

THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA

A Short Course on Origins, Development, Programmes and Strategies

1. INTRODUCTION

Land and Peoples. The enemy. Three centuries of struggle. Forces of Liberation. Decolonisation of Africa. Imperialism. The socialist world. Our allies.

2. WARS OF RESISTANCE

Khoi-khoi and San against invaders. Slavery under the Dutch Company. Colonialist expansion. Boer republics and British imperialism. African wars in defence of independent chiefdoms. Struggle for land. Bambatha Rebellion.

3. INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

Diamond and gold discoveries. Railway construction. Forced labour for mines. Anglo-Boer War. Colonial constitutions. Union of South Africa.

4. FORMATION OF AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

Cape African Voters' Association. Natal Indian Congress. African Political Organisation (Cape). African Congress before Union. Protest against colour bars in Act of Union. ANC formed 1912. Aims and organisation. Campaign against Native Land Act, 1913. Anti-pass campaign (OFS).

5. IMPERIALIST WAR, 1914

In defence of Empire. Attitudes to war. Afrikaner rebellion. International Socialist League. Russian Revolution. Soviet Union. Communist International. Formation of S.A. Communist Party. Bondelswarts rebellion in Namibia.

6. CLASS STRUGGLES

Trade unionism. Workers strike. Rand Revolt 1922. Industrial and Commercial Union (ICU). Nationalist-Labour Pact government. Hertzog's Native Bills. Native Administrative Act 1927.



Effects on chiefs. Gumede's visit to the USSR. Capitalist crisis. White Terror.

7. ATTACK ON AFRICAN FRANCHISE

Removal of Cape voters from common roll. All African Convention. (AAC). Native Representative Council. Land Act 1937.

8. SECOND WORLD WAR

Spread of fascism. Nazi Germany. Invasion of the Soviet Union. Ossewa-Brandwag. Non-European Unity Movement (NEUM). ANC Youth League. Bill of Rights. United Nations. Charter of Human Rights. S.A. condemned.

9. AFRICAN MINER'S STRIKE

African Miner's Union. Causes of the strike. Police violence. Protest by Native Representative Council. Sedition trial of Communists. Nasionale Party in power. Communist Party banned.

10. DEFIANCE CAMPAIGN

ANC Programme of Action. Defiance campaign. Congress of the People. Freedom Charter. Federation of Women. Formation of SACTU. Congress Alliance.

11. TREASON TRIAL

The Trial. Boycott Movement. Formation of Pan Africanist Congress (PAC). Sharpeville massacre. State of emergency. ANC and PAC banned.

12. ARMED STRUGGLE

Umkhonto we Sizwe. Rivonia Trial. Wankie Operations. Morogoro Conference. Formation of R.C. Soweto Revolt. Police State.

13. FROM SEGREGATION TO APARTHEID

Theory and practice. Bantustans take shape. Tribal nations. Threat to national unity. Deprivation of citizenship.

14. OUR STRUGGLE

Aims and strategies. Freedom Charter and C.P. Programme. National Democratic Revolution.