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"Our leadership collectives should remain close to the people and be accountable to them. At the same time we must have to fight against all tendencies to develop contempt for the masses of the people and therefore to think that decisions must be taken on their behalf.... We must build unity within our organisations on the basis of a common programme to an agreed programme of action."

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INSIDE: CONCLUSION OF CDE O.R.'S SPEECH ON THE GREAT OCTOBER SOC. REV.

Editorial

Wednesday, 25th May Africa together with progressive mankind celebrated an epoch making event, the silver jubilee of the founding of the OAU. Its founding was a product of the impetus momentum the decolonisation process was gaining throughout the world and in Africa in particular and also the entrenchment of Pan-Africanism on our continent. The constitution of this body was not as easy as pie, given the variety of tendencies which obtained among the founding fathers. After a general consensus was reached, finally this body was constituted nevertheless. Some of the essential objectives for the founding of the OAU were and still are to forge unity among African states, to defend her inalienable rights, sovereignty and territorial integrity, harness her human and natural resources, uplift her from the backwardness colonialism had plunged her into. The setting up of the Liberation Committee whose objective was and still is to facilitate a speedy realization of the decolonisation process by mobilising all round support including military support for the liberation movements. The ad hoc committees to solve disputes among members. With the passage of time the Frontline States Committee was also set up to coordinate aid in the destruction of the last bastion of imperialism in Africa - apartheid. Through these committees the OAU came to assert its role in the African continent as part and parcel of progressive mankind's drive to decolonise Africa and also contributed to the destruction of the scourge of racism and apartheid and the consolidation of African unity in our continent. Its contribution in this drive is immeasurable, it commenced with a humble 30 independent states and presently is composed of a 50 member strong body.

ANC MEETS THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN THE FRG

A group of Afrikaners left South Africa in defiance of a ban by the government on Wednesday 25th May for Frankfurt (FRG) for talks with some leaders of the African National Congress. The group consists of some members of the National Democratic Party (NDP) under the leadership of Wynand Malan, a former National Party MP, who defected to form the NDP. This group is also accompanied by Dr. Frederic Van Zyl Slabbert, leader of the Institute for a Democratic Alliance in South Africa (IDASA). Dr. Van Zyl's right hand man Dr. Alex Borain in an interview disclosed that the meeting was organised by IDASA and that the objective was to expose a greater number of Afrikaners to the ideas of the ANC. Explaining Dr. Van Zyl's visit, he said Dr. Van Zyl wants to discuss with the ANC a document he has written, and also to establish whether the time has not arrived for the ANC and the democratic forces inside the country to participate in the local and national politics of the country. Another purpose of his visit was to discuss opposition strategies in view of the clampdown on the democratic forces by the regime. The ANC delegation is led by the Head of the Department of Information and Publicity, Cde. Thabo Mbeki. The meeting was scheduled to take place yesterday the 26th and today. In an interview last night, Wynand Malan said the two sides covered quite a number of issues including the question of armed struggle. He said he understood the origin of the armed struggle from the perspective of the ANC, but differed in principle. Cde. Mbeki said the two sides had an opportunity to put their case, and they both expressed desire to meet again in the future.

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On the other hand, as was to be expected, in its development it has not been free of imperialist machinations and divisive tendencies. It has weathered many a storm and tempest. It has had to fight tenacious life and death struggles for African Unity.

It has stood the test of time as the unique body in the world, uniting countries at a continental scale. Its steadfast opposition and international mobilisation against the South African racist regime are some of its universally indisputable achievements.

Long Live the Silver Jubilee of OAU!
Long Live African Unity!
Long Live the OAU!

LEADING SA CHURCHMEN TAKE THEIR CASE TO LONDON.

Leading churchmen from SA told the British government that it had failed to understand the situation in South Africa.

The churchmen are on a tour of Europe to drum-up support for their campaign against the new bill called promotion of internal political order which will, severely restrict the flow of funds from outside South Africa directed to democratic organisations inside the country. They also condemned the position of the British government in a meeting with Sir Geoffrey Howe and said its policy of persuasion had brought nothing tangible.

Whilst Sir Geoffrey Howe said "the remarks were unfair and his government understood the position of the people under apartheid, however, an emotional response would be unhelpful as it will only help sharpen differences".

