into powerful trade unions, organise for trade union rights, organise and discuss political problems, demand the right to vote, and an end to the over-rising price of foodstuffs, bus fares, rents, clothes, and everything that workers cannot afford to buy. Workers produce all kinds of goods, it is your sweat and toil that makes the rich, richer, and you, poorer every day.

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(2) "LETS ORGANISE OUR SHOCK TROOPS"

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The white racist regime of Vorster is passing a new law which **will** make unemployment a statutory crime and will most certainly send thousands of Black workers - who simply cannot find work, to the concentration camps. For what is known as "rehabilitation centres" are nothing but concentration camps of the type used by Hitler to detain and destroy his prisoners of war. The creation and extension of these concentration camps is one further indication that the white racist government is at war with the black people of South Africa. The brutal killings of the revolutionary youth and students in the streets of SOWETO, GUGULETHU, NEW BRIGHTON and KWA ZAKHELA and other townships throughout the country, the mass graves and midnight burials, the torture and murder of those detained, the banning of our organisations, and now this law which will rapidly increase the concentration camp population - make one thing quite clear, and this is, that the white racists are at war with the people of South Africa.

This new law, the "Bantu Laws Amendment Bill", changes the definition of a so-called "idle Bantu". Existing racist legislation defines an "idle Bantu" as an African who is normally unemployed for a period of four months or 122 days in a single year. In practical terms, this simply means that thousands and thousands more of workers will be arrested and shipped off to these concentration camps and farm-prison colonies for the crime of not being able to find work.

What are the real reasons behind this new piece of fascist legislation? Mr. P-T- duPlessis, the Nationalist Party MP for Lydenburg let the cat out of the bag when this law was being debated in the white racist parliament. "The idle and the work-shy", du Plessis said, "were the shock troops of the youth uprisings in the Black townships" and these "shock troops" must now be sent to "rehabilitation centres".

What a valuable admission, Mr. du Plessis!

du Plessis has openly admitted that our strategy is to unite the revolutionary student youth, the working class and all other progressive sections of our people in open struggle against Vorster's fascist dictatorship. This strategy is invincible. We must consciously, and daily, fight for the unity of the organised student youth body and the working class. No conflict exists between these two Arms of the revolutionary masses because their struggle is for the same revolutionary end - the total destruction of the Apartheid system. It is only on the smouldering ruins of the system of white domination that we shall be able to build a new society based on the programme of the African National Congress, based on the Freedom Charter.

We shall return, later in our talk tonight, to this vitally important question! the question of the unity of all revolutionary forces which is an indispensable condition for the victory of our revolution.

Let us first look at another related question: Who are the idle, and lazy in youth Africa? Black workers in South Africa know who the lazy and idle ones are.

When we leave our houses in the locations and compounds and on the white farms long before sunrise, every morning, to clock in at the docks and factories and mines and garages for the early shifts, and pass by the sleeping bosses' houses, then we see what idleness and laziness is. When we go sweating from hard work into their air-conditioned offices to have our pass-books signed, then we see who the lazy and idle really are; when we see them in their swimming pools and shining cars or relaxing on their golf courses, whilst we are doing back-breaking work in the factories and fields, then we get extremely angry when we are called idle and lazy.

It is not the Black workers whose blood and sweat have built South Africa into what it is today who are idle and lazy - It is the bosses, the factory owners, the mine-owners who get fat and rich out of our sweat and toil who are idle and lazy. It is to protect their profits and riches, their factories and mines, that this new law is being enacted.

An estimated two million workers are out of work in South Africa today. This huge army of unemployed African workers is rising steadily by an estimated increase of 27,000 every month. There are just no jobs to be found. How are we to feed our families? Is it our fault that there are no jobs? Must the African workers be punished for not being able to find work?

We say YES, unemployment is a crime... But is not a crime committed by those who cannot find employment. It is a crime of the white racist domination, a crime of the the bosses against the working people.

The masses of the unemployed in South Africa are more than willing to work - they are desperate for work. And is there no work which needs to be done?

The two million workers who need work could be building houses, hospitals and clinics, and schools which our people so desperately need. They could be building factories, making buses to ease the transport problem, providing electricity to the big, dark townships. There's lots of work that needs to be done.

And every worker could receive at least R50 a week as SACTU demands.

What stops this from happening? The system of white domination. In the midst of **all the** peoples needs, about one, third of the production capacity of the factories in South Africa is standing still, unused!

Why? Because in the present crisis of world capitalism, the factory owners cannot make profits for themselves out of employing the unemployed to produce goods for them.

It is the profits system, the capitalist system which is what white domination is defending, that is holding us back. For as long the bosses own the factories, the mines the banks and the land, and while they control the government, we will continue to suffer.

