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SOUTH AFRICA.

1. SHADOW BOXING BETWEEN FRIENDS.

In the wake of retaliatory actions between Pretoria and Washington, over the allegation that the ambassador of the United States to South Africa is using his private aircraft for aerial spying activities, has resulted in the expulsion of three American embassy personnel to S.A. for CIA activities. The United States also in a retaliatory move expelled two of the Pretoria regime's military attache to Washington, Commodore W.N. du Plessis and Colonel G.J. Koetzee.

In reaction to the American move the racist chief, Peter Botha instructed the racist Charge d' affaires in Washington, W.R. Retief, to register on behalf of the Pretoria clique, its strongest protest, at the retaliatory action of the American government. The message further said that the lowest least the United States government could have done was to apologise to South Africa.

2. A DROP IN THE OCEAN.

After so many years of flagrant violation of the U.N. resolution on arms embargo against S.A. by many U.S. arms manufactures and dealers, in a hypocritic show, a Johannesburg arms dealer, Richard Beck, 32, has been convicted of six gun-running charges over the shipment of weapons from the United States to South Africa, in what they called "defiance of a ban imposed by the United States in 1964 on sale of arms to S.A. because of its apartheid policy."

The US. government has failed to take meaningful action against companies that arm the oppressive apartheid regime. The Richard Beck hypocritic show, which is aimed at deceiving American public opinion, is just a drop in the ocean, compared to over 15 years to close weapons supply channels; both semi-legal and legal, both direct and indirect, both overt and covert.

For example, Winchester International principal operating group of olin corporation, was indicated in March 1978 for conspiring to ship arms illegally to South Africa during the period 1971 - 75 and for filling fraudulent statements concealing the destination.

Olin admitted its guilt, confessed to sending 3200 fire-arms and 20 million rounds of ammunition to S.A., via the Canary Islands, Greece and Portuguese Mozambique; some rifles had actually been delivered directly to S.A.'n dealers. What did the American Administration do about this company? NOTHING.

The blood-sucker, Richard Beck, who is responsible for the many crimes committed by the racist, is merely going to face a maximum of 12 years in prison and K25,000 in fines. He will be sentenced on the 24th of May.

3. THE PRETORIA REGIME. PURGES. PROGRESSIVE JOURNALIST.

In yet another purge on journalists, the Pretoria regime arrested two of the Argus Press groups for African News Service, Deon Du Plessis, an assistant editor and Jaes Beaumont, a trainee journalist with the Johannesburg Star. The two journalists were arrested 1 st week Thursday under S.A.'s official Secret Acts.

More and more fascist laws are being introduced or amended to be used against journalists to try and silence the truth from the people.

eversince the outbreak of the Info-scandal.the regime has **been using** all methods of suppression to try and mow down journalists,who have been a pain in the neck of the Pretoria clique. Section 205 of the Criminal Procedure Act (Which is used to compel people ,under threat of portential heavy jail sentences to divulge information before a magistrate) and old section 83 which was amended in 1977 to give teeth , have been used against people and journalists to suppress information.

ZIMBABWE.

THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE DEFY SHAM ELECTIONS.

The fraud elections in Rhodesia were launched in a wake of terrorist acts by Smith and his lackeys against lackeys against ZAPU refugee camps in Zambia,which culminated in the the worst barbaric act when they destroyed the house of President of ZAPU,Comrade Joshua Nkomo,leaving behind, innocent civilians dead and wounded.

Despite the imperialist manœuvres to devide the Patrioic Front which was a fruitless venture,the Pretoria regimes propaganda media made an attempt to create hostilities between ZAPU and ZANU which have vowed to disrupt the 'elections'. The Pretoria regime concocted a story saying that a certain "ZAPU spokesman" accused ZANU, in what they termed "complicity with the Rhodesian forces" in pin-pointing the house and other targets hit in the raid".The racists concoction was clearly castigated at a press conference after the after the raids by the two leaders of the Patriotic Front that Smiths action will only serve to strengthen the fighting forces.

These terrorist activities by Smith were aimed at showing the people of Zimbabwe that he is still determined to carry oppression into heights and for the world public opinion that he is still very strong. The successes of the Patriotic Front have proved him wrong.

