The war in Zimbabwe therefore developed against a sideranging vortex of internal and external interests determined to maintain White minority dictatorship throughout Southern Africa. What has to be clearly understood is that Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) is not only the gateway to'the citadel of fascism ._ South Africa â\200\224-but it is now, more than ever before, the most essential link in the entire imperialist strategy of maintaining the Zambesi Frontier as the advance battle-Zine in defence of colonial interests in Southern Africa.

If this Line were breadxed it would open the f1053gates of revoâ\200\224 lutionary war on a grand scale everywhere in the Whitebeleaâ\200\224 guered south.

It is not necessary in this short interview to analyse in detail the reactions— of the imperialist world to the guerilla war in Zim-bébwe. It is a war that is part and parcel of other such wars being waged in different parts of Southern Africa. Suffice it to say that NATO weapons have streamed into South Africa: that clandestine and overt military consultations have taken place between the Pretoria/Salisbury/Lisbon axis and now even between Pretoria/Bonn axis of fascist rulers. The role of USA

imperialism has been to announce full support for British policies on Rhodesia in return for British acquiescence in the world $200\224$

A. condemned US policies in Vietnam.

Indeed the general imperialist strategy in Rhodesia is to maintain the status quo Or prolong it by such devices as the Tiger propusats. UN sanctions. ship talks. until a puppet giâ\200\230cmi¬\201'ti¬\202' Africans " (merges to be installed in the service of colonialism. , t ,

Desmond Lm'dner-Burke has said in the Rhodesian Parliamentzâ\200\224J â\200\234We are (m the fronthlnc for South Africa as well as for Rhodesia. South Africa appreciates this. and there are now South African police in Rhodesia looking for these ANC terrorists."

There are now approximately 1.700 soldiers of the South African regime in Rhodesia. and following the Smith Visit there in July, more S.A. troops have been sent to Rhodesia. 5.000 soldiers of the racist regime backed by helicopters. French supersonic strike aircraft etc. have carried out extensive antigueritla warfare exerâ\200\224 Cises in Sibasa on the SA. border with Rhodesia in Auï¬\202gtgmstâ\200\234

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