

## SOUTHERN AFRICA

1. The situation in Southern Africa is a menace to African security and an imminent and serious threat to world peace. This has sometimes

been expressed, but it has perhaps never been so vital as now, to make the point again and again and to examine its full implications and the consequences which flow from it?

2\* We should remind ourselves of some of the aspects of the White racist and fascist regimes which now dominate Mozambique, Angola, Rhodesia and South Africa. These regimes have maintained through mili-

tary force and police terrorising systems which have been condemned the world over as a crime against humanity. Nevertheless, in flagrant violation of world condemnation; these racist regimes have intensified their ruthless oppression and exploitation of the people.

3\* There are many reasons why these White regimes have been able to sustain and maintain systematic violence against the general trend of the African revolution and world development.

4. One of them is that Smith, Vorster and Salazar have systematically built and consolidated what is now known to be an Unholy Alliance. It is an alliance based on a common ideology -- the maintenance of colonialism, racism and fascism. It has a common economic objective - the ruthless exploitation of the peoples of Southern Africa and their resources. It also has a common political and military objective - to stem the spread of the African Revolution and to subvert it where it has already been successful.

5\* The South African forces are conducting military action jointly with the Portuguese against M.FoL.A\* in Angola. Last year it was established that 80 South African helicopters were operating against the M.P.L.A. militants in their Itas era front. For purposes of working out joint strategy the Command-in-Chief of the Portuguese forces in Angola and the South African Commander-in-Chief meet at least once a month. Military support and contingents of South African troops in Mozambique have been the subjects of frequent reports. The question of South African troops in Zimbabwe will be dealt with elsewhere\*

6. The Role of South- Africa in the Alliance.

South Africa is the main pillar of this Alliance, with its tremendous economic resources, its military might, which is out of all proportion for its needs, it stands out as the senior partner and gives technical, financial and military aid to the Smith regime, Salazar in Mozambique and Angola. Smith openly declared to the Congress of his party last year that but for the assistance of South African support, he would not have declared U.D.I.

7\* The South African racist regime has acquired all the aggressive features of an imperialist state. It is only necessary to mention the brazen annexation of South West Africa against decisions of the U.N.

The constant threats of military attacks on countries like Zambia, and Tanzania. The acts of subversion, sabotage and spying carried out in African states; the export of mercenaries - these are the signs of an expansionist policy.

8. The Portuguese have already violated Zambian and Tanzanian sovereignties by bombarding border villages.

9« Imperialist conspiracies.

Behind this unholy alliance is an even more ruthless and desperate alliance of\*..»..o..2/

alliance of the imperialists, the U.S., Britain, France, West Germany, They/ etc. /have deliberately tried to build Southern Africa, and South Africa

ca in particular, into a fortress of racialism and colonialism. The last outpost of imperialism in Africa and a ready springboard to endanger and wreck the sovereignty of the African states and threaten world peace. South Africa is the treasure house of the imperialists but, more than that, it is one of their most important strategic military bases and ally in their global strategy directed against the forces of national liberation, democracy and peace.

10. The enormous military might of the South African racist regime has been deliberately and systematically built over many years with the direct assistance of the imperialist powers. They supplied the technical know-how, the materials and the manpower to accelerate the growth of that monstrous arsenal in South Africa. This was no idle exercise by the imperialist powers. It was part of a well considered strategy.

11. The Minister of Defence of the White minority government stated openly that the role of South Africa in Africa is the same as the role of the U.S. in the world and that was to fight what he called communism.

12. The commitment and involvement of South Africa in the global strategy of the imperialists is no new phenomenon. In the historic patriotic war of the People's Republic of Korea, South Africa did not hesitate to send its military personnel there to fight against the people of Korea. Only recently in the Middle East war, so-called South African volunteers were mobilised to render assistance to Israel. Financial and material assistance were also given. The South African government constantly boasts that it is the most stable ally of the imperialist powers, and offers them ready passage via the Cape to prosecute their nefarious plots and war in South East Asia.

13. South Africa - Zimbabwe Britain.

Britain is involved in one of the most despicable acts of treachery against the African people in Zimbabwe. The British labour government has deliberately permitted and encouraged the White minority to cease and monopolise political power despite Britain's persistent assurance that there will be an independence before majority rule generally known as (NIBMAR). Smith has now introduced a fascist Constitution which is intended to ensure that political power is entrenched in the White minority and majority rule is relegated to the dust bin. Despite world-wide popular demand, and also in spite of the fact that Wilson himself declared the UDI an act of rebellion by Smith and his racist henchmen, the British Government has consistently refused to use force to restore order in Rhodesia\* Britain has deliberately resorted to all forms of ineffectual methods, numerous and worthless talks, cunningly manipulated sanctions which allowed Smith's regime to get all it wants through the backdoor, South Africa\*

14\* Both the South African fascist regime and Britain are vitally interested in retaining Rhodesia as a buffer state forming part of a reactionary iron belt barrier with South,est Africa in the West, Angola in the North West and Mozambique in the East to protect the imperialist treasure house, South Africa from any outside attack.