Mr. du Plessis was partially right when he said in the white parliament that the unemployed workers are "shock troops" of the revolution. We are facing a highly organised enemy force and in order for us to destroy this organised force we must organise ourselves, especial the unemployed.

The unemployed must get organised and assist in organising.

The workers in the factories and mines and on the farms must get organised and assist in organising.

The students and youth who have fought such glorious battles over the last few years must assist in the organisation of the workers, of the unemployed workers and of the student body itself.

It is only when these revolutionary forces, these shock troops of the revolution are organised that we shall bring nearer the collapse of regime of terror and exploitation and victory shall be in sight.

Lets organise our shock troops, comrades

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(3) THE UNITED FRONT AGAINST THE FORCES OF REACTION/THE TEL-
AVIV - PRETORIA UNHOLY ALLIANCE/ MILITARY ASPECTS:

Comrade and fellow countrymen, in today's edition of the United Front against the Forces of Reaction we conclude our previous discussion on the Tel-Aviv - Pretoria Alliance. In concluding THIS subject, of our discussion, we review the existing military links between the Zionist oppressors in the Middle East, and the murderers of the African people in Pretoria. Previously, we discussed the Socio-Political and cultural relations of the two regimes. The military cooperation between the regime of terror in Pretoria, and the Zionist Israelis in Tel-Aviv dates back to the very begging of the State of Israeli. Several hundred South African volunteers fought with the Zionists after November 1947, and South Africa sent food, medical and other supplies to the Zionists during the 1948 Israel war the first pilot to fall was a South African volunteer. Many more South African pilots have repeatedly died fighting for Israel. Military contacts between the two countries were intensified during and after 1967 war. This in turn led to the establishment of ever closer relations in the military sphere between the two countries. While professing neutrality, South Africa provided material support for the Israel war efforts in 1967, mostly by relaxing that controls on the trasfere of funds to Tarael comrades, let take note of the fact that South Africa was supporting Israeli in the war against its neighbours, the Arab countries that are supporting the struggle of the Palestinean peoples against Israel. According to official estimates, the fascists in Pretoria provided war material and financial support to the Israelis amounting to over twenty one million South Africa Rands. In addition to this, the official South African blood transfussion services loaned blood to Israel medical services during this war. All white political parties.

The White political parties in South Africa, unanimously expressed sympathy for Israel and participated in various support activities. During the nineteen sixty seven Israel-Arab war, the South African regime also found it appropriate to send Jewish volunteers to serve on the side of the Israelis in non-military posts, replacing Israelis who had been called up for combat duty. South Africa's support for Israel during the October 1973 war, was even more extensive, marking a new stage in the development the two country's relations. During this time, the South African racist authorities, as un 1967, relaxed all exchange regulations, to allow immediate cash transfere to Israeli of all money raised. Although the total amount of the money collected was not disclosed, press reports have indicated that it may have been as high as 30 million dollars. Also during this time, collection of funds and support activities were carried out not only by Jewish section of the white South Africans, but by all sections of.

the white community. South Africa, like two previous wars fought by Israel, also in send detachments of volunteers in the October war, to serve in combat and other duties. According to press reports, hundreds of South Africans, Jews and non-Jewish South African volunteered to fight in Israel October war in 1973. In one of the reports that we got of the situation, it was stated that South Africa sent at least one thousand five hundred men to assist in the Israel war of 1973. Now of late, there has been evidence of the increasing Israeli's military cooperation with the apartheid regime, in the form of supplies of military assistance in counter-insurgency training and in the use of sophisticated weaponry. In the early 60s, South Africa obtained from a Belgian Company a licence to manufacture the Uzi Submachine gun of Israel design. This is now a standard weapons in the South African army.

The fascists in Pretoria were for a very long time interested in obtaining Israel military aircrafts. This then materialised later in 1967, when the first contacts between the Israel aircraft Industries and South Africa's Atlas Aircraft Cooperation werereported to have taken place, concerning the possibility of export to South Africa, of the new Israeli plane, the "arava", specially suited for counter-insurgency operations. This plane was later taken to South Africa for tests trials and there have been unconfirmed reports that the racist in Pretoria, may have bought it. Another indication that Israel possibly may have supplied military aircrafts to South Africa, came in May 1971, when Israel was reported to have offered to replace three airplanes of the South African Air-force, which had crashed into Table Mountains. An important element of Israel military collaboration with South Africa has been the sharing of expertise in counter-insurgency techniques and sophisticated model weaponry. An example of this is the contingent of the South African counter-insurgency apprentices who were sent flown to Israel in June 1967, to study the use of weapons and the tactics of lighting strikes during the six day war. After that war, the Chief of staff of the Israel Air force visited South Africa, to explain in detail, the lessons of the war to the South African staff college. The up and down visit of the Israel military counter-insurgency, was confirmed later on by General Meir Amit, the former head of Israel's military intelligence services and present chairman of the Koor Industries during his visit to South Africa, in July 1975. While in South Africa, General Amit, stated that senior Israel military officers, visit South Africa regularly to lecture South African officers on modern warfare and counter-insurgency technique. Although, this Zionist General declined to give details of what he was saying, he nevertheless mentioned the fact that the South African Defence Force was benefitting from Israel's experience and know-how in the field of military electronics manufacture. On the 3rd of April 1976, the Johannesburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, reported that Israel officers had been closely involved with the South African Army in planning the Angolan campaign. And in the later invasion of the Republic of Zambia, by the Rhodesian soldiers, Israeli commandos, serving as mercenaries were reported

