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THE EDITOR SPEAKS.

As the African revolution advances South and engulfs the remnants of colonialism, imperialism, and racism, bleached reactionaries find themselves in a dilemma. Puzzled and annoyed by the rapid change they adopt all the reactionary acrobatics, then work themselves into a frenzy then dose themselves with the tablets of political insanity - preparing and instilling themselves for callous and murderous actions, all in the name of chivalry. The bloody hands have done to death four gallant freedom fighters at Rothe.

Kulile Teka(PAC) Mpaleng Maphathe, Lydia Lekhetho and Sekhesa Mokotjo are the victims of unbridled savagery. These revolutionaries have been murdered to satisfy eccentric political snobbery and reactionary ego. But also, their deaths have not been in vain. Their killers have tremendously lost in Party membership; complacency has set in and Marema Tlou Freedom Party leaders have suffered political paralysis. The keen, hawkish eye of the masses can never go wrong and as reported in 'Makatolle', "Doctor Makotoko of the M.F.P. is busy running between his surgery in Leribe and his lawyer's office in Maseru and has completely forgotten about the elections".

Now, the 13 men committed for trial on a charge of murder arising from the shooting at Rothe in October last year are , 1. Setenane Maphelaba(Deputy President of the Marema Tlou Freedom Party) 2. Peles na Khaebana (National Treasurer of the Marema Tlou Party) 3. Mohlalefi Bereng, 4. Makei Nauoe, 5. Letsie Sekhonyane, 6. Israel Bereng, 7. Ntloealefu Rankhelepe, 8. H lolo Tholo, 9. Moshe Ali, 10. Moremoholo Letsie, 11. Koena Nthoana, 12. Malefane Monyoko and Mosuoetheko (all these have been grafted on to Marema Tlou Freedom Party). Those charged with public violence are : 1. Ntaote Bereng, 2. N thatisi Bereng, 3. Sempe Motseko, 4. Solomon Thoko, 5. Abraham Thebesoa, 6. Matita Mokhithi ( these too are further grafts of the M.F.P.)

Before the magistrate committed the accused for trial their defence lawyer Mr. Joe Matthews is reported in the Rand Daily Mail, 12/1/65 as saying, "Chief Mohlalefi ..... could use force in defence of himself and his administration." On further submitting he continued, " the 300 Congress Party members who descended on Rothe armed with knobkerries and pistols to lend force to a meeting not sanctioned by the Chief had invaded the area unlawfully."

A glance at the list of names of the accused clearly indicates that not all of them were Mohlalefi's subjects and not all of them were Rothe inhabitants. But, what is obvious even to an unsophisticated observer or even without much studied scrutiny is that all answered to the membership of and active association with the Marema Tlou Freedom Party. Now, can it be said that the Basutoland Constitution empowers the M.F.P. to use force ?

Amongst those who went to Rothe to attend a peaceful rally were Pan Africanist Congress refugees and one of them Kulile Teka was murdered in cold blood. The killings at Rothe were reckless and indiscriminate. The P.A.C. political observers and other refugees went to Rothe unarmed and with the full knowledge that all the legal formalities had been satisfied. We repeat the P.A.C. refugees were unarmed and could not have been armed for a peaceful meeting./ 2

Since the 28th March, 1963, both the South African Police agents and the Basutoland Police have been at pains to discover the P.A.C. in possession of fire arms and ammunition. To their utter dismay P.A.C. never suffered that involvement. To this submission we exclude the revolver confiscated by the Police from PK's body-guard. In that instance the P.A.C. was discharging its legitimate obligation to its leader when the Basutoland Administration was deliberately denying PK a licenced fire-arm.

Now at Rothe the Pan Africanist Congress suffered the loss of one of them. It is clear his death can be laid at the door of the M.F.P. To the hilt that Party cannot escape blame for its Deputy President and Treasurer are much in evidence amongst the conspirators; the M.F.P. grafted chiefs figure prominently amongst the committed perpetrators of murder as the result of the shooting at Rothe.

