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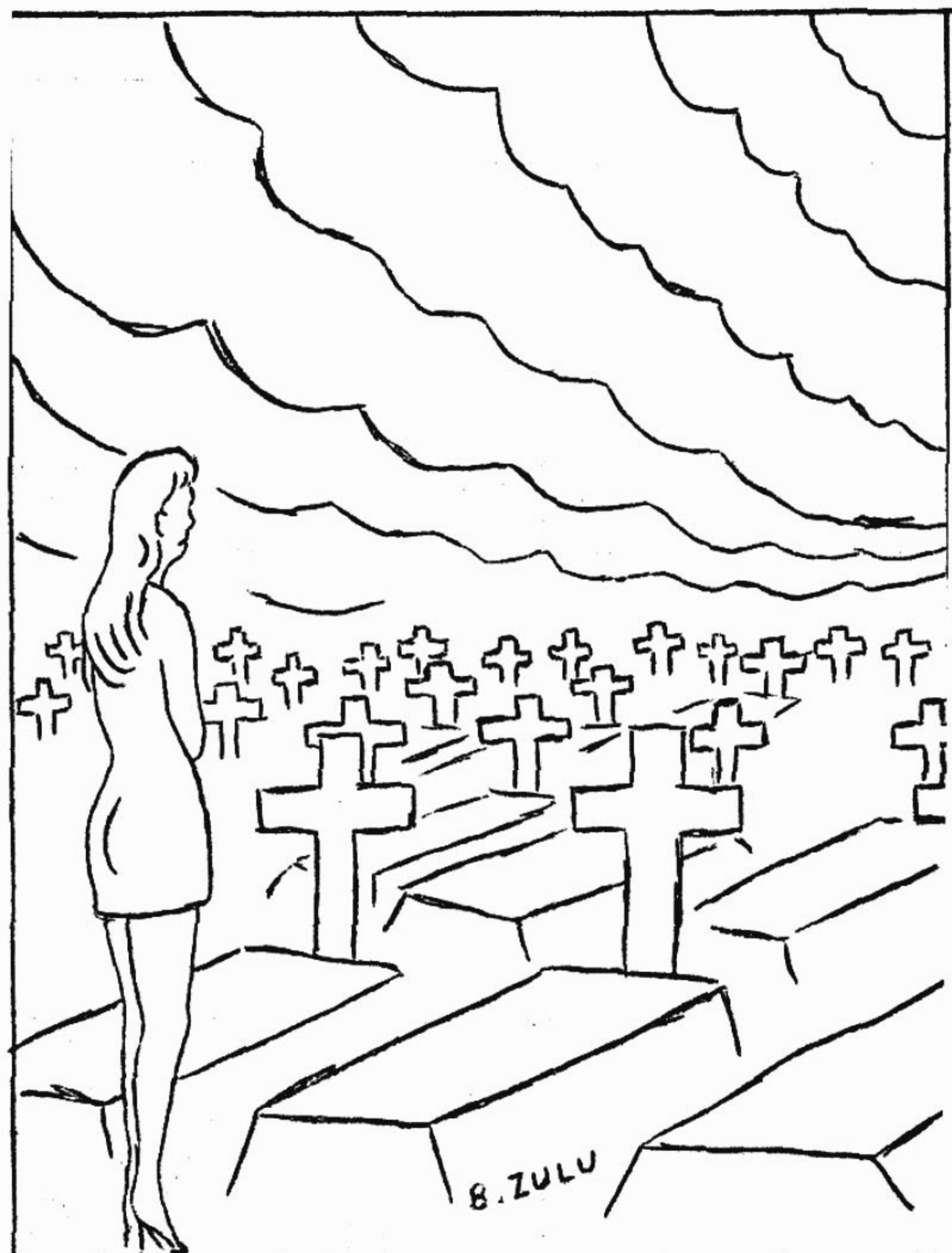
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“Rhodesian farmers are investigating uses for land formerly used for tobacco.”

THE ARMED STRUGGLE

Without doubt the combined ZAPU-ANC army has gained a firm foothold in Zimbabwe and is in the process of consolidating the enthusiastic response of the masses in the villages. Their tactics, their determination and their skill with the most modern weapons have captured the imagination of the people. It is only a matter of time before the racists find themselves facing a full-scale mass insurrection.

