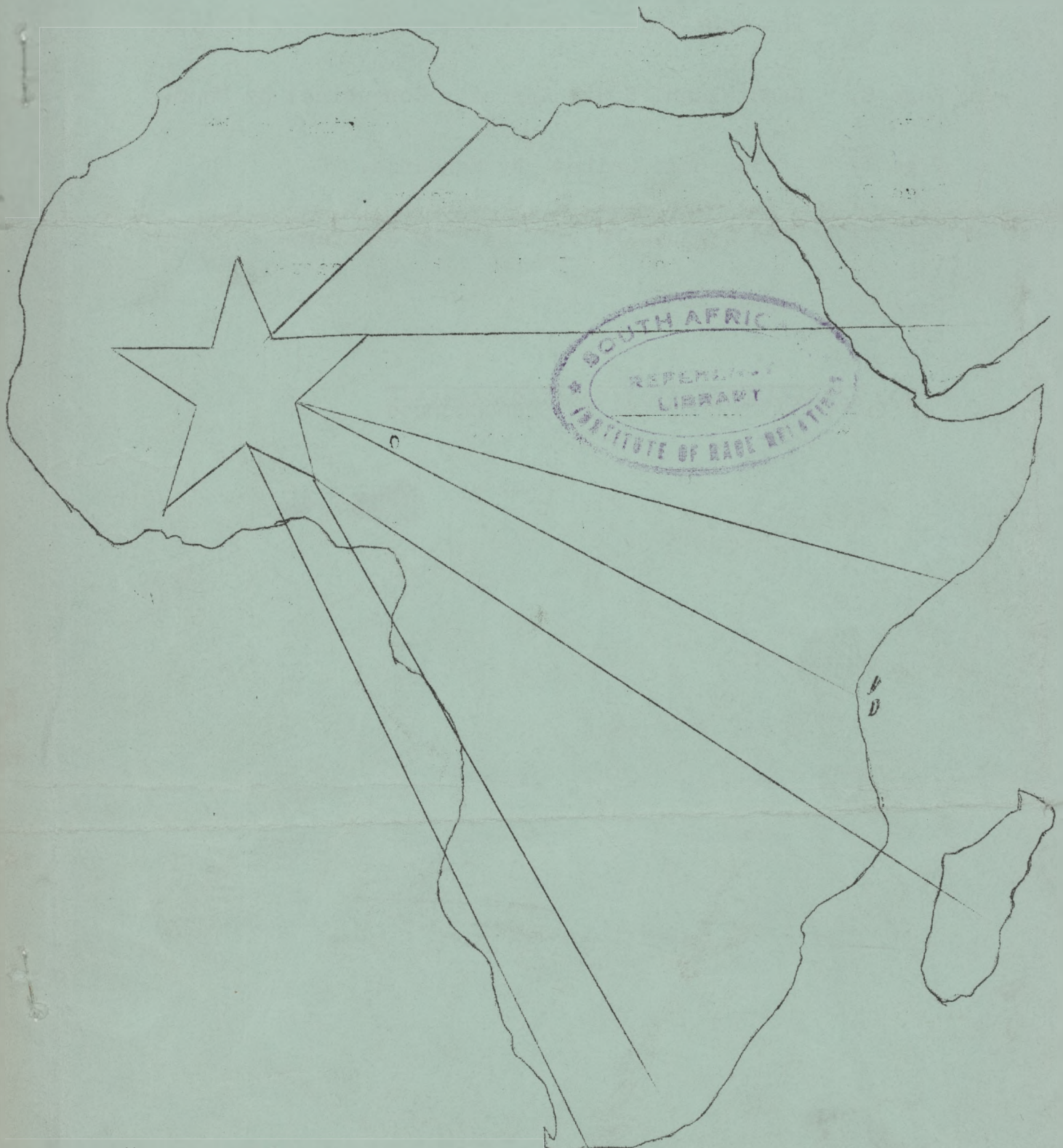


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THE EDITORIALTHE RELEASE SOBUKWE CAMPAIGN.

On the 21st March, 1965 the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania (presently known as the Republic of S.A.) launched a "Release Sobukwe Campaign". The aim of the campaign was to coerce the settler regime of S.A. to release Mr. Mangaliso Sobukwe. It was aimed at rallying world opinion to bring pressure to bear on the S.A. white settler regime to secure a peaceful release of Mr. Sobukwe. The Pan Africanist Congress had decreed that the campaign must unfold systematically adhering to certain dates stipulated in a programme laid out in the Demand.

