

BOTHA-MALAN

OFFENSIVE TURNING SOUR

The grand design of the South African racist regime, backed by the Reagan administration to arrest the South African revolution and to import its control over the whole of southern Africa, is in tatters. For, despite efforts to present a new 'good neighbourly' face, Pretoria has only one constant course — the preservation and entrenchment of white racist rule.

The efforts of the racist regime to build a cordon sanitaire around its borders is meant to give credence to the false allegation that the African National Congress and its armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe is an external force and that the root of the conflict in South Africa is outside interference.

The escalation of the struggle by the entire population of our country and particularly the stepped up activities of Umkhonto we Sizwe demonstrate for the world to see that our struggle is firmly based on our people. Pretoria knows the truth because savage sentences, court orders on limitation of burials, arrests and closing of schools have not deterred our people. On the contrary all these acts of desperation have only infuriated our people to mass united resolve to end apartheid whatever the cost.

TOTAL OPPOSITION

The Botha-Malan offensive is turning sour. The Frontline States have reaffirmed their total opposition to apart-

heid and their support for the ANC and SWAPO. This is contained in the Stockholm meeting of the foreign ministers of Nordic and Frontline countries. P W Botha's visit to some eight western countries was a hopeless failure. Instead of the bonus in favour of ending the apartheid isolation the cry everywhere was that the isolation of apartheid will be intensified. Even the friends of apartheid were forced to condemn apartheid in public.

Meanwhile our people are displaying a new level of unity in action and determination to end apartheid. Pretoria has played its reserve card and failed. This is why it is becoming more desperate. We should exercise great vigilance. The African National Congress has learnt from reliable sources that P W Botha and his generals are hatching plans to assassinate the leadership of the ANC. Its propaganda themes are intended to create favourable conditions for execution of such plans. We want to make a timeous warning to Pretoria to pause and contemplate the consequences of such dastardly plans.

At the same time Pretoria and some elements in the security forces of Swaziland are trying to portray the ANC as insensitive and inconsiderate about the death and burial of our combatants who died in Swaziland. Our movement did everything possible. Our official representatives were not only denied access to our fallen and arrested comra-

des but they in turn were arrested. We have not been given even their grave numbers. Despite all this, services took place wherever our people are in memory of the slain heroes. Everybody knows that to bury our fallen we have gone to Maseru, to Matola and to Harare to mention only a few places. We condemn most vehemently the secret burial of our two comrades killed by the Swazi police in April 1984.

SLANDEROUS CAMPAIGN

The latest of Pretoria's slanderous campaign, assisted by some elements within the Swazi police and security, is that the ANC is receiving copies of the one-million signatures presently being collected by the UDF from our people as a political act rejecting the constitutional entrenchment of apartheid. This is a desperate act by Pretoria to frighten our people from massively supporting the campaign and it is a systematic plan paving the way for banning the UDF. We call upon our people to reject this crude and fascist method of dealing with opposition.

Our people shall always draw a distinct line between fraternal Swazi people who have always supported our struggle and those elements who have sold their souls and are in the pay of South African generals.

We urge our people to raise still higher and maintain the level of their vigilance, political action and awareness and to develop and consolidate the unity in action against our common enemy for people's power in a unitary non-racial democratic South Africa.

**THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES!
VICTORY IS CERTAIN!**

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MANIFESTO

VELI-SITHA
Thirty years ago on the 17th of April 1954, 150 delegates representing 230,000 women of all races, converged at Johannesburg in a conference to found the Federation of South African Women (FEDSAW). This organisation was to set itself the task of mobilizing South African women to fight for equality and against all the manifestations of apartheid rule in South Africa.

Present at this historic meeting were outstanding women leaders of the calibre of Lilian Ngoyi, Helen Joseph, Francis Baard, Dora Tamana, Fatima Meer, Ray Alexander, Dorothy Nyembe and many others from the African National Congress Women's League. Although the main thrust of the come-together was aimed at thrashing out the issues that affect women daily, the delegates demonstrated a proper understanding of the socio-political situation in our country - linking the question of women's rights with that of the struggle for liberation.

The founding of FEDSAW was not the result of the conference. It was mostly initiated by the development of women's struggles dating as far back as the days of World War II. During those trying days, women saw the need to be organised against shortages and high food prices. As a result of this, Food Committees were formed to ensure the fair distribution of food, especially in the outskirts of the cities.

Through the Food Committees and during occasions such as the 8th of March, women were able to