ZANU EXPOSED. The valour and the victories of these brave Freedom Fighters of ZAPU and the ANC, attested to even by the enemy, has succeeded in silencing the immodest and deliberately false claims which ZANU appears to have got into the habit of making. The only "struggle" ZANU is waging these days is to lay claim, with great speed and agility, to every report of guerrilla activity in ZIMBABWE. The press is now warned. We suggest that, in future, they exercise greater circumspection before publishing communiques issued by ZANU. Perhaps the Press could start by correcting its recent reports which are now known by all to be false. ZANU's lies are inexcusable.

REBEL DEMORALISATION. The rebel Smith regime has more justification for disguising and hiding the facts. They, after all, have the unenviable task of maintaining the morale of the Rhodesian population, Black and White, in the face of increasing demoralisation among the Whites and increasing jubilation among the Africans. But they, like ZANU, are caught up by their own lies. Thus they publish grossly inflated figures of "terrorists" dead and captured giving the impression that the Freedom Fighters have been completely vanquished. But a week later they call in even more reserves, appeal for more South African troops and go to the trouble and expense of dropping leaflets from aircraft calling upon the Freedom Fighters to surrender.

This last step exposes completely their utter bankruptcy and their panic. Unable to stem the victorious onslaughts of the people's army and knowing fully well the discipline and determination of the Freedom Fighters they, hopefully, expect the guerrillas to surrender. Reports are also handed out of starvation and thirst weakening the morale of the Freedom Fighters; no one need be fooled by this - Freedom Fighters who have already proved themselves skilful in so many aspects of Guerrilla Warfare are hardly likely to suffer from thirst during the rainy season.

Latest reports indicate that the racist forces are sustaining large numbers of casualties, dead and wounded; that the African population of the villages in the fighting zone is openly and joyfully assisting the Freedom Fighters; and that a substantial area is now completely in the control of the combined ZAPU-ANC army.

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MORE ON WANKIE.

We have also received some recent reports of last August's operations in the Wankie area by the combined ZAPU-ANC forces. Readers will remember we estimated rebel dead at that time as at least 66. Absolutely reliable sources now report that the racist rebel forces actually lost 196 dead and many more injured. An even more encouraging aspect of the Wankie fighting was the support, in the form of food, shelter and information, given by the African population to the Freedom Fighters. Local inhabitants were often materially responsible for leading the racist forces into traps and ambushes. As a result at least 75 civilians were arrested in Tjolotjo after the fighting, several being tortured to death.

THE MASSES ARE WITH US.

A revolutionary war in Zimbabwe is now continuous with the rebel forces, assisted by fascist South African troops, on the retreat. The racist have been compelled by circumstances to stop handing out false reports that the fighting is taking place in the Zambezi Valley, on the borders of Zambia. They can no more hide the fact that, in fact, the People's Army is operating inside the country, that aircraft and helicopters have failed in their purpose and several have been shot down; that the local population is working in close co-operation with the Freedom Fighters, and that white residents and farmers have had to be evacuated from the war zone.

THE ENEMY TREMBLES - THE SPLITTERS ARE SILENCED - THE PEOPLE REJOICE
VICTORY SHALL BE OURS!!

*****MESSAGES OF SOLIDARITY*****

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WFDY FIRMLY SUPPORTS ARMED STRUGGLE OF ZAPU-ANC PATRIOTS
AGAINST RHODESIA SOUTH AFRICA TROOPS IN ZIMBABWE STOP
FULLY CONVINCED THAT VICTORY WILL BE ACHIEVED STOP WHITE
RACIALISTS AND THEIR IMPERIALIST SUPPORTERS WILL BE
DEFEATED STOP

- WORLD FEDERATION DEMOCRATIC YOUTH

*****DEMONSTRATIONS OF SOLIDARITY*****

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DECISION SUSPENDING SOUTH AFRICAN MEMBERSHIP OF UNCTAD
TAKEN STOP

ANC MISSION INDIA

NEWS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR IN ZIMBABWE

By Rata Botswere

The recent offensive of the armed forces of ZAPU and the ANC has now entered the third week. The base of the guerrilla struggle established in the South of Zimbabwe during the August Wankie battles last year has now been extended to the North of the country. Step by step the revolutionary war is developing. Soon it will be a raging torrent that will sweep the oppressors from the seats of power to the rubbish-bin of history.

