

It is noteworthy that during these p u n i t i v e invasions, which Zambia also faces, hardly a word of condemnation is ever heard from the Western so-called Contact Group. In August, South Africa again attacked and destroyed a town in the Kunene province and intermittent strikes with specific objectives are continuing. Therefore, tight vigilance and combat readiness on our part will always be decisive. Let all who stand opposed to racism and reaction close ranks and strike in unison to crush once and for all to ensure undisturbed progress and peace on the African continent.

Recent history of the liberation struggle in Africa, and Southern Africa in particular has recorded the most resolute revolutionary drive sweeping through the colonial regimes, resulting in the emergence of new independent African states and people's republics. It has in no uncertain terms granted viability to the prospects of armed struggle and further proved the invincibility of united and determined people. More than ever before we have seen reactionary forces forced to withdraw from positions in which they had pledged to fight to the last man. Today South Africa remains the only colonial and racist base and there is no doubt that not long the sun will set never to rise again for imperialism in Africa.

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## THESE BIRDS OF EVIL

To the memory of 11 African miners shot at  
City Deep levels, 11th September, 1973.

They came like  
shadows in the night  
and drowned my  
father in the river  
three months before  
I was born.

I shared the sorrow  
with my mother  
by crying from her womb.

My mother had a  
heart of gold and  
when there was no food  
in the house she  
gave me a farthing.

They came  
in the night  
and in the morning  
our land was gone.

These birds of evil  
which have rot all  
human worth

We cannot rest  
while these men  
walk our land.

These monsters  
these butchers  
who stole our land  
in the blue of the day  
before the gold of the night.

Only yesterday  
in the mine of gold  
that "yellow glittering gold"  
they brought death  
to the salt of Africa.

These birds of evil  
which have rot all  
human worth

They are monsters  
these birds of evil

Who stole our land  
in the blue of the day  
before the gold of the night.

-Jimmy Pitse