TWO WHITE POLICEMEN SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR MURDERING A BLACK YOUTH

Two white policemen were sentenced to death on Thursday for the killing of a black youth who was beaten and then shot during a police unit's "drunken foray into a black township. If the executions are carried out, it would be the first time in South Africa that white policemen were hanged for crimes committed while on duty in a black township.

Key testimony against warrant officer Leon Devilliers, 37, and constable David Goosen, 27, came from other members of their 10-man riot unit who were pressured by police investigators into abandoning a cover-up attempt.

Several officers testified that De Villiers, the unit leader, had ordered Goosen to "take out" 18-year-old Mlungisi Stuurman because the youth had been too badly beaten to be set free. Stuurman was taken to a riverbank and shot in the back of the head on July 26, 1986, in the black section of Cradock, in the Eastern Cape Province.

The non-jury trial, which began in October, was held at the supreme court in Grahamstown, near Cradock.

Defence counsel for 37-year-old warrant officer Leon De Villiers said "he was below average intelligence and was under the influence of alcohol when he committed the crime". Whilst defence counsel for 27-year-old David Goosen said "he had suffered whilst he was young as other whites taunted him because of his dark complexion".

Justice Zietsman, presiding, said all this did not reduce the moral blameworthiness of their conduct and their attempt to defeat the ends of justice by beating and killing residents at 3am.

Passing sentence the judge said there were no extenuating circumstances and that the accused "went on a beating expedition interspersed with drinking bouts.

Two other policemen were sentenced to a six month term suspended for three years for perjury.

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THE WORLD IN BRIEF

TRIPOLI. The Libyan leader, Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, has announced that he is now prepared to recognise Chadian Leader Hissein Habre's government. In a message to the OAU jubilee celebration attended by African heads of states in Addis Ababa which he did not attend, he said he was going to release all Chadian prisoners of war and offered to assist in the reconstruction of Chad. He said, this my present to Africa on this occasion and invited the Chadian leader and Goukoni Wedey to come to Libya to discuss reconciliation.

PRETORIA. A bomb blast rocked downtown Pretoria yesterday, injuring several people, according to reports. It was not immediately known if there were any deaths. Some of the injured were taken away by ambulance, said witnesses.

Police confirmed the explosion but said they had no details. The explosion occurred in a flower box on the corner of two busy streets in

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downtown Pretoria at about 1.30pm. witnesses stated.

Police immediately cordoned off the area and warned the public to stay away for fear of additional blasts.

There was no claim of responsibility and no additional details were available.

The blast coincided with celebrations by PW Botha's National Party of 40 years in power. The party responsible for all the misery, oppression, exploitation, etc. of the downtrodden but fighting masses of our country, has been in power since the whites only elections of May 26, 1948.

GENEVA. Mr Williamson of the International Atomic Energy Association has said racist SA will be suspended from the body at its meeting in September, if it does not sign the non proliferation treaty.

LUSAKA. In Kabwe, Zambia, there have been explosions lasting over two hours in a soldiers' barracks. One soldier was reported dead and 40 others injured. It is not clear what caused the explosions.

HAVANA. The Ministers of Defence forces of Tanzania and Angola, Ahmet Salim Salim and Maria Tonya Pedali respectively are in Cuba. They were met at the air-port by Cuba's Minister of defence, Raul Castro. Though having arrived in Cuba on separate flights, they are in the country at the invitation of the Cuban Government.

PYONG YANG. The President of the Democratic Republic of Korea, Kim Il sung has announced that his country will not be attending the 1988 olympic games to be held in Seoul.

ADDIS ABABA. Reports coming from Ethiopia state that President Moussa Traore of Mali has been appointed new Chairman of the OAU.

The outgoing Chairman Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda, in his speech condemned Western countries for their refusal to adopt sanctions against racist South Africa. According to reports reaching our news desk implicit in his speech was an accusation that these countries were behaving in this manner because they are racists.

For the next three days the African heads of states will be reviewing successes and failures of the outgoing year as well as planning for the next year.

JERUSALEM. A group of up to six Israeli diplomats will leave for Moscow, possibly by next week, as the first Israelis to take up Consular duties there in 21 years, officials and news reports said on Wednesday.