The Idea Of March. The offensive was planned to begin in March as the rainy season began to close. The action of the enemy in executing Freedom Fighters was not part of the planning. But the storm which broke over this evil deed; the indignation of the masses; and the international isolation of the Ian Smith regime made this an appropriate moment to attack. From bases in various parts of Zimbabwe the Joint forces of ZAPU and the ANC moved into action. The first clashes began on Friday 15th March 1968. One of these took place several miles from a temporary camp of the guerrillas. The enemy troops who numbered 58 suffered heavy casualties in the ensuing battle. They called for air support. By the time planes arrived the Freedom Fighters had vanished in typical guerrilla style. Nevertheless the camp was heavily bombarded with at least 100 bombs being dropped on it. When the enemy moved into the camp after being reinforced they found nothing but a few knapsacks left behind by the Freedom Fighters. The notorious P.K. van der Byl, Deputy-Minister of Information in the Ian Smith cabinet, visited the scene and expressed disappointment at the results of the air-strike.

The following day March 16 fighting was going on in widely scattered areas of Zimbabwe, north of Salisbury. The enemy regime decided to call up its entire forces to deal with the emergency. Call-up notices were flashed in cinemas and other public places. Military police visited places where soldiers were likely to be congregated calling on them to report to barracks.

The Rhodesian army commander set up a temporary headquarters at Karoi to co-ordinate actions against the Freedom Fighters. In contrast to what happened last August the Ian Smith regime decided that the issuing of propaganda would be entirely in the hands of the army special services section who deal with the psychology of war. It is this special services section that has been issuing the daily communiques and leaflets of the regime. One of the first decisions taken by the propagandists of the Ian Smith regime who already knew that this was an internal struggle was to present the fighting as a recent incursion of guerrillas from Zambia. This was very important for the enemy who knew perfectly well that it was in fact false. They had to maintain the morale of the White settlers who would be shocked to find that guerrillas are working among the masses and are roaming the whole of Zimbabwe. Furthermore the so-called Minister of Law and/...

Law and Order, Lardner Burke had just a week before assured the Whites that there was not a "single terrorist in the country". It was also of advantage to put the blame on Zambia as part of the absurd pretence that the African people in Zimbabwe support Smith. Thus was invented the lie that guerrillas crossed from Zambia on March 15th. The enemy calculated that later there would be so much confusion that many people might not remember how the whole thing really happened.

Meantime the fighting waxed more fierce on Sunday and the following day, Monday 18th. It was on that day that the enemy was handed an absolute propaganda gift by the splinter group - ZANU. This organisation issued statements claiming that its forces were fighting the Rhodesian security around Makuti near the Zambian-Rhodesian border. This false claim was a godsent to Smith's propaganda. The fighting which had started deep inside Zimbabwe was now being described in terms which conformed with Smith's requirements. Then followed two days of absolute propaganda ballyhoo. Press and radio screamed hoarse on the ZANU statements and claims. The fighters in the field and the masses in the fighting zone were incensed at these stories. However wars are not won on press and radio but on the field of battle.

Tuesday 19th March. A Press Conference was held at ZAPU offices in Lusaka. Central figure was Vice-President James Chikerema of ZAPU. Questions from the press were answered in clear terms. The Vice-President explained that there was no fighting in the Zambezi Valley at all; that no guerrillas had crossed from Zambia on March 15th; that the fighting was going on deep inside Zimbabwe over a wide area and was a development of the struggle in the country; that the ZAPU-ANC forces were fighting with the support of the masses. Despite this statement which has now been proved to the hilt by evidence which both press and radio have at their disposal no real admission has been made that they were wrong and Vice-President Chikerema was dead accurate. In fact some news media are still continuing to talk about the so-called fighting "by a group of guerrillas who crossed from Zambia in the Zambezi Valley". These people have lost all journalistic integrity. The fighting went on. The Joint Army Command of ZAPU and ANC sent congratulations to the Freedom Fighters in the field for their brave exploits, and the completion of initial assignments.

