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The struggle in South

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with the struggle and developments in Africa, historically, politically,

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and economically. The victories and reverses of the struggle on other

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parts of the continent are as much ours in South Africa as it is a theirs

Africa is intimately and unextricable bound

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'We need hardly remind ourselves, that the founders of the ANC

in South Africa from its very inception were deeply conscious of the

fact that the unity of the African oppressed and plundered people was of

paramount and vital importance. This was expressed unequivocally in

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resolutions, speeches, songs and our Anthem. Actions wereâ\200\234made to urge,

encourage and participate in Pan~Africanist Conferencesâ\200\231whose aim was'ts_'

Unite the people of the continent to strive jointly against

list colonialist and plunderers of our people and resources, and for free.c:

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Africa.

Since its inception, the African National Congress of South

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Africa was the tutor, guide and inspire of many a leader and organisation

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is a historical fact which cannot

parts of Africa which have now attained national independence. This-

and should not remain undisclosed.

The realisation of the fact that no part of Africa can com?

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plately be free and~\202 independence unless the whole of Africa was liber~

Â«rated is inherent in the ANC outlook.

T; some extent? the seeds of revolt in many parts of Africa

oppressed, exploited and disarmed people of

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sprouted from the mos

— South Africa; They spread and grew throughout the continent of Africa.

Many other factors gave impetus to the glorious chapter in history now

known as the African Revolution

swept like a hurricane'throughout the continent in a matter of less than

a decade.

the common saying

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?Colonialist political rule in Africa was coming to an end.

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Numerous

countries one after the other were gaining their independence and sovereignty. This was the first step towards the destruction of all the evils of colonialism, poverty, disease, and illiteracy, on the African continent.

'It is the irony of history not without reason that when millions

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and millions of the people of Africa heralded the dawn of freedom and political independence (however formal this might have been) the organisation and people who sparked off or assisted in sparking off this historic epoch on our continent; continue to strive against an ; avalanche of growing repression, and exploitation of the people.

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in sight in their own country and for them-

Their victory is not yet

theirs. They fortify their courage and determination by what they see in brother African States, that the enemy cannot and will be defeated and victories won, however high the cost might be.

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THE AFRICAN "REVOLUTION" IS A SWARM; VARIOUS AND POTENTIALITIES,

The African Revolution had had a tremendous impact on the world.

It has swept aside the hollow myth of white superiority over black. The inability of non-whites ruling themselves without dominance and trusteeship of a Western state.

In world forums the rapid appearance of independent

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state has tilted the balance against the former imperialist states on many international issues. political, economic and cultural, and in particular on policies which

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Just freedom when the rest of Africa has been freed. This is a 'wrong
in the understanding and assessment of the situation. As a matter of fact now
part of the .frie
the racism in South Africa has been smashed.

can genuinely be free until and unless the monster of

It is not realistic for us to expect that every country in Africa

do the same, or give equally to the struggle against the bastion

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must

0: reaction in South Africa. Nor would it be realistic to assume that
because a country is African it necessarily must support our liberation.
South Africa is strong and backed by powerful forces some like Banda in
Malawi will be seduced by her temporary might but in the end the anti-
imperialist and anti-racist and anti-fascist forces in Africa will
rally to our support.

were so reactionary that only outright puppets would support them like racism, and the denial of African Majority_Rule.

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â\200\2303 UNITY ON FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES THE INNATE STRENGTH

'OF THE rwprrawpnmr STATES or AFRICA,

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The fact that the independent states from the beginning soughtâ\200\230 to unite themselvesâ\200\230 on common issues was an historic event which shook the imperialistsg

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Apart from the meetings and conferences which took place before 31965. The convocation of the OAU in Addis Ababa in 1963 was an historic event and an indelible milestone in Africa and the worldg'The conference

* gbrought together African states of different outlooks and influenced, Â»' who in the interests of

— *'cement the continent;â\200\234into.a single solid African Anti~imperialist unit.i.

unity of objectives and joint action tried to

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The meeting of African states and the formation of the O.A.U.5 strengthened andâ\200\230laidâ\200\230the.fonni~\202ations for the discussion and solution of the major issues in Africa and the world. Differences between the

'1 African states were there, but credit must be given to the participants; in the conference who unequivocally dedicated and pledged themselves L;

{to eliminate in joint action colonialism in the remaining parts of 'Africa, the abolition of Apartheid and racialism inuSouth,Africa, and 'Rhodesia, an attack on foreign monopolies in the continent.â\200\235

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has achieved and what it has not achieved.

It is possible to assess now over six years what the O.A.U;â\200\230"

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What is certain, however, -is that the imperialists have done

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everything possible to ensure that its convocation is disrupted each and. â\200\235 everytime it tried to meet thereafter. All efforts were made to sewâ\200\234 dissension, conflict amongst the;members-Qi~\201 a potentially powerful force. It is to the credit of the O.A.U. that it has survived all' machinations and continues to struggle to assert itself as an anti~imperialist force.

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Zimbabwe betrayal, assaults on Arab Sovereignty, and its support for liberation movements struggling against fascism however inadequate this might be, ensures that the flame of anti-imperialism continues to burn despite desperate efforts by imperialists to extinguish it and abuse this mighty Organisation for their own ends.

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The organisation for African Unity has been a forum for attempt

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trying to solve some state and interstate problems and problems of liberation movements. It would hardly help to cross over efforts, failures and defeats. Oh

Holdens so-called revolutionary organisation as opposed to MP recognition of ZANU which was established as a splinter movement after the OAU Conference itself which declared the need for one organisation in a country

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tackled border problems and even violent clashes as in Nigeria?

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problems of differences between what is called Arab Africa and Black Africa, French Africa and English Africa:

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It must be mentioned that to its credit the OAU has

Apart from tribal problems and border

All these problems are temporary and can and will be solved. What is most disconcerting; however, is the absence of a

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proper apperception and assessment of the struggle in South Africa;
The inspirer and tutor of African Unity and liberation the African
National Congress of South Africa, is too often relegated to the
position of having to be inspired and a student. The strategy and tactics
for the struggle in South Africa have become the prerogative of people
well meaning but who could hardly have the faintest knowledge of what we
have to face. To give just one example there are people who
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