to have participated. Comrades and fellow countrymen, here we conclude our discussion on Tel-Aviv - Pretoria alliance. The aim of this discussion, is to show the urgent need of a united and concerted effort in rallying ourselves around the struggling people of Palestine, to fight the common enemy, i.e. the fascists and Zionists, wherever they exists.

Down with Zionism/Racism and Reaction.

Long live the United Front Against the forces of reaction and oppression:

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F E A T U R E

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(4) NEW FASCISTIC MEASURES IN NAMIBIA

The occupation of Namibia by racist South Africa is an attempt to halt the forces of progress and change. The Namibian patriots, PLAN, the military wing of SWAPO, are operating deeper and deeper into the racist occupied territories, causing panic among colonial administrators and their political and economic allies in New York, Paris, London, Montreal and Bonn.

The occupationist, however, has not yet conceded the inevitability of the people's victory. The South African racists have two reasons for fighting desperately to prevent the liberation of Namibia. The first appears plainly enough from the fact that Namibia has vast reservoirs mineral wealth which can be and is being plundered. The racists will stop at nothing in plundering the country, unless and until they are stopped with force fought at. The second is the effect which Namibian liberation will have upon South Africa itself.

In 1971, an advisory opinion of the international court of Justice confirmed the illegality of South Africa's occupation of Namibia and the illegality of dealings by other states with South Africa as possessor of Namibian territory and resources. The South African defiance has still continued and it is perfectly obvious that it can do so only with the connivance of the leading capitalist countries.

The Imperialists' continued exploitation of mineral resources has been maintained inspite of repeated demands by the national liberation movement, SWAPO, by the anti-Apartheid movements and other solidarity organisations, and by Labour Party Conferences for its abrogation.

Namibia ranks as a leading African states in the production of refined lead. It holds second place in the production of cadmium and third in the production of zinc. Namibia accounts for one-tenth of the World's uranium resources. The diamond mines in Oranjemund are the world's largest centre of precious stone extraction. These and other riches of Namibia are being ruthlessly plundered by the colonialists.

In the light of all this, it is not difficult to understand why London and Washington have a kind feeling for the South African racist regime. But here is a curious thing: These guardians of South Africa, who naturally, think about their own interest first of all, show growing and poorly - disguised displeasure with the failure of the racist regime's more than 50,000 strong occupationist army and mercenaries to consolidate racist domination.

This is precisely why plans are being hatched to set up a puppet regime in Namibia, headed by betrayers of the people of Namibia,

which would be ready - for foreign handouts, to sell the fruits of the struggle for independence waged by the people over many years. It is only yesterday that the enemy, the illegal Pretoria regime reported that, of late, SWAPO has increased its activities inside Namibia. For the mere fact that this comes from the enemy it shows that the people of Namibia led by SWAPO, are inflicting decisive victories over the enemy, both militarily and politically. Yet the racists are saying SWAPO, is a terrorist organisation and that, they cannot allow a terrorist take-over in Namibia.

On the other hand, the racist administrator, Justice Steyn, bluntly admitted that it is impossible to identify opponents to the illegal occupation of Namibia. This statement again proves the fruitlessness of the mud-slinging campaign against SWAPO.

It is argued that, SWAPO is a terrorist organisation, and the enemy on the other hand is failing to identify its opponents. This then means that the people of Namibia are terrorist. Therefore, the Racist regime of Pretoria, since it has pledged that it cannot hand over power to a terrorist organisation, the people of Namibia will remain in a state of perpetual domination by the racists of Pretoria.

So long as the racist regime is still able to get Western support, the racists will not change their intrinsigent stand on Namibia. The fall of the racists can only be brought about by the people of Namibia under SWAPO, and the actions of the oppressed people of South Africa under the leadership of the African National Congress.

Despite all these odds, SWAPO, has pledged to carry the struggle to its logical conclusion.....

Victory is certain!

All Power to the People!