As reports pour in of the progress of the fighting it becomes clear that the liberation struggle in Zimbabwe is entering an even more profound phase. The enemy propaganda desperately conceals casualties and wounded security men. From the first clash reported in which they alleged that nine Freedom Fighters were killed in a non-existent battle along the Zambezi, they have told unscrupulous lies. Truth is the first casualty in any war. In fact that first battle was a disaster for the enemy who had lost 56 by the end of the first week of fighting. In the second week the enemy casualties have continued to mount fast. Further reinforcements have been mobilised and South Africa has been asked for more help. One of the big French Alouette helicopters is to be provided by South Africa together with men and/....

men and equipment.

And what of the world. The Security Council of the United Nations discusses Rhodesia while the African people fight oppression. The British House of Commons debates. From the progressive world messages pour in to the ZAPU and ANC supporting the war of liberation. Speculation and comment flow from the pens of commentators. But the area of decision and action is Zimbabwe where steadily but surely the balance of power and initiative is shifting in favour of the ZAPU-ANC guerrillas and the masses.

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| MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCES |
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MAYIBUYE reproduces the text of the telegrams of condolences dispatched to the Honourable Mr. and Mrs. Kapwepwe on behalf of the African National Congress of South Africa and the Acting President Mr. Oliver Tambo following the untimely death of their son Nwamba, aged 21, who died as a result of a car accident near his home on Saturday night 30th March 1968.

Honourable Mr. & Mrs. Kapwepwe,

1st April, 1968

Please accept my sincerest sympathies for most tragic and untimely death of your son Stop We mourn with you Stop

- TAMBO

Honourable Mr. & Mrs. Kapwepwe,

African National Congress of South Africa deeply mourns tragic death your dear son Stop

- MAKIWANE

THE BIG LIE

- By Veteran

It was the Britisher Colonel Stallard who invented the big lie that serves as a cornerstone of South Africa's racial ideology. In 1922, when chairman of the Transvaal Local Government Commission, he pointed out that it was impossible to justify the exclusion of Africans from the municipal franchise "on the simple grounds of colour". His Commission, however, wanted to exclude them and therefore looked for a more plausible argument.

Towns, his commission reported, were the White man's creation. Africans came there only to serve his interests, and should depart when they so ceased to serve. Not being a "permanent element" (Verwoerd used to call them "temporary sojourners"), they were not entitled to vote in municipal elections or sit on municipal councils.

Stallard, Verwoerd and their successors never bothered to look at the facts, or to test their assertions against the historical background. No matter that Black and Brown hands have built every town established in South Africa for the past 300 years; or that nearly four million Africans live in urban areas - more than the entire White population; or that the Whites are a minority in every important town; or that the urban African population more than doubled between 1946 and 1960 - the years of Nationalist Party rule.

The racists have never allowed truth and accuracy, justice or fair-play, to deflect them from the aim of monopolising power and privilege. The bigger the lie, the more readily will it be swallowed, said Hitler. South Africa's neo-Nazis apply their leader's lesson to the letter. If necessary, facts are reshaped to fit the fiction - as when urban 'locations' are reclassified as part of the 'Bantu homelands'.

The truth is that South African capitalism was nurtured on the blood and sweat of millions of African peasants from the whole of the sub-continent south of the Zambezi. Forced out of their traditional societies by land seizures, taxes, and poverty, they were herded in labour compounds and the festering slums of Sophiatown, Fordsburg, Marabastad, Cato Manor and Windermere.

These were the birthplaces of the urban working class. Breaking away from tribal ties, Africans formed the African National Congress, organised trade unions, established churches of their own, and created other institutions adapted to the needs of man in the modern society.

Political understanding and unity developed in the towns. It was here that Africans combined in struggle for higher wages, against pass laws, and for the right to take part in the government of their country. The towns are also the graveyards of the martyrs who gave their lives for freedom.

White supremacy/...

White supremacy governments recognised the revolutionary potential of the urban masses who could be mobilised for action against a social order that kept them in bondage. Laws such as the Urban Areas Act of 1923 were passed to 'segregate' them, to prevent them from taking root, and to divide them in tribal groups - all with the purpose of forcing them to work for starvation wages under the White man's rule.

The latest of these laws is the Physical Planning and Utilization of Resources Act of 1967. It takes the place of the Natural Resources Development Act of 1947 and imposes control over the use of land for industry.

