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The dynamic situation inside the country charges us, on this great occasion, with the great task of defending each gain of the revolution we have so far scored giving the enemy no chance of recovering from his losses. Each one of us must rally behind our vanguard movement, the African National Congress and our revolutionary leadership responding with utmost precision to every call.

We are fighting a desparate carnivore, we have to be vigilant against all his attempts to devour us with his sophisticated military equipment and dogs of war by keeping constant offensive and repulse him. We must be vigilant against his agents infiltrated within our ranks. Closure of ranks in our People's Army shall frustrate all enemy manoeuvres within our midst.

Let us rededicate ourselves, entering the battlefield with no fear, devoting ourselves to the just cause of liberating our Motherland. We must draw our inspiration from our heroes who fell in Zimbabwe, Silverton, Dobsonville and Chiawelo. We must avenge the death of those massacred in Sharpeville and Soweto and our martyrs like Gqabi, Mdluli, Mini, Mkhaba, Khayinga, Mahlangu and many others.

LONG LIVE THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF UMKHONTO WE SIZWE!

STRAIGHT TALK...

Into the fire...

That is where all traitors and stool pigeons always end! But it remains quite incredible how some people can be corrupted by greed and mollified by good-boy-pats on the back. Maybe they envy the dog which is satisfied by a little brush on the head and a tossed bone - even though such envy is sufficiently ludicrous to all sane people. First it was Matanzima, then came Mangope and along came Mphepu, all dragging our people into the mud there in the pig-sty reserves euphemistically called 'homelands'. Now it is Lennox Sebe, cap in hand at Botha's doorstep clamouring for his own 'independence' pigsty.

Our people's protests and rejection of these evil schemes is the frying pan enough, but puppets seem to be

able to absorb a lot of heat before they burn. Maybe they need direct fire right away. This is a question all true patriots of our country have been debating for quite some time. But the people have long declared their firm opposition to the balkanization of our Motherland. As the manifesto of Umkhonto we Sizwe stressed, "The people's patience is not endless..." It has become very clear that the people have now reached the end of their tether and they are beginning to say: "This far and no more". This united outcry is a battle-cry beckoning all of us to the firingline where the quislings and runners of the enemy will be made to pay the price of selling out.

Umkhonto we Sizwe is ready to respond and, it is already responding. It is ready to reinforce and spearhead the popular fight on all fronts. We are poised to take the spear to every nook and corner of our country and it remains to be seen whether we'll allow December 4 to fully transform the Ciskei into another generator of bloodmoney for a bunch of quislings whilst millions of our people are dragged into draught stricken, poverty stricken and disease infested death camps. The people are united in their resolve to frustrate this boer fascist scheme. Anybody who will stand in their way through collaboration with the enemy as the Mphepus, Mangopes, Matanzimas, Thebehalis and their coteries do must heed our preparedness to push them into the fire.

The naked selling out of the nation cannot be left to continue. Therefore we cannot stand idle as the Sebe brothers follow the satanic course traversed by the Matanzima brothers and others of throwing more of our people into the abyss of multiplied oppression.

We know that the bantustans (whether we attach the ridiculous label of independence or not is not an issue) are not only aimed at performing the role of resevoirs of cheap labour but have also been conceived as part of the 'defence strategy' of the white power establishment. The Pretoria boers readily confers repressive powers to the puppets and see to it that they are employed e.g. the Second Bantu Law Amendment Act, which empowers the Bantustan chiefs to ban or banish patriotic elements in the same manner as the Suppression of Communism Act; Proclamation R400, which legalises detention without trial etc. The militarisation of the South African state encompasses also these 'buffer zones' as has been demonstrated by the haste with which the boers have been breeding puppets armies in these areas. These machinations are calculated to fortify the apartheid fortress against the popular

liberatory forces. Therefore, we must mobilise all our energies and strength to foil these reactionary ploys. That time has now come!

WILL ARMED STRUGGLE BRING MORE SUFFERING?

- BORIFI NTATHLA

Since we embarked upon armed struggle many theories aimed at disproving the feasibility of a victorious armed struggle in South Africa have been formulated. The absence of thick bushes like in other parts of Africa, the level of South Africa's economic development and the strength of the 'invincible' South African Defence Force were but some of the arguments in support of these absurd theories. Now that armed struggle has become not only a reality but prespects of a victorious revolution have emerged, the tone is gradually changing. We are told that armed struggle will bring us even worse suffering. These are the apologists of apartheid who condemn armed struggle with the aim of disarming our people so as to prevent or at best postpone the inevitable overthrow of the abominable apartheid system. Not only them. We appreciate with immense regret the existence of staunch opponents of apartheid who, due to ignorance and honest failure to understand the laws of history, still believe that the South African racist regime can be toppled by peaceful means. Though we respect this opinion of the latter, we do not share it. Whether deliberately or not, both groups present our people defenceless in the face of ceaseless and unbridled repression and violence meted out by the enemy.

NO CHOICE

Our long history of struggle has taught us that the downfall of the apartheid system can be brought about only through force of arms. For five decades the African National Congress counselled non-violence for the attainment of its popular objectives. Who will deny that all peaceful protests during this stage of peaceful struggles were suppressed with varying degrees of violence by the racist Pretoria regime? The Sharpeville Massacre and the subsequent banning of our organisation demonstrated beyond all shadows of doubt the readiness of the enemy to use all the power at its disposal to destroy