#### A VIRUS WITHOUT A NAME.

A cancerous disease is gnawing and eating the M.F.P. from within. The virus has yet no name. The attempt to stultify our growth, nullify our work and sabotage the African revolution must be condemned with the contempt it deserves. The transgressors shall be visited with scorpions and chastised. Tshombian betrayals shall be opposed by us, and the Pan Africanist Congress cannot and shall not be silent when political expediency, corruption and degeneracy run riot and soil the good name of Africans in Lesotho.

On the 10th January, 1965, a member of the M.F.P. came to a house in which P.A.C. refugees lived. Immediately he entered and without taking a sit, he had this to say to the owner of the house : "Ke kena mona ho bona batho bana ba hao, Ke ne ke qala ho ba bona tsatsing lane leo ba neng ba e na le Mohlomphehi S. Che, le maoba mona ke bone Mohlomphehi X a tlile ho babona. Ke 'mone ka fenstere. Bahlomphehi le se ke la nahana hore ke tlilo' fokisa."

Translation : -

"I am coming in here to see these men of yours. I first saw them when they were with Mr. S. Further, the other day I saw Mr. X who came to them. I saw him through a window. Gentlemen, do not suspect that I have come to spy."

The whole story is revealing and the Sesotho proverb says, 'le molato lea ikahlola' (he had a guilty conscience).

Less than a week after this was said, a reliable informant disclosed a plot against the P.A.C. men, and amongst the plotters was the M.F.P. man whose story has been related above. This time he was with his local chief and the M.F.P. village Committee. We got a rude shock. A night before the arrest of one P.A.C. man, the same M.F.P. gang had stayed allnight and the topic was the P.A.C. so said our informant; the same group had a few days earlier nicodimously gone to the Police. Oh God, the M.F.P. supporters have taken unto themselves the duties of informers. The tripartite angle of the Vorster Police, Basutoland Police and the M.F.P. is complete.

It is true members of the Pan Africanist Congress have sought political asylum in this Territory, it is a fact we are debarred by the white administrators from active participation in Basutoland politics. We have been at

pains to honour the pledge, even though reluctantly. All P.A.C. refugees in the past have done everything possible to avoid involvement. But now, can we continue to put on the political gloves when the M.F.P. exploits and takes advantage of our neutrality; must we remain meek and docile when we are provoked for purely electioneering manoeuvres? No, the political umbilical cord tying us to neutrality must be cut if it does not snuff out the reality.

The tattered Basutoland administration of which the M.F.P. is a graft and appendage is bound to collapse under the dynamic weight of revolutionary Africa, the whole colonial administration, its satellites and renegades shall be fodder to the relentless whirlwind of revolutionary change.

Those who inform and feed the Police with exaggerated lies shall be haunted by the omen and ghost of ill luck. They shall be routed, beaten up politically into pulp, and the dark nimbus of the African revolution shall mark finis to their Party.

Let us remind the M.F.P. that in politics one cannot rule out the possibility of some of them seeking political asylum in a 'free' Republic of South Afrika and the present developments tip the alternative government in favour of the Pan Africanist Congress.

We are waiting, we are watching and as the Boers say, "elke hond kry sy dag" which means, 'every dog has its day'.

#### B A S U T O L A N D.

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Basutoland is an integral part of Afrika, in theory therefore the whole African continent constitutes the active theatre of revolutionary combat in the final onslaught on the remnants of imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism, racial arrogance and tribalism.

The arbitrary boundaries, a legacy of European balkanisation cannot divide genuine and dedicated Pan Africanists. Bravo, the words of Mangaliso Sobukwe ring freshly in our ears. He says, "we are not prepared to obey the laws for whose making we have had no hand". Now, how on earth can we recognise the arbitrary boundaries for whose curving we have had no share?

Afrika is on the march, our positive thinking must of necessity blossom and be given the eternal tonic of resilience and tenacity.