Provision was made in the original act for the appointment of a council to plan and co-ordinate the use of land, minerals, water, power, transport and labour for industrial development. Like other capitalist States, the South African government also wished to 'plan' its economy. But the twisted mentality of the racists gained the upperhand. The new act has been turned into an instrument of national oppression.

The Minister of Planning told parliament that it was the government's intention to freeze and in due course to reduce the number of Africans in metropolitan areas. There were, he complained, no fewer than 1,300,000 Africans in the Pretoria, Witwatersrand, Vaal triangle. "If we find that the Bantu labour of not only industry but also other concerns in the metropolitan areas must be reduced, it will be done for the sake of the implementation of our policy of separate development". (Assembly Debates, 26/5/67).

Mr. Botha, the Minister of Bantu Administration, announced that employers would have to reduce their African labour force by five per cent every year. That, he added, "is the only way we can reach our objective of reducing the proportion of workers in the White areas from the present one White to 2.2 Bantu, to one White against less than one Bantu". (The Star, 8/2/67).

In 1967 private manufacturers employed 527,500 Africans and 254,600 Whites. To carry out its policy, the government would have to compel employers to dismiss some 25,000 Africans every year. The unemployed men and their families would then be driven into the reserves, which can provide neither land nor jobs.

Starvation in backward, poverty-stricken rural communities is the 'final solution' that White supremacists offer for the 'racial problem' - which is nothing else than the growing determination of the African people to free themselves from racial oppression.

A proclamation issued on January 19, 1968 under the Physical Planning Act applies its controls to 37 districts (23 in the Transvaal, two in the Free State, and 12 in the Cape). As from that date, no industrialist may employ a new African worker without the approval of the Minister of Labour/...

Labour, in any of the proclaimed districts.

The migratory labour system, which the Dutch Reformed Church synod of 1965 described as a 'cancer' that was destroying the Africans' moral life, will be forced on to every African living and working in the towns. Even the meagre residential rights that survive under section 10 of the Urban Areas Act will be abolished.

At the same time, regulations have been issued for the regimentation of African workers in the rural reserves, by means of a network of labour bureaux supposedly administered by the 'Bantu' authorities. As from April 1st, every male between 15 and 65 who is dependent on wage earning will have to register within a month of being unemployed with his local chief. Men will not be allowed to leave the area to seek work without the permission of the authority, and a 'requisition' from an approved employer.

Approval will be granted only on the basis of a service contract (for which the employer must pay a fee of R1) for a maximum of one year. After 12 months - or earlier, if he loses his job - the worker must return immediately to his 'homeland', to await another offer of 12 months' employment with the same or another employer. Workers recruited in this way will have to live, unaccompanied by their wives and children, in single quarters in urban townships.

The R1 fee payable for each contract will go to the Bantu Authority. The chiefs are therefore given a direct monetary interest in the perpetuation of the migrant labour system.

The family solidarity, parental affection and discipline, social stability, industrial efficiency and basic human rights are being sacrificed to the White man's determination to maintain his supremacy over 12 million Africans.

Inevitably, similar controls will be extended to other sections of the oppressed. Already there are ominous reports of police raids on 'Coloured strangers' in White residential areas of the Western Cape. The next step will be to apply some form of pass controls also to the Coloured.

Speaking at the memorial meeting to the victims of the Sharpeville massacre, President Dr. K. Kaunda recently said that he could find no explanation for the behaviour of the racists than that they were 'mad'. Indeed, greed and fear have produced a kind of insanity, which leads them to create a world of phantasy without regard for human decency and basic needs.

The racists have proved totally incapable of solving the problems of South Africa; they can offer only more oppression, more restriction, more regimentation. Their mounting insanity is but a prelude to their destruction by a mass armed uprising of the oppressed people of South Africa.

CHILDREN OF VIOLENCE

- By Mp'ayipheli

Violence is an endemic feature of South African society. The press is replete with headlines such as "Soweto Has Another Weekend Of MURDER, RAPE And ROBBERY", "TWO DIE IN TRIBAL CLASH", "WHITE THUGS SMASH UP PARTY" and so on. To those unfamiliar with conditions in South Africa these daily reports of violence may sound sensationalist and far-fetched.

