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## SOUTH AFRICA

### THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

The fascist Nationalist Party of Vorster continues to intensify .  
repressive measures on the people relentlessly. There was what appeared -

be a division within +h . ty ir. the . 'born of factions called the Verlig

and the Verkrampste. This dispute was not based on the fundamental pur t  
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of fascism, the right wing Hertzog-led group wanted Apartheid more rigid!

applied. The Afrikaaner Nationalist Government has consolidated its posi  
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Amongst the white population it has gained increased electoral support.

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English press, pad some casr s courageous priests, Vorster does not hesi

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to stifle any form cf opposition. Even priests nava neon threatened thaâ€¢

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their cloaks will not protect them from punishment if they criticised gove-r/  
ment policy. I.u some instances Vorster has reacted to criti is. of Apar4 h

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and demons tr d. t i ons by students by deportation of anyone associated  
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osition and who was not a South African National, Priests have had the  
renewal of their pormi . refused, and virtually thrown out of South Afrioa<  
Tho resistance which is put up by the priests aand students alike is cour-

ageous but it has little or no effect in reversing the fascist trend of

the Nationalist regime,

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meated by the political police,. Students in all white Universities like  
the Witwatersrand Universities have been recruited and approached for r  
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oruitment to serte Voriter's S. S.

4- Despite its sleeping majority at the polls it cannot trust even i is  
own white base, and 1 ike Hitler5s Nazis it is forced tc build a network of

police informers, and spies, even amongst the whites. The African National Congress long warned that Os.seb-'t reDreo^ior will not be confined to A'n ...

Oo lour eds, Indians a:d who x-.- democrats but will extend to every secti on of

e South African population. Fascism demands absolute submission, this i s the only way it can extend its lease of life, that is why the Vorster regime rules by ind >ctrination, terror, torture and spies. This is the basic motive force cf fassist survival wherein lies the seeds of its own destruction.^

5- The facade of political dominance and peace in fascist South Africa, economic stability and a dependable area for Capitalist investment are s uper-ficial beneath th os mighty bod ward of fascism, imperialism and racism a re the rumblings of toe eruption of a struggle whoso din1.ensions are yet u nknown,.

6. The Afri - oil Congress and other South African democratic

organisations he t e over the past years succeeded in isolating the Apartheid; racism, and fast ism in South Africa. World condarnalion has grown in vol -

year after year, Internationally South Africa has lost the political bait; to justify her insane policies. Even her supporters and erstwhile defender s the Western imperialist powers have been forced to retreat from justifying ; the brutal racism as practised by Vorster\*s regime. They have been comp .i o

to condemn it as an abomination, but continue to bolster it overtly an:1 covertly for their own selfish economic and strategic ends. Con iderab. blood transfusion is being pumped into the 3o: ' . ' .can rascist regime bp

the imperialist powers, through masrive economic investment,â€¢ militar y and technical assistance.

7. THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Economically South Africa is the most advanced country in Africa.

Its natura. resources and wealth far su.rpa.ss other countries in Africa.

Gold, Diamonds, Coal, ana liuurj/hoiuj o thor valuable minerals form the basic veins of tJ.e rocks beneath the soil of the country. The soil of the como'

yields and is capable of yielding diverse agricultural products. The meadows are the grazing ground of ever flourishing pastoral animals, sheep, goats, cattle, horses, mules etc. These are the material resources of South Africa. But its wealth has been and is produced by the most ruthless exploitation of African labour. Cheap labour and vast natural resources are the basis for what now is an imperialist, racist and fascist South Africa.

8. South Africa Monopoly Companies are the greatest importers of cheap labour and the greatest exploiters of the material wealth and profits from the country. Both Mozambique and Malawi today are clear examples. In the past there were numerous other parts of Africa which have now withdrawn from the direct export of labour. The policy of the fascist regime, Apartheid, separate development is in essence fundamentally the creation of conditions for the exploitation of labour at its lowest levels and the guarantee of huge super dividends and profits for all those who invest in it. This is the economic stability of the South African situation so much boasted about by visiting industrialists from capitalist countries. Profits and dividends are certain and high at the expense of human life and dignity.

9. It is not necessary to mention here the labour and economic dependence of Botswana, Lesotho, and Swaziland. These have been referred to before. The relations of the South African Vorster regime is that they are subject to a very large extent of having their internal and external policies shaped and fashioned in the interests of the South African regime.

10. The Bantustans which have now been established in the Transkei and Ovamboland and which Vorster hopes to establish over so-called 'Bantu Areas' merely constitute cheap labour reservoirs.

11. The exploitation of the Africans in comparison to Whites is demonstrated by the following, in mining, manufacturing and electricity:-

Whites £123 per month

Coloureds £27 " "

Asians £25 "

Africans £17!r "

12. The comparison of earnings of South African white and non-white workers with those of other countries confirms the fact that South Africa's white workers were better off than English workers and not far behind American workers.