15. When guerrillar war started in Zimbabwe under the leadership of the \*.NC/ZAPU Alliance, South Africa without any hesitation sent thousands of troops and a vast quantity of military equipment to the rescue of Smith's weaker forces. The basic purpose was to protect the buffer state from collapsing and to keep the guerrilla onslaught as as possible from the borders of South Africa. In desperation the Vorster regime

also threatened.....\*3/

also threatened that they will hit the so-called "terrorists" where they find them, and will not wait for them to attack. Everything was being done to make sure that South Africa itself did not become the theatre of war. The collapse of the Smith regime spelt a real and

imminent danger for South Africa. If that happened for one the fight-

ing forces of the people of South Africa would bring a qualitative change in the armed struggle in South Africa, in favour of the people's forces.

16Â» In pouring their forces into Rhodesia the Vorster regime was trying to solve one problem but created numerous others. One of them was the

fact that this weakened their military force in the rear and drew out the fascist forces on a long line of defence. The heavy casualties inflicted by our forces came as a shock and had an adverse effect both on the morale of the so-called 'superior' White forces and on the White population in South Africa. This is part of the reason why Vorster was urging a settlement between Britain and Smith at all costs. The burden of defending Rhodesia was creating problems and difficulties for the South African regime.

17\* 'The Fearless talks' were intended to legalise Smith's regime with-

out divesting Rhodesia of White minority rule. In this way Britain would be able to send its forces not against Smith but against armed revolution in Zimbabwe. At the same time Britain would be able to turn to African states and inform them that it have complied with the demand to send its forces to Zimbabwe, Smith was now under control and there was no purpose served in supporting guerrilla struggle against Zimbabwe

18Â« In this way White minority rule would be protected in Rhodesia and the South African troops could be withdraw! to protect fascist South Africa from within.

19\* More sinister and dangerous to world peace is the Alliance of South Africa and West Germany. This Alliance is based primarily on the objective of restoring nazi ideology and power on a world scale. An ideology which with all its criminal features caused so much misery, suffering, destruction and death to the humanity and undermined world peace for so many years. It is not necessary to recall the details of that horrifying period. There is no doubt that the Pretoria-Bonn axis is plotting and preparing for another expansionist adventure in Africa, based on Hitler's mad dreams. This should not be taken lightly.

20. Bonn and Pretoria, it is well known, are partners in building nuclear weapons in Pretoria. Soon South Africa and West Germany will be a nuclear power. This is a grave development, because what the West

German militarists are unable to do in West Germany they now carry out in South Africa. The nuclear Alliance of West Germany and South Africa is not for peaceful purposes but for war, a war of desperation by a

doomed alliance.

21. The only reliable allies of the imperialists and fascists in Africa are the Southern African racist and fascist states. This fascist alliance includes the Smith regime.

22. The peoples of Southern Africa, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Angola are at war, under the leadership of their organisations - ANC, ZAPU, PRELIMO and MPLA.

23. Beginning in August 1967 a new phase of the armed struggle has opened with the formation of a military alliance between the ANC and ZAPU. Freedom-fighters of the ANC/ZAPU alliance have entered into armed clashes with the combined forces of the Smith and Vorster regimes.

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24\* Inevitably the guerrilla struggle will be intensified and the masses of the people will continuously join in meeting armed repression with armed revolt\*

25. Our people's inevitable victory is also dependent on the vital role played by the governments and peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin Americas the international working-class movement and the socialist countries.

26Â« We are waging our struggle not only against the fascist Vorster regime, but also against the Unholy alliance of Vorster, Smith and Salazar, Imperialism, led by the USA, considers its duty to protect the White minority regime in South Africa and to maintain imperialism's hegemony over all of Southern Africa. For this reason,, the imperialists ensure that South Africa continues as their fortress - hence the military, political, economic and other might that the South African White racists control and have turned against our people and organisation..

27. An important characteristic is that nazism is firmly resolved <b to regroup in South Africa. The involvement of West Germany in this development has been fully documented especially by the Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee of the German Democratic Republic.

28a Botswan, Lesotho and Swaziland, are in a compromising situation as far as fascist South Africa is concerned. Because of their economic, communications and other dependence on South Africa they have been blackmailed to commit acts of hostility against the liberation movement of Southern Africa and to cooperate with the Vorster regime in obstructing the armed struggle. These three countries arc members of the OAU an organisation pledged to support the liberation of the whole of Africa and which is opposed to a artheid, colonialism, fascism and White minority rule.

## SOME CONCLUSIONS

29. The situation in Southern Africa demonstrates:-

(a) The Correctness of the ANC/ZAFU Alliance, and the need to do everything possible to consolidate and cement this alliance\*

(b) The urgent need (long overdue) of establishing and developing a properly organised alliance between ANC/ZAPU/FRELIMO and the people's organisation of South West Africa.

(c) The concept of the unholy Alliance which regards the whole of Southern Africa as a single indivisible theatre of war. Basically this should be the outlook of the liberation movement, but in addition to this general view every effort should be made to kindle the fire of armed struggle in as many areas as possible and in particular in South

Africa which is the mainstay of reaction\* Because no part of Southern Africa can really be free unless the racist and fascist regime of Vorster has been smashed.

(d) The struggle in Southern Africa is going to be a protracted and difficult one, and the whole movement should gear itself for the bitter hardships which lie ahead.