#### A CROSS-SECTION OF THE M.F.P.

The hierarchy of this Party, fit only to dominate and terrorise the lilliputians is preponderously staffed by frustrated and disgruntled intellectuals; alongside them but a little lower in rank are grafted chiefs whose 'tjotjo' era has lapse; legal brain a Moscovite revisionist; then, bewildered Basutoland communists agents and infiltrators. We leave you to fill in the 'mass' base of this Party.

CARL de WET CLAIMS SOUTH AFRICA FOR EUROPEAN SETTLERS.

by Commentator.

Dr. de Wet a trusted neurotic rabid racialist who is now an ambassador in London for the pigmentocratic Government of South Africa has recently issued an article in the 'Diplomatist' styled "Heritage of South Africa". While not intending to answer such hollow, blatant, claims in detail it is worthwhile noting the composition and status quo is South Africa. Firstly, he argues, nay because he has mouth and a tongue, that South Africa is a multinational country comprising a number of Black nations and a white nation with their different traditions and languages in a well demarcated country. Indeed this is preposterous.

South Africa in the first place is an integral part of a bigger whole namely the continent of Africa. Being thus it is firstly comprised of an African nation solid and indivisible. This nation comprises the indigenous sons and daughters of the soil who cherish and have cherished common historical traditions, experiences and memories which common historical experiences have made the African people to realise that they have a common destiny.

In South Africa there are also other national groups viz, the Indians and the European settlers. The Europeans have their traditions and languages as de Wet has legitimately averred. So from this assertion de Wet has unwittingly stated and repudiated the fallacy that they are themselves indigenous in this country. Were they indigenous there would be no question of European languages and traditions in Africa. So de Wet could have properly put it that South Africa is a land of theirs by aggressive, coercive acquisition so as to avoid these inevitable contradictions and paradoxes. The Africans are indigenous because they are the aborigines of the Continent with every right to manage or mismanage her affairs. Also their traditions and languages are inherent in the continent of Afrika.

To prove that de Wet's assertions are mere baseless, platformist prattle, he speaks of Black nations and a white nation. Of course, the ruse he employs to blanket the apartheid vendetta, in dividing the African nation is differentiation in languages. If we were to follow this ruse of differentiation, inevitably we would also note that the Europeans in this country have different languages etc.

For instance, we have the Afrikaaners, a clannish group with clannish ambitions and a crude lingua franca. Also there are the English, French, German and other language groups. At any rate all these form a European nation what de Wet calls a white nation. What about the Africans? de Wet completely and deliberately puts on goggles when analysing the African position. He conives on reality and bobs and weaves on facts.

The language differences among the Africans form the springboard for racialists and racists like him to fragment the African nation into watertight compartments. So his claim that South Afrika has black nations is motivated by his self-complacent, neurotic, supremacist, fallacious convictions.

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He further claims that 'he is an African as an any black man can claim to be'. Surely when de Wet said this the African blood which he has been sipping was curdling in his brains and made him utter unwittingly such blatant misstatements.

May I take this opportunity of advising de Wet to visit the indomitable Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe, President of the Pan Africanist Congress and ask him what constitutes an African. Apparently de Wet is lagging lackadaisically behind history and time. In brief, I reiterate what Sobukwe has said, 'an African is any body who owes his only loyalty to Afrika and accepts the democratic rule of an African majority government.' This is only to remind de Wet.

De Wet has also said that South Afrika is, 'a well demarcated country'. By this he means the Bantustans as envisaged in doctrinaire apartheid. In this fraud eighty seven per cent of the land is an exclusive monopoly of the white settlers and the Africans have to contend with 13% of barren and depressed areas where they live at subsistence level. Surprisingly the legitimate owners of the land are driven to these areas by these professed 'Africans'. When the Africans clamour for their land these fascists feign hysteria and say the Pan Africanist Congress wants to drive the white men into the sea. Should the Africans remain silent when they are driven into the sea by de Wet and his colleagues for surely 13% of the land cannot accommodate 12 million Africans.