But leaving aside the manner of presentation in the press, which leaves much to be desired, the substance of these stories on violence is irrefutable. There is violence amongst the Blacks, there is violence amongst the Whites and there is violence between Black and White. Violence covers every facet and every sector of South African society. As with all racist and colonial societies the blame for this violence is usually passed on to the shoulders of the oppressed Blacks. The Africans are said to have an inherent biological propensity to kill one another; the African is said to be primitive, savage and that he has not yet attained the degree of development whereby he can live harmoniously with people of other races and tribes. This is the pat racist response which we need not bother with.

Roots Of Violence Sociologists, psychologists, padres and other well-meaning people have from time to time attempted to remedy the situation but with little success. And it is not surprising that they have failed. For South African society is founded on violence and continues to exist by means of violence.

State violence takes many forms - the army, the police, parliament with its coercive legislation, the judiciary, etc. etc. and as the struggle of the oppressed gathers momentum the racist White minority State is more and more obliged to resort to violence in an attempt to maintain the status quo. It is this State violence which is the forerunner, which seeps down to and which engenders violence in all layers of South African society.

Relations between Africans and the police can only be spelt through the gun, the whip and the jackboots. A policeman does not address himself twice to an African and invariably an assault on the African is a common prelude before any talk between the two. In their early ages our children watch us being dragged out of bed at the dead of night by these slighter men; they watch us being assaulted and molested without retaliation. When they are jailed as juveniles for petty thefts, they are brought into the crude violence and immorality of South African prisons. At times they are instructed to assault adult prisoners under the supervision of the jail warders. Their stay in prison is not corrective but corruptive. Hundreds of these youngsters are lost forever by society to crime, violence and prisons.

By its/...

By its brutal suppression of the Africans and its wanton violence against them the government sets the stage for violence.

Ever since his advent upon the South African scene the White man has survived through violence. His whole make-up and thought on South Africa has been based on violence against the African people. Through violence the Whites dispossessed the African people of their land and stock; through violence the Whites established their rule over the Africans in the face of militant opposition from the latter and through violence White domination has survived through the centuries. And in recent years violence in South African society has reached alarming proportions.

Violence in Locations. Most of our references will be to Johannesburg because it has the highest population density amongst the Whites and the Africans. It is the richest city in South Africa with most of the large finance houses having headquarters there. With a population of about 700,000 the African townships around Johannesburg are the most densely populated "African" area in the country. Claims are made to the effect that the African workers in Johannesburg are the best paid in South Africa. Be that as it may, this area has the highest rate of crime in the country with about 300 murders a year and thousands of casualties from violence as a result of which some become permanently disabled and paralysed. The rate of crime seems to be increasing proportionately with the increase in police patrols. There is never a guarantee that a man leaving his family in the morning for work would come back safe. Night travelling has become a dreadful hazard. Weekends and holidays like Christmas have ceased to be any occasions to look forward to because of the violence that accompanies them. Young widows in their early twenties have become a common sight.

The role of the police in the townships is more in the nature of persecutors of the population than their guardian and protectors. Their job is to enforce the iniquitous laws which oppress the majority. The population is regimented, and controlled; social amenities are of the most primitive kind; overcrowding is rampant; diseases are rife; hunger a constant companion. Is it any wonder that these conditions breed violence?

The Pass Laws. There is hardly one piece of legislation from the all-White parliament that does not contribute towards the present impasse of crime, violence and general social degradation. The Pass Laws, the pillar and mainstay of African exploitation by and large, breed criminals. In 1966 about 1,000 African men and 400 African women per month were refused residence and endorsed out of Johannesburg. Throughout the country, in the first 6 months of 1966, 36,762 Africans were prosecuted and convicted for "not being in possession of proper documents" and 26,323 were prosecuted and convicted for "being in an area for 72 hours without permission".

Thousands of Africans are rendered homeless and thousands of African children become "orphans" through the application of these laws because they affect both men and women above the age of 16. Imprisonment is only the first/...

the first punishment an African suffers under the Pass Laws. For it is also perfectly "legal" for the racist administration to ship off the "pass offenders" after serving their sentences to any part of the country which the administration chooses to call their homeland thus leaving the "orphans" to fend for themselves. Since these children grow up in the cities "illegally" and can neither go to school nor take up employment without courting legal trouble they tend to have undefinable means of subsistence and finally end up by swelling the ranks of criminals. This also holds true of adults who though endorsed out of the cities evade the police net and stay on for lack of another place that could be safely made a home.