LEBANON. Syria has warned kidnapers that any harm done to western hostages in Lebanon would be an "infringement of Syria's security", the independent Beirut newspaper An-Nahar reported on Wednesday.

QATAR. A US envoy is reported as having said that Washington and Moscow want a Gulf-war cease-fire and that the Iran-Iraq conflict would be discussed at the upcoming "superpower" summit, the Qatar news agency reports.

PANAMA CITY. A spokesman for General Manuel Antonio Noriega accused the United States of a "vulgar ambush" by hinting at a settlement to the US-Panama debacle, then blaming Noriega for a breakdown in the talks.

JERUSALEM. A general strike to commemorate the death of PLO military chief Khalil Wazir, virtually shut down the occupied lands on Wednesday, but most students attended recently reopened primary schools in the West bank.

NICOSIA. Iraq said it launched a major ground offensive on Wednesday to retake Iraqi Territory East of the Southern town of Basra that captured by Iran 16 months ago. Iran claimed to have repulsed the attack.

HELSINKI. The American President Ronald Reagan, is in Finland where he will be visiting on his way to the Soviet Union, for a Summit with the Soviet leader Cde. Mikhail Gorbachev.

Ronald Reagan told reporters in Helsinki that he will be discussing the question of "human rights, religious freedom and regional conflicts" with the Soviet leader. He also said that a lot have been achieved since his first meeting with Cde. Gorbachev. He expressed hope that a lot more can be achieved before the end of his term in the White House.

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"Our struggle takes place in an international context Characterised by major efforts to solve some of the outstanding issues of world concern. These include the decisive question of world peace during our nuclear age, the resolution of regional conflicts and the restructuring of the world economy ..."

Jan. 8 speech.

CDE. TAMBO AT THE GREAT OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

THIS IS THE SECOND AND FINAL INSTALMENT OF COMRADE OR. TAMBO'S SPEECH AT THE CELEBRATION OF THE 70th ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT OCTOBER SOCIALIST REVOLUTION.

Within South Africa, unprecedented fascist repression aimed at the destruction of the democratic movement of the people keeps escalating all the time. Thousands have been thrown into prisons during the current state of emergency—and this includes children who are constantly subjected to savage torture and abuse. An unprecedented number of our comrades are awaiting execution. But the struggle of the people has become irrepressible and the regime is failing to stem the tides of revolt which have plunged the country into an ever-deepening political and economic crisis. In the context of all its crimes, the apartheid regime has sought to convince its allies that it is ready to negotiate a peaceful solution of the problem engendered by the apartheid system. The imperialist allies of the apartheid regime readily fall for these obviously false positions because the concern of imperialist powers is that any change in South Africa must leave the capitalist system intact, so that the country should remain within the orbit of the world imperialist economy as an integral and dependent part of that economy, and under its political diktat. As a result of these positions, the forces of reaction have developed a pathological fear of the transformation of our country into a non-racial democracy. Imperialism has no wish to see the peoples take full control of their lives, appropriating to themselves the unrestricted right to determine their destinies.

The racist regime has raised the issue of negotiations in order to achieve two major objectives. The first of these is to defuse the struggle inside our country by holding out false hopes of a just political settlement which the apartheid regime has every intention to block. Secondly, this regime hopes to defeat the continuing campaign for comprehensive and mandatory sanctions by sending out bogus signals that it is ready to talk seriously to the genuine representatives of the people of our country.

We wish here to reiterate that the African National Congress has never been opposed to a negotiated settlement of the conflict in South Africa. But, equally, we have never had any doubt but that the apartheid regime was not and is not yet, ready for such a settlement. The objective conditions which would compel serious, genuine, as well as honest negotiations on the part of the regime have not yet matured.

The objective of any negotiation process must be the transformation of our country into a united and non-racial democracy.

This is a perspective we believe we share with the whole of humanity. This is the goal we seek to achieve by the intensification of our struggle on all fronts, including armed struggle.

Assembled in the "openness" of this great hall are leaders and representatives of political parties drawn from across the globe, each of whom is a friend, and active supporter or an ally of the people of South Africa, Namibia and the rest of Southern Africa in the fight against the Pretoria fascists. This is a measure of the extent to which imperialism's Chief agent in Africa is isolated.