#### CONDITIONS FOR HARMONY IN S.A.

Let me assure all and sundry that there shall never be peace in Africa as long as there are tentacles of European foreign domination as expressed or manifested through the white settlers in South Africa. As long as the Africans who are an integral part of mankind are still subjugated so shall disharmony prevail.

The sons and daughters of Africa will raise their shields high until their birth-rights have been restored unconditionally and without reservations. Africans in South Africa and in the entire continent want to shape their own destiny in a manner that will guarantee the blossoming of their personality and the realisation of their responsibility towards human welfare.

The white oligarchy in S.A. like all nazi and fascist regimes is bound to totter under the vehement force of African nationalism. African nationalism is purposive and goal directing. It galvanises the African people into a concerted militant national front. It imbues them with self-reliance in their struggle for freedom and independence. It is creative because it invokes in the minds of the African people a high ideal - Pan Africanism. It is bound to emerge with triumph because it is a force of history based on human justice and it articles for humanity in Afrika and the entire world.

AFRICAN NATIONALISM IS IRRESISTIBLE by Zwelakhe.

"There is no force on earth that can stem the tide of African nationalism", so said PK Leballo, the fiery.../6

leader of the P.A.C. when the Pan Africanist Congress was formed in 1959.

This is a truth which all have to concede especially in this southern tip of Afrika. We have witnessed the campaign of virtuperation, vilification and downright subterfuge that has been conducted by certain schools of thought against the irresistible force of African nationalism. We have witnessed the bestial brutality and barbaric savagery that has been let loose by the white settler rulers, aimed at destroying the spirit of African nationalism. But what have we ?

The tide of African nationalism is surging on as never before galvanising, steeling, and imbuing the African masses with a spirit of determination never before witnessed in this country.

After the mass arrests and persecution of P.A.C. members in 1963 the settler government Minister of Justice; Vorster, assured the white settlers in this country that P.A.C. had been given a knock-out blow. Just recently he assured the white settlers that the backbone of the resistance movements in this country has been broken, and as a sign of gratitude towards his ghestapo police, he accordingly relieved them of executing the inhumane 90 days clause.

However, the irresistible force of African nationalism continued to surge forward unabated clear of its historic tasks under the direction of the Pan Africanist Congress, the only organisation in this country that is based squarely on African nationalism without equivocation. This dreaded monster, African nationalism, has unleashed fresh terrors and undreamt of fears amongst the white settlers.

The settler Government acting in confusion has again resorted to using brutality against the members of the P.A.C. A new wave of mass arrests is underway. Over two hundred members of the P.A.C. have been reported to be under arrest in Port Elizabeth and the Eastern Cape. Forty P.A.C. members are reported to be under arrest in the Western Cape, but many more, we learn, have not been reported. An undisclosed number has been put under arrest in the Border region of the Cape. Reports of arrests in the Transvaal, Natal, and the Orange Free State have reached us though not disclosed in the press.

In order to abate the state of frantic that exists amongst the white settlers the government has seen to it that this new wave of arrests of the supposed-deceased P.A.C. is not reported by the press. Thus unlike 1963 the glarring Newspaper headlines about the 'Poqo' scourge' are missing, reports about trials are scant. When at one time the press came out unwittingly with 'A new Poqo cell unearthed in Paarl', the chief of the security police in the western Cape had to run cap in hand to the press and make a naive statement that 'a P.A.C. cell not a Poqo cell had been unearthed'. Are we to witness again the old P.A.C.-Poqo story ?

#### Lessons to Learn.

The ostrich-like stunts of the settler rulers will deceive nobody but the white settlers themselves. Whatever they can achieve, they cannot halt the tide of history. History to day is being shaped by the positive factors in all .../7

human societies.

