

claimed to be a socialist party and has made a big effort to reassure imperialism and South African capitalists that they can save capitalism for them from a workers revolution. That is what they are telling the groups of liberals who are visiting them in Harare, Lusaka and London. That is also why countries like Russia and Western capitalism like Britain and America are in such a hurry for a so - called "negotiated settlement". This is what Oliver Tambo told the British capitalists in 1985 when they asked him if the A.N.C planned to destroy capitalism:

" No we do not want to destroy it. The Freedom Charter does not even propose to want to destroy the capitalist system. All the

Freedom Charter does is to envisage a mixed economy in which part of the economy, some of the

industries, would be controlled, owned by the state (as happens in many countries) and the rest by private ownership - a mixed economy."

We need our own guide to action, a **SOCIALIST PROGRAMME OF ACTION** and our own **METHODS OF STRUGGLE** - mass meeting, bold slogans, strikes, demonstrations etc. But all our criticism of populism is useless, unless they take an organised form. To carry our struggle forward we need our own leadership and not just in our own union.

We need to unite socialist workers in all unions as well as outside the unions.



Communist Party Members Reinstated.

In 1937 three members of the Communist Party of South Africa were charged with "counter revolutionary" activity and called Trotskyites. These comrades went to Russia to argue their case. Here, two of them were executed in 1938 and the third sent to a labour camp where he died in 1941. The two who were executed were cde P Richter and cde M Richter. Cde Lazar

Bach was reported to have died in a labour camp of "natural causes". Today the Soviet authorities say the executions and the banishment to a labour camp was a mistake. They say it was as a result of false evidence extracted from them.

The South African Communist Party, at its 7th congress earlier this year, agreed with the Soviet authorities and decided to reinstate the three as members of the SACP.

This sad incident exposes the brutal, undemocratic nature of Stalinism. It does not help these comrades to be reinstated in their death. Like them thousands of genuine socialists throughout

the world were slandered and murdered by these Stalinists. What is worse, is that these murders were committed in the name of Socialism! We want to know how the "false evidence" was extracted! If those who were responsible, as well as their heirs, want to come clean, they must tell us.

Was it really natural causes that cde Lazar died of, three years after his arrest? The South African regime also

claimed that a number of political prisoners have died of "natural causes", but we have our suspicions.

We are encouraged by the SACP's self criticism, even if it is over 50 years after the incident and even if they still haven't provided all the facts. The lesson must be learnt, history will catch up with those inside or outside the liberation movement who use undemocratic methods in their work.

OUR STRUGGLE CONTINUES!