Permit me, Comrade Gorbachev, on behalf of the ANC and the fighting masses in South Africa, to convey to the Central Committee of the CPSU and the Soviet people, to all the leaders and representatives sitting around the unique table, and to you personally, Comrade Gorbachev, our profound appreciation of this support. Permit me to repeat the ANC's pledge that never will it be said that this friendship, this support, this alliance in struggle was to no avail.

We reiterate our appeal to the rest of the international Community:

- firstly, to impose comprehensive and mandatory sanctions against racist South Africa;
- secondly, to give maximum political, economic and military support to the Frontline States;
- thirdly, to give full support to the

cause of the Palestinian people under the leadership of the PLO and to the struggle for peace in Central America, against US imperialist intervention;

- fourthly, to raise the level of material assistance to SWAPO and the ANC.

In this connection, we wish to observe that the struggle for national liberation is by necessary definition a struggle for peace. And peace is indivisible. For either there is peace everywhere or there is no peace anywhere. A climate of world peace therefore provides a powerful inducement for the speedy resolution of regional conflicts through the removal, by force or by consent, of the cause and source of conflict. That is why our struggle is an inseparable component of the worldwide struggle for a world free of wars.

Our current meeting is thus a rebuff to those who are working time without end to encourage and maintain ideological and other divisions within the broad peace movement. The discussions that are currently going on here underscore the urgency of the task that devolves upon each one of us to spare no effort in helping to avert a nuclear holocaust as well as to

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stop wastage of much-needed resources on the arms race.

The spirit engendered by the 70th anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution must reinforce this historic task. The lead given by the Soviet Union provides humanity with a noble example to emulate.

Long Live anti-imperialist solidarity !
Long live the cause of peace !

NEWS & VIEWS AROUND U & ME

Speaker's Workshop

All women interested in this course which will run for four consecutive Sundays are invited. Cde. Jerry Sithole remains responsible for registration. The workshop will be conducted from 16.30hrs (4.30pm) at the library multi-purpose hall.

Improve your voice and learn how to speak in front of the public with confidence.

Come one ! Come all !

NEWS FROM THE ZPC

After the unit meetings of the 26th May, units shall meet branch level on the 9th June. From now on, ie after the seminar, the endorsed programme of fortnightly alternating unit meeting with branch meeting shall be implemented. What is to be discussed, the comrades shall get information from their branch Chairpersons.

The ZPC takes this opportunity to draw the attention of the units that we are in a process of forming executive committees which shall exchange views with one another on how best to make units function properly and thus facilitate implementation of the RPC programme of action.

WEDNESDAY POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS

The first 12 topics under the theme "Theory of the South African Revolution" have been completed. Comrades who participated in these discussions expressed high appreciation and satisfaction of these political discussions. New topics have been suggested by them and our next package is "Trade Unionism" which is divided into 4 sub-topics. Comrade Quinton Magula shall lead us in the first lecture

"Historical Background" (world wide) on Wednesday the 1st June at 19.30hrs. at our good-old venue, the Lab Theatre, SOMAFECO.

Adult Education

HERE IS THE REPORT OF THE ADULT EDUCATION DIVISION ON THE WORKSHOP HELD FROM THE 25th -29th APRIL IN DAR-ES-SALAAM.

The group leaders and tutors workshop was held at the Salvation Army in Dar-es-Salaam. It was officially opened on the 25th of April by the chairman of the Board of Trustees Ndugu Mbaga.

In his opening remarks he gave a brief historical background of the South African Extension Unit (SAEU). In tracing the origins of SAEU he said it all started in New Delhi where the Commonwealth heads of states launched an educational campaign for South African Exiles. The ANC was among those who were consulted in the launching of the project.

He went on to point out the importance of education, saying it enables society to build a strong scientific and technological base. In conclusion, he warned that those who resist education will be swept away by the course of events.

The next speaker was our East African Chief Representative, Cde. Graham Morodi, who traced the long standing good relations between CCM and our movement, the ANC. Cde. Pearl Seroke, ANC Adult Education Coordinator in East Africa, expressed appreciation of Mrs Ligale, director of SAEU's unswerving stand and readiness to offer a helping hand to us. And, Mrs. Ligale in her turn thanked the participants for attending the workshop and wished the workshop success.