No amount of arrests or persecutions can stem the tide of African nationalism. As long as there is a single African living in this country the dreadful monster, African nationalism shall continue to show its head.

South Afrika can enjoy no peace or prosperity as long as the two antithetical forces, African nationalism and herrenvolkism have not found their reconciliation. All talk of economic boom and bright future for this country, which is being lavishly spread by the settler rulers, is nothing else but a calculated campaign to revive the flagging enthusiasm amongst the foreign investors. These two forces, African nationalism and herrenvolkism shall find their final reconciliation only in the synthesis of Africanism or Pan Africanism in which the contradictory aspects or factors shall have vanished and only the unifying factors which betray no instability shall remain.

The problem which ought to occupy the world to day is how shall these two antithetical forces be reconciled. Shall they find their reconciliation through a bloody revolution or shall they find their reconciliation through peaceful but drastic action ?

There are only two ways which course of events in this country can follow. It is either that the world, even at this late hour, seriously decides to apply sanctions against the herrenvolkist government of South Afrika, or the inevitable happens, the African people seek their redress through a bloody revolution. There is no third way about it. Should the African people be forced to embark upon this latter course the world should know that it had been WARNED AND IT FAILED TO TAKE HEED.

All we would ask of men of good will everywhere, is sympathetic understanding.

The African people, as it is illustrated by the revolutionary resistance that is building up inside South Afrika, are prepared to wrench their freedom from the white foreigners. At the very moment they are waiting anxiously and expectantly for a call, a call to action. They are looking up to the P.A.C. their organisation, the embodiment of their aspirations, the barometer of ~~their~~ **their** pulse and temper, they are looking to it to **strike the gong** for the final round between the forces of African nationalism and the forces of herrenvolkism. A final round that will see the knock-out blow being delivered at white domination, a blow that will destroy white domination never to rise again. The world has still a chance to intervene and decide the course of events.

LONG LIVE THE AFRICAN REVOLUTION !!

IZWE LETHU !!

THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRIKA ; ATTITUDES AND DEVELOPMENTS

By Analyst

Arch Bishop Dennis E. Hurley, Roman Catholic Bishop of Durban is quoted by the "FRIEND" of Tuesday January,

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January, 19, 1965 as saying, 'so day by day the rift grows deeper, the situation becomes more and more irremediable, anger grows in the hearts of the non whites only to be matched by the stubborn determination of the whites not to yield an inch.

'Every warning that can be given has been given over and over again. There is nothing new to be said. The situation seems beyond human control, beyond human hope. By all the rules of human behaviour, by every lesson drawn from human history, a situation so full of bitterness can end only in tragedy.'

We quote this passage to show to what extent human relations have deteriorated and show the explosive situation that exists in spite of the exaggerated economic boom so eloquently ballooned to hood wink and woo investors. To sit on a live volcano may be sporting enough and warming enough but it is certainly an unpredictable sure vehicle to be used to commit suicide.

In the light of this passage we take leave to reaffirm our long considered conclusions, namely that there are only two honest and reliable alternatives to end apartheid and white domination; (a) positive economic sanctions against the Republic of South Africa's white minority government and failing which (b) democratic revolutionary violence shall collide in a head-on collision with reactionary violence.

In the 'Sunday Express' of January, 17, 1965, Mr. Mennen Williams is reported as saying the United States of America was "in a momentary eclipse of popularity" in Africa. He goes on to express concern about the "lingering potential for violence in Southern Africa":

His government, one of the chief trading partners with South Africa, should not only be 'close to having to make important decisions about white-ruled Southern Africa', but it must take positive steps to forstall the the tragedy of which Archbishop Hurley speaks.

IZWE LETHU !!

### BRIDGING THE GULF.

By Teleka

Recently the Cape Nationalist Party organ, 'Die Burgher' came out with an article giving the reasons for the recent swing of the S.A. English to the Nationalist Party - in particular to acceptance of Apartheid, as a solution of the so called 'B a ntu (Native) P roblem'. Among the reasons given for the swing are the following : -

- "(a) That the Wilson Labour Government in England was not out to protect the whites in Africa.
- (b) That British policy in Africa had failed, because the Africans cannot be led into peaceful and prosperous development.