13. The national and economic oppression remains as harsh as ever this is the basic and irreconcilable conflict between an exploiting minority and the oppressed masses which will only be resolved by fierce armed struggle.

14. In the economic field there are conflicts within the ruling class and the Government. The serious labour problems caused by the rigid application of the industrial colour-bar, a section of the Industrialists are pressing for certain categories of semi-skilled labour to be opened up to non-whites.

15- Aspiring to a neo-colonialist role in Africa, certain financial circles including supporters of the Nationalist Party as the Rupert - Rembrandt group, oppose blatant declaration of crude 'baasskap' policy and advocate the opening of the reserves to penetration by 'white' Capital.

16. South African balance of payments is firm, during the period when the Capitalists are battling through a Monetary crisis, the Rand remains as stable as ever. But this stability is temporary. South Africa is in effect an area of instability and revolutionary activity which is going to plunge the whole country into one of the fiercest and most bitter struggle for power.

## 17. THE MILITARY SITUATION.

Over a number of years now, the South African fascist regime has been arming the white minority to the teeth.

18. Defence estimates have jumped from 44 million Rand (1960-1961) to

255 million Rand (1960-1967). Police expenditure over the same period had advanced from R36 million, to R86 million to R86 million.

19. The Security Council embargo on the supply of arms to South Africa has not been effective. Some imperialist powers like France have blatantly

disregarded it. . '

20. With the cooperation of imperialist firms I.C.I. of Britain F.N. of Belgium, Pantard of France and others have assisted South Africa to set up her own ammunition factories, including automatic rifles and ammunition.

21. West Germany is collaborating with South Africa in the production of advanced weapons, poison gasses and nuclear weapons. South Africa

is equipped with missiles of all sorts.

22. South Africa has built the most formidable arsenal in Africa in peace time. The character of the weapons is both defensive for use against internal revolt and offensive, for possible use against African states.

23. South Africa's white minority is behaving as if she is involved in preparations for a large scale war. For the very first time universal conscription has been introduced for whites for the citizen force. From

seventeen years of age military training, the first period being twelve months. The aim was stated by Commandant-General Heimstra to be able to

mobilise 100,000 men in a very short time. This is the burden which white fascist South Africa has imposed on itself as the gendarme against

so-called communism in Africa.

24. Economically and militarily South Africa appears as Vorster's propaganda machine points it, as a powerful and unassailable fortress of white domination. However, a closer look reveals a state of fatal weakness and desperation. This is particularly the case now that the armed forces of the people have begun their struggle by routing the enemy in heroic and historic battles in Zimbabwe under the ANC/ZAPU alliance.

The spreading of the revolution to South Africa is inevitable. As the Acting President-General said "South Africa which had been professing perfect peace within its borders has been drawn fully into armed confrontation with our revolutionary forces.. It is clearly only a matter of time before this confrontation spreads itself to the valleys, mountains and bush of South Africa. There is nothing whatever that can halt the spread

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of the revolution in every part of Southern Africa still under colonialist domination."

25. "In saying this one is not blind to what constitutes the greatest source of strength for the racists and colonialists of Southern Africa, that is, the material and practical backing of international finance flowing from imperialist countries'. Nor is one unmindful of the military power of the South African regime built with the active support and cooperation of some Western powers. These are factors which relate not to the question whether the revolution will grow in scope and magnitude but rather has, however, no bearing on the ultimate result which can only

be victory for the oppressed people of Southern Africa, and for the complete independence of the continent of Africa.

26. Underground activity continues within the country in spite of the heavy network of spies, informers and security police. Leaflets, preparing the people to support the armed struggle have been distributed in the country by men and women whose commitment to the cause of freedom is greater than the fear of torture and death.

27. The White fascist Government were rattled by the daring demonstrations which took place on June the 26th 1968. The people are continuing demonstrations in different forms. The fact that the Transkei, which is the fascist model Bantustan State is still under Emergency regulations shows the insecurity of Vorster's regime.

28. There is great potentiality in strengthening the underground units of/

of the motive forces of the revolution in South Africa. In the present era of fascist intensified repression this requires skilful and painstaking work.

The ANC, SAIC, SACTU, and the SACP however haunted they might be by the S. S.

police of the enemy, have not only survived but are capably of rallying the revolutionary forces inside the country.

30. In the international field all those public organisations like the

Anti-Apartheid movements, Defence and Aid, the World Campaign for the

Release of Prisoners are doing invaluable work for the struggle against fascism.

### 31o FASCIST STRATEGY.

In order to further her imperialist aims and to prevent her total isolation in Africa, the fascist regime is trying to win friends by offering 'generous' loans, and the possibility of diplomatic relations on an inferior scale. A system which subjects Africans and non-Whites to such humiliation has the audacity of expecting to be accepted by the African Continent. There will always be Bandas, but everything should be done to

expose the dangers of this offer.

32. However, protracted and whatever the cost might be white minority rule

and fascism in Southern Africa is doomed.