



## Editorial Comment

# SMASH ALL INSTRUMENTS OF REPRESSION

The shamelessness, arrogance and extremity with which the Pretoria fascist rulers are using their courts of 'law and order' to murder our people calls for an immediate response from every truly patriotic and freedom-loving South African. These courts have literally become identical with the murder squads that make up the racist army - perpetrators of ghastly crimes on our people and our brother peoples in racist-occupied Namibia, the Peoples' Republics of Angola, Mozambique and all other Southern African states that oppose racist domination.

Right now the world is horrified by the condemnation of six of the best young sons of our oppressed people to the gallows, all within a period of barely six months: Petrus Mashigo, Naphtalie Mamana, Johnson Lubisi, David Moise, Anthony Tsotsobe and Johannes Shabangu. No less horriying is the sadistic subjection of 72 year-old SACTU and community leader, Oscar Mpetha, to a slow-death process. All these terroristic acts, performed against the background of the continued imprisonment of our national leaders like Mandela, Sisulu, Mbeki, Kathrada, Goldberg and other hundreds of our patriots inclu-

ding breast-feeding mothers, surpass everything.

These atrocities perpetrated by the Betha-Malan regime on our people to terrorise them into submission while creating an illusionary impression on the supporters of racist domination that apartheid is indestructible, can only be checked and finally brought to an end by heightened resistance. The murderous racist judges who pose as administrators of justice and the whole band of fascists and their running dogs must immediately be made to realise that the murdering of even one of our patriots means facing the explosive wrath of our entire fighting millions.

### **SOLIDARITY WITH POLITICAL PRISONERS**

On the 11th October, the International Day of Solidarity with South African and Namibian Political Prisoners hundreds of millions of lovers of freedom and peace, will be focusing their attention on devising more effective means of making their contribution towards the total destruction of the apartheid monster - this enemy of all mankind! In the past these millions, combining and co-ordinating their solidarity actions with our own liberatory actions, have saved the lives of some of our patriots and secured the release of others. We who are in the centre of the struggle against apartheid fascism must, as we have always done, set the pace for the whole world.

This calls for better organisation, greater unity and more resolute action. We have the power to do this and the whole world expects much from us. Let us set this power into motion. All of us - workers, the youth, landless peasants, the intelligentsia, Christians and democratic whites, are fighters. Let us all unite behind our national torch-light, the African National Congress and our army, Umkhonto we Sizwe and together advance like a piercing spear to strike at the heart of the apartheid monster.

Using every weapon at our disposal - the strikes, the boycotts, demonstrations, protest meetings, sabotage and guns, let us combine our resistance to stop the brutality of the racist courts with our all-round offensive to smash all instruments of repression. This is the only way in which we can seize power from the Pretoria tyrants, sweep them and all the filth they thrive on from the face of our Motherland. Certainly this conflict will be protracted and bloody, but out of this suffering will emerge boundless freedom, peace and progress to reign supreme over our entire land forever.

Fight for the release of Comrade Nelson Mandela, our leaders and all other Political Prisoners!

**SAVE THE LIVES OF OUR SIX PATRIOTS!**