

(WW?â\200\2341.1 1.&13'7;13\) Ur

RECEIVED '1

.7â\200\230 JUL 1985

- :13 : AUGUÂ§2Â§ 1A MOWAEMLLWWQLAEL 1â\200\230

The freedom struggle of 11.5 oppressed people of 3011111 Afneai-\201nder the
lesled leadership dlogam0111' organisation, the African National Congressâ\200\235
has 1raversea/i-\201reasured.:LIn oenerall0ns. In. 1:11e.process,as 11161route went .

.13:
Waugh swamps and; valleys,miles10nes have been passed and impoxlan1
landxmrks left. Some pf these have been 1119 115.1111 of 111e A.N.C.Youl.h League,
the Programs .of Amen, the DefianceCampaagni-\201he Congress sf: 111a Pegple, '
111s Stay-att-Home stmke agasnsâ\200\230b a ramallst republic, and. the birth of
111.11.01.10 we aimÂ»

:

4
5
:

The Stay-aâ\200\230bu-Home slrlkeIof1961led by NelsenMandela, confirmed theIlmmen1
â\200\230 15:711..)A.N.C. 1:0 lmaorpoxa'be molenee 1.11 11slac'hleso As 113113511, .110 a
: peaceful canpaagn 111s enemy responded 1.11.111 violence. To a. demand for 3111315199,
111a enemy made an unprsaedented shew oIf slrengbhÂ¢ All armed. services...-were
on the alert, with units of i-\201ne ground forces assisting the pelican The
i-\201ecision to incorporate violence; taken after 49years of a noh-Â«riolerrb

strug0is wasnot easy 10 reach ..

Dunng the 10theenlury the- enemy wouli-\201'. have liked. .10 annihilate us, 131:1
thanks 10 our formdable culture,our.feree-fazbhers mlhstood all, in;3uding
laying dewh arms when further armed resislanee would have- spelt (190111.

...

The birth of 110K. proved 11113.1: the founding of 1119 A.N.C.Was

what in 111111112113? parlance is termed. elrategie relreal.I11 was 1101 a ;.
Withdrawal mar oapllulallon. We hadI10 regroup and figh1: net as 1mbc5'
butas a halion. IWe had. 19use a 1:0lally newIlype Â«f weapom-I the firearm.
Given the racists! moheness10 Negroelde,oomplloadsd by the Afrieian'sanger
arid fearlessness, the decision .10 lucorporaâ\200\230be violence needed and wassomrded.
on as e'sqnzâ\200\231lessedIlmby Nelson Mandela 1.11 mgr't ~ seriousness and. utmost: sobr
iety.
Thus on the 16":h December, 1961, MoKI. was born. orders for aounter smack
were given.

;-

As the winter of 1967 bid. â\200\230us farewTi-\201I 1 ,911 the 13th day of the 111011111
of August,
gun bursls were heard... After a retreat of almost 11hreeâ\200\224quarâ\200\230hers 91â
\200\230a century,
'I1:he gxi-\201dâ\200\224chlldrenIof Celywaon ,Malcana, Moshoesheñi-\201ekhukhunl were .o
n 111s attack.

.

On this day a monumental land. mark was erected...

As chapter v of our booklet: A short History, isâ\200\230en'bi'bled,â\200\230 med Struggl
Begins- 111a racist regimes of Vorster and; Smith were shocked to theircjbowels.

White women in their nwn'bers mourned like our 8011th 1138- been (181% for 8g88. Truly our struggle had reached a new staged Boer hlood flowed 8nd.th8 â\200\231

atmospher8 wasâ€11188 wlt h the smoke ofâ\200\230gun powder; 8

.

—

Â€

2.

.

.

, In the N81;Year m888%8' of 1968, comrade O.R.Ta.mbo, hh8nAct1ng â\200\23588188211 â\200\231 of 8urorg8n188118n pul 11 this way', â\200\230..i. Th8.lon.g8luggle for freedom _uh

eur cbuntryâ\200\230hAS ehlerÃ©d a.vltal new phase..." H8 W881 furlh8r 8nd_88ld aoaThG 8811188 in Zimbabweh8v8 prov8dthat providedour p88p18 818 armed.with moaern weapons and are united.und8r the leadBrship of the A8N808, they will undoubtedly defeat the armies 8f apartheid and. sweep the system of racial 88gr8g8110n.1n18 the dustbin of hlstorw8o On December 16, 1967, Umkhonto we Sizw8,th8 millitary wing of lh 8 A.N.C. made 1% knpwn thal Â€8, -the oppressed p88p18 8f Soulh Afniea, Mould fight for our rights. W8 maae 1, â\200\230hthis knbwn hot onlyMith words. Dyh8m118 blasts announced ithrom Angvnt 13, 1967, cur m8n of MgK., together with 8ur brothers of Z.A.P;U., ham8'b88ni-â\202 flbh11ngthb8ppressors 1nwankle and further seui-â\202i-â\201a

In the Sechaba of November, 1967} there is 81r8p811 from the fron1. In.â\202-h81 report_itâ\200\230b888m88,81881 thal though the enemy'tried 18 mlnim188 the num18r 8138118 casualfiesme had 18 remove all +118 patients fmm stlr-Maryrs H&pital 8:18Mpilo H8Sp1181. They went to the 811881 of telling the staff 81 Bulawayb

Hbspital 1h81 the wnunded.ther8 W8r8 injured Iterrerristsâ\200\230. Theinjured

:!terr8rlsts' had no guards..."