The objectives of the workshop were primarily to assist in the training of tutors to explore effective and efficient avenues of teaching "Distance Education".

Another purpose of the workshop was the promotion of the group leaders' ability to organise study groups and maintenance of relations between the tutors and the study groups.

Areas covered by the workshop included Distance Education, Adult Learner, Selected Teaching Techniques, Tutor Markin, Distance Teaching and Counselling, Administration and Record Keeping as well as the use of Audio Cassettes.

Distance Education was described as a Multi-media correspondence education system whose fruitfulness depends on printing, radio, television, audio-cassettes etc. It was said to be different from ordinary correspondence education in that whereas in ordinary correspondence students receive their lessons by mail and study individually,

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in Distance Education the learners form themselves into groups and always have tutors at their disposal. This is called "two way communication between the tutor and the group".

The workshop was running on a very tight tight schedule and the going was tough but at the end of the day a lot was learned both in terms of organisation and giving lessons. The workshop was concluded with some merry-making.

THE WOMEN SECTION APPEAL

The Mazimbu Zonal Womens Section calls on the community to stop giving permits to students because this leads to violation of boarding rules by the students. Cases of sleeping out without the knowledge of the authorities and other acts of indiscipline result from this practice.

INVITATION TO THE COMMUNITY

The community is hereby invited to participate in a Letsema to celebrate June 1st, International Children's Day, on Sunday 5th of June.

It will start at 7.00 a.m. and stop at 10.00 p.m.

Furthermore adults are requested to come prepared to teach the pioneers some South African games after the Letsema.

The community is called upon to play its role as guide to the pioneers and also prepare them for the Pioneers Summer Camp which is just around the corner.

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

The Day Care Centre (DCC) hereby informs the community, particularly mothers leaving for school or any other mission, that they have to serve at least for a period of three months at the DCC Boarding Section before leaving. Secondly, the children have to reach the age of 2 before being left at the DCC Boarding Section.

Why must mothers serve for three months? Firstly, because the DCC matrons want people to see in what conditions they leave their children. Secondly, there is a problem of food. Mothers should come and see for themselves what the state of affairs is. Because there is a tendency to complain that their children loose weight after leaving them.

TRIBUTE TO MOSES MABIDA

Since you drank from the oceans
of Marxism-Leninism
Since you got the ever-bright torch
From the colossal Resource Centre
of Marx and Lenin
You have always been willing
To share the light
With the people consigned to darkness
The vicissitudes you have gone
through
In this long hard march of mankind
To the world without the have's and
have not's

Are enough and place you
Baba Mabida in the galaxy
of those who are doves.

The loss we have suffered
In the deaths of Moses Kotane,
Yusuf Dadoo, Duma Nokwe, Bram Fisher
and you, Baba Mabida
Teaches and inspires us (the South
Africans)
To sweep the tatters of apartheid
away

To the proletariat and
Genuine lovers of peace
Moses Mabida is the Sun in the day
and the Moon in the night.

Arthur Kasparov

A CULTURAL TREAT FOR THE COMMUNITIES OF MAZIMBU AND DAKAWA.

The communities of mazim bu and Dakawa
be playing host to a 50 man strong cul-
tural ensemble from Dar-es-Salaam.

The troupe, popularly known as the Mage-
reza National Cultural Ensemble, will
be performing to the Dakawa community this
evening. From whence it will be coming
to Mazimbu for a performance that will take
place tomorrow evening (Saturday the 28th)
at unit 4 hall. at 7.30pm.

Having arrived in Morogoro on Thursday
the itinerary of the troupe will take it
to Dakawa this afternoon where supper has
been prepared after which all roads will
be leading to the hall. Immediately after
breakfast tomorrow morning our guests
will start making their way to Mazimbu
and we are hoping that they will be in
time to join us for lunch and in the inter-
im between lunch and supper they shall
be familiarising themselves with our com-
plex. Everybody is invited to this uni-
que treat.

POLITICAL VIDEOS

VENUE: Multipurpose Library Hall

TIME: 19.30hrs.

DATE: Monday 30th June 1988.

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