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"We look back upon this past year as one in which the ANC struggled bravely to keep up her image as the spearhead of the struggle in Southern Africa.

There were black organisations in South Africa before 1960 which failed to survive the test of time, but we survived and are still going strong.

Our support today ranges from the main church bodies in the world to our East bloc allies. Churches in the United States, the UK and in South Africa realised, that violence is the only way by which the ANC and her armed wing Umkhonto we Sizwe could dismantle the oppressive regime in South Africa.

The joint leaderships of the SACP and the ANC strengthened our ideological perspectives and intensified our revolutionary activities;

Although our allies in the Frontline States failed to give us the support we needed, we managed to rally support among the grassroots of the United States and European communities. The unholy Reagan-Botha alliance failed to stop the tremendous support we enjoy from churches and civil organisations world-wide. We the ANC want to thank these loyal Groups for their moral and financial

support. Not one gun, bomb or bullet for the destruction of the racist regime could have been bought without it.

The harassment of our armed members by governments in Swaziland and Botswana proves the addiction to capitalism by our previous allies. They are too cowardly to risk the loss of capitalist resources from the Pretoria Regime. To please 'their masters' voice they spurn the revolutionary cause of the ANC.

Whites should take note that they are still paying lip-service to the oppressive regime despite some liberal fac-

tions who claim that they support our ideals. They must take note of what is happening in Zimbabwe. The hatred of erstwhile freedom fighters cannot be eradicated in one day. However, they are useful in many ways.

We are no longer ashamed to hail the role of the Communist Party in our cause. They were responsible for the sound ideological base of our movement. Their unfailing support and enthusiasm enabled us to formulate our Freedom Charter and to establish our joint military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe. Who played a major role in our formation? J.B. Marks, Moses Kotane, Govan Mbeki and others.

In this year of Unity, 1983, the ANC will intensify the armed struggle on all fronts. No longer can the ANC's military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe safeguard civilians in our armed struggle. Military action against the enemy will inevitably take the lives of innocent civilians. However these sacrifices will not be in vain.

We will also act against the collaborators with the enemy, inside South Africa and in the Frontline States where our brave fighters have been harassed.

We salute our gallant cadres of MK and pay tribute to their glorious achievements. We express our confidence in the leadership of the ANC. The ANC's successes must not be measured in terms of military successes alone, we must look at the dedicated support from our churches and other humanitarian organisations. Let us rededicate ourselves to the struggle against racism and capitalism.

ETERNAL Glory to the martyrs, to battle Comrades, to battle. We pledge solidarity with freedom fighters world-wide. We salute the Polisario Front, the PLO, IRA,, SWAPO, the Re_d Brigade and our Latin American allies.

Air.andla Ngawethu!

Maatla ke la rona!

All Power to the People!

Oliver R. Tambo: President