



Editorial Comment

WE DO NOT FEAR THE FUTURE

By sometimes criticising apartheid, the leaders of the imperialist countries think that we cannot think. Even our children have taken up to arms against apartheid. What can refrain their parents from doing so? This is not the voice of despair, when we point out that imperialism is riding on our backs. They are carting away our gold to Wall Street in London, and Fort Knox in America, for their own glory; while Rome is burning.

If some of us have read a collection of stories known as the Arabian Nights; then we are no fools. We know who Ali Baba is. We also know who the Forty Thieves are. The only difference here is that imperialism and apartheid is working according to a scheme they have formed. By sometimes shouting at apartheid from the rooftops; they think that they are taking us for a ride - that we are merely digging the gold for Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves, not knowing what they are doing to us.

The power is in our hands. First, we are going to defeat apartheid; and then, as high and mighty as they might seem to be, that would be the beginning of the end of imperialism.

We blame imperialism for what is happening to us, because

throughout the years, countless resolutions and appeals went to France, the United States, Britain and West Germany, by the international community, calling upon these countries for political, economic, military and cultural isolation of the racists, in the interests of peace and security in Africa and throughout the world, but these countries have refused to listen and instead maintained economic and military ties, despite the United Nations resolutions. Today Roelof Botha can boast of a "crack force that can do anything in Africa". But our President, Comrade Oliver Tambo, has pointed out:

"In terms of the struggle of the peoples of Africa for political and economic independence, including the struggle of the South African people, the possession of the Atom bomb by the South African racists will not be a deterrent. This struggle will continue. Do the Western powers really think that their interests in South Africa would be saved by setting Southern Africa aflame? It remains doubtful whether the Western interests would survive the flames".

How many times this year alone have the racists threatened that they would blow up everything in our country as soon as they realise that our victory was in sight, so that "there would be nothing left?"

To requote the truth made by the racist newspaper, "Die Burger", the statement it made in 1965 which appeared in DAWN last month in our column, "Human Touch" - its editorial claimed in that year in April that "South Africa's ultimate power lies in her ability to unleash international difficulties of which the end cannot be foreseen".

And how does that editorial end by sounding their own doom? "But when the survival of a free white nation in Africa is threatened, it has the moral right to resist, whatever the international repercussions might be for others".

Thanks to the Freedom Charter: **South Africa belongs to all who live in it...** Thanks to our beloved Comrade President O.R. Tambo, who threw in the olive branch on June 2 when he told the BBC in Dar-Es-Salaam:

"The Sasolburg Operations are an appeal for reason; for the international community to see to it that the oil embargo against South

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the slogan of "everybody for himself and god for us all". All these balance on a platform of very low morality. This kind of 'discipline' is counterrevolutionary and we reject it.

The discipline I speak of is that which is based on understanding and acceptance of the noble objectives of one's movement (or country). In this connection, I am referring to the politics which serve as basis for commitment, the understanding of the need to obey comrades' authority, to be dutiful and to carry out the tasks of the movement energetically and unreservedly, to be respectful towards one's comrades and leadership, to strive for the protection of the movement from both internal and external enemies. Discipline is indeed a noble quality which is fraternal to honour. The key element of revolutionary discipline is that it is conscious. This guarantees the high morals of all revolutionaries.

I hope that this humble contribution will manage to spark off a discussion of these questions in our army so as to assist us in our noble task of waging this revolution to its logical conclusion. In conclusion, I can do no better than reiterate the symbolic slogan of our journal, "DISCIPLINE IS THE MOTHER OF VICTORY"!

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Africa is carried out. The African National Congress does not want bloodshed".

"The Star" has also acknowledged our maturity: "for the apparent policy of generally restricting attacks to 'strategic' rather than civilian targets enables the ANC to retain a broad international acceptability".

When we look at the Great October Socialist Revolution which we marked earlier this month, we note that the importance of Lenin is not a thing of the past because he is dead. We are looking to the future. The Revolution has not failed or dropped like the civilisation of the Roman Empire. It has not made a 'shameful conquest of itself' like the British Empire. The October Revolution is still developing with younger nations like Ethiopia and the People's Republic of Angola. It is real.

Look at what is happening in our country, and you see the decaying civilisation of capitalism, like civilisations of its past when they reach a certain stage. We might just as well state that imperialism is moribund, but very dangerous - if we look around the present conference tables. The degeneration is normally followed by a collapse of the entire system.

The future is the future which Lenin foresaw and we have every right to smile - all of us. We do not fear the future.