The people of Zimbabwe correctly defied the terror elections and demonstrated to Smith and his puppets that no amount of intimidation will move them to the polling stations. Reports from

Rhodesia indicate that the turn-out was very low, and worse in the Matabeleland where voting was reported scanty. A BBC correspondent reported that intimidation by police was rife in many parts of the country. The correspondent said that the cause of the low turn-out was partially because the racist regime's parade of arms at the polling stations, and the abduction of people at gun-point to vote against their will. The situation was made more grave when over 1,000 black university students demonstrated against the sham elections and came out in support of the Patriotic Front. The fascist leader Ian Smith was forced to make a nationwide broadcast on radio and television, in explaining how white minority entrenchment will be consolidated he said that voting means the scrapping of sanctions and recognition by the international community. At the same time the arch-puppet Muzorewa apparently condoned the racist attacks into Zambia at press conference in Salisbury. He said a UANC Govt. will take similar action against any Govt. that harbours terrorists who intend to overthrow his Govt., the bishop spilt the beans when he said the 'new Zimbabwe-Rhodesia' will continue to collaborate with racist Pretoria. When asked whether South Africa's participation in the election will not harm the new puppet regime's chance of international recognition, he said that there are members of the OAU who protest and make noises about S.A's policies but did business behind the scenes. The bishop hopes to use this card as an entry to the international community. As the Patriotic Front has vowed to disrupt the fraud elections the unity of theory and practice was demonstrated by the blowing of yet another fuel depot in the central city of Fort Victoria. The guerillas broke the so-called security network and blew up five polling booths, and enemy transportation was grounded with the mortaring of a bus depot. Last weeks enemy casualties are reported to be the highest ever since the people of Zimbabwe resolved to use revolutionary violence to regain their lost freedom.

As the Patriotic Front has demonstrated, they are in command of the situation. Comrade Joshua Nkomo, President of ZAPU, said that they are going to use sophisticated weapons from now on. The terror elections in Zimbabwe are doomed to failure. Even the western allies of the white minority regimes in Pretoria and Salisbury have shyly joined the progressive forces in saying that they will not recognise the outcome of the elections.

INTERNATIONAL.

NICARAGUA.

THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES

After the weekend heavy fighting , particularly in the town of Eastelli, where air craft and artillery fire was used and the cutting off of water and electricity supply the Somoza troops finally recaptured the town of Eastelli.

Witnesses say that although the guerillas were driven out of town, their operation had demonstrated that they were well armed, well organised and had public support.

Meanwhile in an interview with the Miami Herald in Florida, President Somoza said that he intends to continue in office untill his mandate expires in 1981, adding that if he is defeated in the subsequent elections, he will settle in the United States.

It is obvious that Anastasio Somoza, is on a CIA briefing under the guise of a easter holiday. Observers have pointed out that guerilla action is expected to spread to other parts of the country.

IRAN.

DR SANJABI RESIGNS.

The Provisional government in Iran has accepted the resignation of the foreign Minister Karim Sanjabi. He was head of the National Front political grouping. Dr Sanjabi told a press conference that he quitted the provisional administration after the "absolute breaking-up of the armed forces, distribution of weapons among incompetent individuals, confusion in all social and economic affairs, and failure of government to establish executive authority".

Meanwhile Irans second best known spiritual leader Ayatollah Taleghani left his Teheran home last weekend in protest against the abuse of power by some elements in the country and warned against falling back into dictatorship in Iran. It was said that his remarks were an attack on the revolutionary council headed by Ayatollah Khomeini.

On Wednesday Radio Teheran reported that seven more people were executed, six of them ex-soldiers of the Shah's personal guard. The radio said another 14 people had also gone on trial on Tuesday night at Kerman, eleven of them received prison terms of three months and ten years.

Since the beginning of April, 95 people have been executed under the new penal system.

LEBANON.

PRO-ISRAELI RIGHTIST "DECLARE A FREE LEBANON".

About 500 troops of Lebanon's new army crossed the Litan river into rightist christian stronghold in compliance with UN's Security Council and to establish state presence in the area.

Eversince the split of the army into Moslim and Christian factions in 1976, the progessive Lebanese forces, which enjoy support among Arab countries and the progressive world have been moving south - wards and were greeted with wild enthusiasm as they passed through villages.

The 500 strong contingent of the newly-rebuilt lebanese army sent to the region moved in areas well away from the rightist enclose, 15 km wide along the Israeli border. The deployment along the UN troops was enough to provoke Major Haddad, a renegade lebanese army officer.

The rightist have vowed to oppose the army's development in southern Lebanon. At a press conference in the northern town of Israeli, Metullah, renegade major Haddad, commander of the rightist militia forces announced the declaration of a "Free Lebanon".

The arrival of the Lebanese army was met with shell fire from the Israeli border. The UN troops positions were also shelled. According to observers neither the major's declaration of independence nor the Lebanese troops presence seem likely to alter the military situation in this region.

It should be remembered that the Israeli- Zionist handed over the enclave to the right-wing militia forces, when they withdrew after invading southern Lebanon in March 1978. Since then the militia has refused to bow to Beirut or the UN and have looked to Tel Aviv for support.