In a memorandum it published recently on the application of the Pass Laws and Influx Control the Black Sash - an organisation of white women - had this to say:

"In order to prove his right to be in any area the African must be a collector of documents from the day of his birth to the day of his death. For thousands of Africans these laws result in broken families, in unemployment in poverty and malnutrition, insecurity and instability and in a state of hopelessness. Millions of rand are spent in administering these laws and millions of man-hours are wasted in the attempt to enforce unenforceable laws. THE REAL COST MUST BE RECOUNTED IN TERMS OF HUMAN SORROW, BITTERNESS, SUFFERING AND TRAGEDY ON A LARGE SCALE."
(our emphasis)

Social Facilities. Educational facilities for Africans are a total negation of the very concept of education. Under the government designed system of Bantu Education it is estimated that about half the African children of school-going age cannot attend school either because of lack of funds or because the few available schools are full. Those who attend school at all do so in relays and are never in school for more than three hours a day. The rest of the day they spend in the streets because they have nowhere else to play, neither do they have anything to play with. Living in a society that provides scanty sporting and social amenities for its Africans, including children, inevitably these youngsters are let loose to roam the streets at a tender age, when their minds are most receptive. The putrid atmosphere of crime, vice and violence leaves its indelible mark on these children. And it should not be surprising that they are found idolizing such criminals as "Boy Faraday" whose names have become legends in the world of crime and violence.

Poverty And Hunger. Bread and butter is yet another contributory factor. The average monthly wage for Africans in Johannesburg is K31.50 whilst the Non-European Affairs Department of the City Council has recommended K57.70 as the Poverty Datum Line. In all fairness to other exploiters of African labour in South Africa we must state that the N.E.A.D. itself still pays most of/...

most of its African workers less than its stipulated Poverty Datum Line. Further evidence is offered by the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce which estimates that 67.6% of the African working community lives below the bread-line.

Such miserly wages would be pardonable in a struggling developing country if they are not based on discrimination, but not in South Africa, the richest country on the continent. African workers are daily brought face to face with the immense riches of that industrialised society where White affluence can no longer be hidden. After hours of hard toil and sweat they are sent home empty-handed. The Whites have appropriated unto themselves all the wealth to the extent that it has become common amongst Africans to regard good living standards as "White" standards. This state of affairs is bound to breed, as it has done already, thoft, robbery accompanied by violence on an ever-increasing scale.

Amongst The Whites. In the White community violence is rife. Violence plays havoc particularly amongst families and lovers. Broken homes and romances lead to ever-increasing cold-blooded murders, at times involving whole families. Teenage violence amongst Whites has reached epidemic proportions; kidnapping for ransom a fearful hazard; sophisticated criminals with contacts in the capitals of Europe find South Africa a happy hunting ground. Psychological instability not infrequently results in suicide. Arrests under the Immorality Act also often result in suicide. Sensitive individuals like Ingrid Jonker are driven to take their own lives.

Change Must Come. So long as the social order has not changed radically in South Africa, so long as relations between White and Black are those of master and servant, the present trend will continue. Our children will be born in violence, their whole lives will be spent under the shadow of violence and prematurely, they will be consumed by the flames of violence. They will lead bare and meaningless lives, lives filled with hopelessness because the society to which they have been born has no place for them, it rejects them. It considers them only when it needs their labour for its selfish benefits, even then they pass only as instruments of production, not humans.

This unhappy situation cannot last forever. It will, in due course, be reversed and remedied by the very same methods through which it came into being. Already there is indisputable evidence that the people of Southern Africa are up in arms defending themselves against the criminal violence of the White minority regimes. We are confident that our people will spare no effort in their struggle to transform the present violent fabric of South African society into one in which the children of tomorrow will lead full lives, having been delivered from the menace of violence and crime. The present sordid chapter of crime and violence in our country will be obliterated by the oppressed people and will inevitably be buried with the racist government, who are its authors.

FIGHTING TALK.

WHOEVER SPEAKS FOR GUERRILLAS?