â\200\234In888d, as thÃ©A.N,C ./Z.A.P.U. 81818m8n1 8fâ\200\231M8r8h the 22nd,1968, VpU1s' lt

theenemy was in real dlff18ult188. " The gu8rr1118 war in Ziï-â\201babwÃ© in Which Z.A.P;U ./A.N. C. forces 8r8 confron11ng a massiv8 m8b11188118n of Rhod8aian 8&and.88ulh African troops has 8nt8r8d a newphaSe. Th8 positions 8f th8 'enemy 8n th8 ground 8r8 under constant altack...t twojet b88b8r8 h8N8'h88n shdt down...The police station 81 Miami has been completely ovnrrun'by our

forces".

SInSpite 8f lh8 Usu811lg 88188881 poiioÃ©and m1111tarV'budgets,the polloe 'yhlnaured an OV8rdraft.The.ï-â\202epuly Mini 8181 of P81188,Mr. Mull8r, 88k88 parliament

for an additional R1,460,000

18 defray the 8881 of 8uh81818888, tran8p8r1

and.

Other expenses involV8d in sending troops to;Rhod8sia.

,

One does remGMber that a worker at a mortuamw'ln.BulaM8y8 had, in a 8h8rt spa88 of t1m8 8ounted 192 Gorpses.;.

It is our feeling as members of 'the Luthuli Detachment that the people of South Africa still have more room for improvement in the line of honouring the sacrifices.

â\200\230

In the name of the banner of the Luthuli Detachment, we ask the people of

South Africa, to, on every 13th day of the month of August, take off their

,

to meet and relate to the young ones the story of the struggle,

J

fighting the homeward bound trail from exile.

Our request is eloquently put by Patrick K0611: 1y, a Commonwealth member. He, says in the editorial of the Guardian (London), 10th October 1967: "August 13th

1967, may just possibly become a significant date in the history of the

South African Africa in the years to come, 1967 marks the outbreak of the biggest

guerrilla, operations south of the Zambezi since the U.D.I., and even 11th August

13 of this year did not turn out to be the kick off (18th for the revolution, 11th marks 13th day when Rhodesia became a separate state of the Republic of

South Africa"

This request we solemnly address to -- through the Army Political Commissar - the National Executive Committee of the African National Congress, the

vanguard organisation of the fighting people of South Africa.

With the confidence in our request shall be upheld, we then thank our leadership in advance.

,

To:

â\200\2307

, 7.

j .3

1.

, ,.â\200\234H. From:

.

' "The Amy P01111061; Comissa'g African National Congress;

The Luthuli Detachment African National Congress.

..

The bravery of our forefathers a-b Isandlwana was revisitedi- the world was reminded that our ancestorsi- or more than a two centuries made colonial ,

penetrari- lion @3113th Red Goats 9;th were~fregarded4' as invincible atrthe timewere routed atIsandlwana. Again9heallng goehoes _ from Wari- cie, our' ,. women ullulatedt

h
â\200\230.

.1...
â\200\230

I
The ear'b/tremor was heardaafleld9From â\200\235theAtlas Mountains, in Algeria

h
,3
the editorial of El Moudaahd9 entii- ed. " The Path To Victoryâ\200\234 panuedlit 'bâ\200\230hls WaJ9 "Unifying their action, they. have begun the fight â\200\234borliquii -\202aiâ\200\230ei â\200\230by E force â\200\230bheir oppressors. It is a jiis'b and revolutionary path Â«iii; is a â\200\235path

to vietory" .
Detrae'bors questioned,our:flnh'bIngihZimbabwe, but then youdo notalways listen to/B?3Â§l%oy%all aâ\200\230b .fbhe grand stand. Some revolutions have failed. because "fightersflehâ\200\230b i- thei; ea.ass isoziimperialist propaganda. Rhodesi aas.1

_; Seufbh Ai-\201lica*sbuffer zoneeoulcl not: begawoided.

'.
t
7M ,~Â»
n

â\200\230
â\200\234V

. 'k
:3 Z.A.N.U.1 was clear on our presence â\200\234hhereo In The. Standard (Tanganyika) 'of ~

EEAugust 30th , 1967, they say " Z.A N..U. guem'illas had. started. thew170611111:
Eii-\201ghâ\200\230ting in the area around. Wankie, in Rhodesia, and. that the rejected JANC/ZAPU fighters Â«had lnadver'bedL, used.Â» an area deolaeod 'by ZANU {.131 active guerxilla zone in effo{is to getLeo South Africa, (ourempphasis)

.1
V

E

!
â\200\235
â\200\234
4
0
9
1
"
,
2

â\200\234
w

.
H
w
l
Âç
n
m
a
u
-
w
)
W
Y
.
Âç
l
W
W
~
\
W
9

.
m

w
m
m
m
m
u
t

.
,

Truely our \$310 there, as people. going through to South Afriea,did; not
allow lls to indulse in paï-\201y politlos of Zimbabwe. This ms illustrated by
relations between IhK. and ZIPRA in Kongwa, prior to â\200\234the opo*â\200\230atl0ns. la
ter

between 149K. and. ZANLA after ithe operations, also in Kongwa.

On our siâ\200\230de these intero-oparâ\200\230ty cadre relations were constant inspite o
f common

quarrels between the Zimbabwean organisations. The Standard. of "the 271311

Sepâ\200\230bember,1967, datemlihed, L11;~~'lka,reports of clashes between thesupporters
of ZAPU and ZANU in; which 17 houses were destroyed.

As our heroes shared cells in Smi'bhâ\200\230s dungeons with Zimbabwean patriots of
all shades, so shall ihere be mini pilgrimages by our future generations

lm Zimbabwe .The blood of em: martyrs who fell in Zimbabwe can never be erased.

Given â\200\230hheir role in hi'tory, these maims should not be unsung heroes. They
must 'be a source of. inspiration for- iâ\200\230u'bure genorabions.