The article was interesting, not because of its subject matter. That was naive and ephemeral enough. It was interesting because of the patent fallacies which .. /9

which it peddled - fallacies that appear dominate the thinking of Western Europe and North America, on similar topics. These fallacies must be systematically debunked, and the vendors of the fallacies thoroughly castigated as part of the general ideological struggle of Africa for a place of honour among the free nations of the world.

To me the garbled scribblings of white South African Commentators and propagandists are not the product of genuine ignorance. I rather fear that most South African white scribes and scribblers, are nothing but the hirelings of Herrenvolkism, neo-colonialism and Imperialism. They deliberately, mendaciously and brazenly fabricate, distort, slant, pollute and suppress facts, to serve their masters. They merely echo their masters' voice.

Let us take the statement that British policy in Africa has failed. Firstly, what is this British policy that has failed? Secondly, in what respects has it failed?

The British have had several of their former colonies, semi-colonies and dependencies granted self-government and Independence. Most of the colonies and ex-dependent colonies have retained their Commonwealth membership. It is the grant of independence to the indigenous peoples of Africa that has earned Britain the displeasure of the abovementioned Boer journal. Which and what are the underlying reasons for reviling African self-government and independence? The reasons are manifold. Some of them must be carefully noted in that they expose Boer Racist-Chauvinism and Western hypocrisy.

The first mistake or 'failure' of the English is that they placed political power in the hands of the former black slaves and their behaviour towards the Africans was such that it almost looked as if the Africans were being regarded as human beings. That is really the crux of the whole difference between the so-called British policy in Africa, and what the Boers would have had if they had had their own way throughout Africa.

The second reason is to be sought in the end result of a certain set of historical factors. The Western Imperialist Nations regarded Africa as the last playing ground of Western Imperialism. The upsurge of Asiatic Nationalism in the Post World War II Period, including the triumph of Mao-Tse-Tung on the Chinese Mainland, precipitated in some cases, and in other cases, accelerated, the exodus or hurried departure of the Colonialists and the imperialists from the East. Their next 'major' stop was Africa, where they saw the goose that laid the golden eggs, and dreamed of the golden age of the milk and honey of continued exploitation of man by man, and the Elysian ecstasies flowing from super-profits. But they reckoned without the resurgent forces of African Nationalism and Pan Africanist which during some Post World War II epoch mustered their ranks, and then began to surge forward, to gather momentum, and to sweep down the continent like tidal wave - bringing freedom, self realisation and independence in their wake. The British freed their colonies and dependencies not because they had undergone a 'sea change' (change of heart) not because they willed it - but because of the mighty, irresistible historical forces of the people, which were beyond their power to contain or to withstand. Had the British and other white colonialists withstood the tide there would have been peoples revolutions all the same.

But the content of such revolutions would have been different, and the end result would have been not in the short run but in the long run qualitative changes in the course of which imperialism and neo colonialism would have been thoroughly liquidated. The Western colonialists, however, decided to be 'clever' and tried to meet the forces of history half-way with the hope that they might retrieve something of the Capitalist way of life. Now the Boer Commentators and ideologists, having a cock-eyed (in fact jaundiced) view of history, and applying rustic, undeveloped minds to the basic question of the dynamics of historical development, would have the world believe that the English could have made 'the hat-trick', and produced in Africa new docile, 'ja-baas' states that could lick the boots of Verwoerd, Salazar and Ian Smith, and climb on to the band wagon of Western Imperialism. When the British could not perform the impossible feat, their actions were decried as betraying the white settlers in Africa. In fact the fond hopes of all Baaskapists, Herrenvolkists, Neo-colonialists, Fascists and their running dogs like Tshombe, for a 'ja baas' 'new' Africa, were dashed to the ground and smashed to smithereens on the hard rock of Positive Neutrality and Revolutionary Positive Non-Alignment.