- by Chibusa Mendi

The actions of the guerrillas speak louder than any words. What silenced the sceptics, the distorters of facts and the paid liars was the brilliant military performance of the allied guerrillas of ZAPU and the ANC. Then and now, censored enemy information dripping with lies, admits the fighting skill of our men. They talked of 'cunning' ambushes laid by the guerrillas, their 'stubborn' refusal to surrender and in desperation even suggested that the Freedom Fighters were using drugs to give themselves courage. During the present offensive of our guerrillas, enemy officers who we have been told are expert in counter-guerrilla warfare admit that the guerrillas are employing tactics which they have never known before. The enormous truth which has emerged in the fighting last year and now is that ~~MAN TO MAN~~ our boys are superior fighters!

However, the war we are fighting is not merely a matter of blood and iron. This is a political struggle, this is a struggle for men's minds. No one understands this more clearly than the enemy we are fighting. It is for these reasons that the enemy has installed powerful radio transmitters and is flooding the public with "first" rate newspapers and magazines. He employs a huge army of falsifiers within and beyond his borders. You would have thought that the true nature of this powerful and treacherous weapon in the armoury of the enemy was understood by everyone who is on the side of Africa's freedom. Reluctantly we have to state that it is not so. Naturally, we are disgusted with Africa - based newspapers, which whilst pretending to take a pro-Africa stance are in reality fading carbon copies of enemy propaganda. The false flag they are flying is easy to expose.

But there are too many people who still believe what Smith's and Vorster's propaganda machinery has to say rather than the word of the tried, tested and authentic political organisations who are directing the Armed Struggle.

For example at a press conference held recently by ZAPU and the ANC to explain the development of the latest offensive by our guerrillas, there was quite a bit of scepticism on the part of some press men. Their doubts were only removed when a few hours later Smith's handouts announced that they had identified the guerrillas as belonging to the ZAPU-ANC alliance. That is outrageous! Smith puts out daily military communiques reporting the numbers of casualties of the guerrillas. The Freedom Fighters also put out figures announcing enemy losses. Credibility is given more to enemy reports. Somehow the slave mentality prevails that African guerrillas can not inflict heavier casualties on forces of white supremacy. If we take the Mankie operations, as an example, the Smith regime only admitted nine killed whereas our men wiped out two companies numbering well over/...

well over one-hundred-and-fifty men. But enemy propoganda runs riot not only in the military field but in the political arena as well.

Ever since 1960, the racist fascist regimes of Portugal, South Africa and the then Central African Federation quietly and progressively forged unity. We exposed the existence of this anti-African alliance and our conclusions were endorsed by independent observers. There were many practical examples to confirm and reconfirm the existence of a firm political, economic and military collaboration of these three powers. Shortly before UDI, the Zimbabwe African People's Union in their bulletins more than once reported the presence of South African troops in Rhodesia. UDI was declared and Smith himself admitted at the Rhodesia Front conference last year that had he not received prior assurance of support from South Africa, he would not have declared independence. Today everyone is talking of the failure of British imposed sanctions on Rhodesia and it is self-evident that the sanctions failed largely because South Africa and Portugal have acted as stockbrokers for the rebel colony. In spite of towering evidence of effective presence of the South African regime in Rhodesia before and after UDI, there are some highly placed people who swallow South Africa's propoganda line that South African troops were sent to Rhodesia because elements of the ANC guerrillas were seen there. When the racists South African regime sabotaged the economic sanctions where was the ANC? What excuse have they for giving huge loans to the illegal Smith regime? The ANC?

Today, South African troops have been deployed in Angola. This has been reported in the press but above all this news has been confirmed by the Angolan Freedom Fighters. As we write South African troops are deployed in five places in Mozambique. Vorster has made the following statement:

"We will fight terrorists wherever we are allowed to fight them."

We of the ANC are proud of the fact that our gallant guerrillas, fighting side by side with ZAPU have already delivered fitting punishment to South African racist soldiers who were found in Rhodesia aiding Smith.

We shall fight brutal armies of Apartheid in South Africa, in the hills and dales of Southern Africa and wherever they show their faces. Perhaps the appropriate time has now come when we should ask for a small favour from all our friends, particularly in Africa. We should say that for a good part of our stay in exile we have been listening to all sorts of advice on how best to conduct our struggle. Thank you for all this. Now, we are in action. Everything has to be devoted to the success of the war effort. What we need now is your encouragement and support in word and deed. Please remember that those of us who are locked in battle with the enemy have got a voice too. Please give that voice a hearing.