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A TRUMPET FROM THE ROOFTOPS

LIONEL FORMAN'S WRITINGS ON HISTORY AND RESISTANCE IN SOUTH AFRICA

PREFACE Jack and Ray Simons

INTRODUCTION

PART ONE - ~~ON THE HISTORY OF THE STRUGGLE~~

People's History

1. Colonialism and the ~~struggle for the land~~

Last Dispossession

- Tribal democracy
- In the days of Van Riebeeck
- A robber economy
- British occupation
- The struggle within a common society

The Working class is Born

2. (The roots of the national liberation and socialist movements, 1870-1914.)

- The working-class is born
- The first Non-European organisations
- Indian Congress and APO
- The Union of South Africa
- The African National Congress
- Enter the Socialists

3. The First World War and the ~~advent~~ *beginnings of an organised socialist movement* of revolutionary socialism in South Africa.

4. *The Communist Party and the ANC 1921-1926*
~~Class and national struggles: The Communist Party's relationship with the ANC, 1921-1950.~~ *The Background to the National Pass Laws*

5. The Congress Alliance and the turn to mass action in the early 1950s.

Footnote, as this paper was written for distribution to CP members as a background to CP policy in the 1950s?

~~PART TWO - IN THE HEAT OF THE STRUGGLE~~
~~THE SOUTH AFRICAN TREASON TRIAL, 1956-1960.~~

6. Dawn sweeps → You can hang for treason
7. Prison →
8. The trial starts.
9. The best defence is attack.
10. The evidence begins.
11. Clashes in court.
12. Secret police.
13. Cross examination and police gibberish.
14. 'Heil (Prosecutor) Pirow'.
15. Democracy or Fascism.
16. The judgement.

~~PART THREE - THE THEORY AND PRACTISE OF THE STRUGGLE~~
~~(SELECT DOCUMENTS, 1947 - 1960).~~

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17. "The youngest and proudest card-holder ¹¹ in the party" Early C.P. days
- Establishing the dictatorship of the proletariat. - Debate (Hille)
 - Young and immature. Running wild.
 - Students' Socialist Party. ✓
 - 1948. ✓
 - A visit to Caledon Square. ✓
 - Enemy of the state

18. Imperialism

- Commentator goes to bioscope.
- How the Yanks were dragged to Berlin.
- American slump - starvation here. *looking again*
- 'Dit lyk nie of Dulles dit maklik gaan he nie'.
- Danger on eve of Geneva. " "
- Know the facts on Vietnam. ✓
- Angry Asia also abhors American atomic apemen. ✓
- Power through violence.

19. Keeping alive Socialist debate

- Why do we write - and argue - so little about socialism?
- Socialism not treason.
- Revive socialist discussion.
- Has May Day become the forgotten day?
- Time for a socialist party?
- Stalin and dictatorship *type*
- Lessons from Hungary 1956.

20. The debate on the National Question ~~opened.~~

- Don't spread Malan's lies.
- ~~Don't confuse the people~~ (Dr Yusuf Dadoo) *chase back (Sept 29)*
- 'The fog under which we tend to work.'
- 'Profoundly revolutionary nature of the national movement.'
- Symposium on the national question (E. Marney and I.O. Horvitch). *Forward,*
- Nationalisms in South Africa. - LF,
- What are the national groups in South Africa? (Kenny Jordaan).
- What are the national groups in South Africa? (Thomas Ngwenya).
- Nationalisms in South Africa (Jack Simons).

cut 21. A Soviet view on the National Question in South Africa
(I.I. Potekhin)

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22. The debate ~~on the National Question continued.~~

Continues

- Moscow correspondence (i).
- The development of nations in South Africa. - LF
- Moscow correspondence (ii)
- Critiques of the development of nations in South Africa.
- A rejoinder.
- Moscow correspondence (iii)

Trumpet

23. Last testament

- Lionel Forman's message to Sadie Forman.
- letter* - ~~Condolences from the Treason Court (Leon Levy and Ahmed Kathrada)~~
- Tribute from the "Chief" (and others)
- Jack Simons appreciation at Forman memorial service. *ACI*
- Responses in the Afrikaner nationalist press.
- Inspiring the underground struggle.

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