The third reason readily suggests itself. Britain failed to 'lead' the Africans (to peaceful and prosperous development). Once the Boers talk of 'leading Africans', you must know they have Bantustans in mind. They have reservations of cheap labour in mind. They have puppet states in mind, and they have Tshombe-type traitors in mind. They have sweated cheap labour, ruthless exploitation and everlasting white hegemony, in mind. The quarrel of the Boers with the English is that the latter did not establish the Trankei-type Bantustans in their territories, rather than the intrasingent Ghana, Kenya and so on and so forth. There you have the whole thing in a nut-shell.

Then just think of this one and see if you find anything to beat it for effrontery, buffoonery and brazen impudence. They actually complain that Wilson is not out to protect the white in Africa. They the whites who are armed to the teeth with the deadliest weapons that science can devise they the raving, ravaging wolves that prowl on the face of Africa, seeking to devour the poor, defenceless, unarmed Africans !!! It is a case of the wolves needing protection from the lambs. It is a trans-valuation of values - a base and Satanic type of hypocrisy!!

And talking of peaceful development or lack of it - in African states :-

Who really are the addicts to sadism and violence, if not the white governments of Africa? Who shot down more than 70 unarmed, fleeing Africans at Sharpeville in March, 1960? Who today is plotting against the independence of the African states if not the Verwoerd Government, aided and abetted by the West German Federal Republic? Who is posing the threat of using atomic bombs, missiles and virulent poison gases against the peoples of Africa, except the Verwoerd Government which is being tutored and assisted by the West Germans, with the Knowledge and connivance of the American Dollar Imperialists?

No 'Die Burgher' when your own leaders are plotting against the peaceful development of Africa, you should really be the last person to cry: 'Peace! Peace! Peace!!

Also take the brazenly hypocritical idea that the Africans cannot register progress and prosperity in their states in contrast to white states like South Afrika.

It is true that there is a big gap between the ex-colonial, under-developed countries of Africa, and the more advanced states of the Western World such as Germany, Britain and the U.S.A. But the backwardness of Africa is a legacy of the long periods of Colonialism, when the colonialists were only interested in the exploitation of the human and natural resources of and gave nothing back, to Afrika.

Responsibility for every aspect of the underdevelopment of the lands of Africa and Asia, can be placed, squarely on the shoulders of the colonial powers.

The case was different in so far as the budding white states in South Africa, Rhodesia, New Zealand, Australia etc. were concerned. The colonies of white settlers were treated from the start as parts of the Metropolitan countries, and given all possible material and other assistance to develop in step with the mother countries.

We cannot therefore be bluffed to day by the insidious propaganda which seeks to attribute the backwardness of the African states to the inherent inferiority of the blacks and their unfitness for self-government.

The remedy for the backwardness of our black states does not lie in following the Capitalist road of production, because under capitalism the African states could conceivably take centuries before they overtook the Western capitalist States in the build up and development of the productive forces and the increase of productivity. Nor does the remedy lie in the States allowing themselves to be colonies of Western Finance-Capital Imperialism. That way lies the road leading to stagnation, further ruin and impoverishment of the masses and virtual enslavement by the forces of imperialism and Neo colonialism. The proper road for the New States of Africa to follow, is the road of Africanist Construction. In Africanism are found the dynamics of transformation of the modes of production, and the techniques for the building up, as rapidly as possible, of the total productive forces. It is conceivable under a fully fledged Africanist programme to overtake the more advanced Western nations, within 25 years from Independence in certain vital sectors of production, and within a further 25 years in certain other vital sectors of production.

On the basis of a genuinely Africanist programme the basis can be laid for a leap forward by the New African States and the forces of counter-revolution and Neo-colonialism can be repulsed and finally routed.

FORWARD THEN TO FREEDOM NOW !!!

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