This is the campaign which certain misguided elements, enemies of the African revolution, have branded as an ultimatum which "spoilt the good chances of release Mr. Sobukwe had". Such ridiculous utterances deserve to be treated with the contempt they deserve. The Pan Africanist Congress has a duty and a responsibility towards Sobukwe. It will be impolitic for the P.A.C., in fact for any political organisation to fold arms and hope for the best. It is for that reason that we continue undaunted with the campaign.

Vorster, the South African settler Minister of Justice has replied to the "Release Sobukwe Demand". He has stated that Mr. Sobukwe shall be illegally detained for a further period of 12 months. He shall neither grant him a one way Exit Permit to leave S.A. permanently. The reasons he gives are that "Sobukwe has not undergone any change. He has not dissociated himself from the Pan Africanist Congress, and still made no secret of his attitude that if he were free, he would start again where he had stopped." It is for these reasons that the S.A. settler regime is determined to keep Mr. Sobukwe in continued illegal, inhuman, detention. These are the reasons which will make Mr. Sobukwe to be kept in imprisonment "till this side of eternity." if imprisonment does not change his heart. For the same reasons Mr. Sobukwe cannot be granted an Exit Permit because as the Justice Minister, Vorster, alleges "he will continue with his subversive activities."

Vorster has even refused an application from Mrs. Sobukwe asking for the transference of her Husband from Robben Island to the mainland so that Mr. Sobukwe can be in a more healthy place and she can also be in a position to see him frequently. Vorster replied saying that Robben Island was the only place where the white settlers can securely keep Sobukwe.

This then is how far the Pan Africanist Congress' "Release Sobukwe Campaign" has gone. Adhering to the programme set out in the Release Sobukwe Demand presented to the South African settler government, "if Sobukwe is not released on or before the 30th June, then the acting President of the Pan Africanist Congress together with other members of the Presidential Council of the P.A.C. shall present a "Final Release Sobukwe Demand" both to the Verwoerd Government and the U.N.O. General Assembly, when the latter convenes in September or thereabout." If after that Sobukwe is not released

then, it shall be clear and we shall be satisfied beyond reasonable doubt, that the Pretoria government, UNO, and the Western powers are not interested in a peaceful release of Sobukwe.

We wish to launch a final appeal to the peace loving people of the world to arise and detest this dastardly and callous act of indefinite imprisonment of a man who has served his sentence. Sobukwe is kept in imprisonment without trial, and without any apparent reason except the hallucinations and nightmares that haunt the fear-ridden white settlers. Can the freedom loving and peaceloving people of the world remain complacent when human liberty is trampled under foot? Is the South African settler regime such a colossus that it can strut with impunity in arrogant defiance of world opinion? No, it is not such a colossus. The fault lies with the outside world - the Western powers in particular. No serious attempts have yet been made to bring the South African settler regime to its knees. We appeal to the world to coerce the Verwoerd government and precipitate a peaceful release of Mr. Sobukwe.

We believe that humanity loves peace. It is for that reason that the millions of peaceloving Africans and their party, the Pan Africanist Congress, are so keen on a peaceful release of their leader, Mangaliso Sobukwe. If Sobukwe cannot be peacefully released, the white settlers, of South Afrika and UNO and the Western powers in particular, shall bear the full responsibility for whatever consequences that might result. Sobukwe must be released. We cannot and we shall not tolerate any dilly-dallying and vacillation. The world and the Verwoerd government must choose between peaceful settlement by releasing Sobukwe or must open the door wide to the path that leads to a hideous, catastrophic racial tragedy.

It is our fervent hope that the necessity to present a "final Release Sobukwe Demand" shall not arise. We hope that the world and the Western Powers shall exert the necessary pressure on the South African settler regime and thus avert the catastrophe that might befall this country.

The African people and their revolutionary Party, the Pan Africanist Congress, have resolved to secure the release of their leader. We cannot and we shall not tolerate any longer, the arbitrary and continued detention of our Leader. Anyone who stands in the way of Sobukwe's release is a traitor and anyone who sabotages our campaign in anyway whatsoever is an enemy of the African Revolution. As they say in Sesotho, "Balimo ba Afrika batla ho mbona, le rona retla ho mbona," (the gods of Afrika shall deal with him, we shall also deal with him). Our memories are long and unerring.

We Demand the Release of Sobukwe !!

We Demand the Release of all Political Prisoners !!

IZWE LETHU !!!

WE REASON TOGETHER.

By Lindall

The April elections in Lesotho are a chapter in the political evolution of this territory. The forces that moulded the clay results came both from within and without. The essence of the matter is that the elections have ended nothing, have settled nothing, but they have evidently begun something - a real constitutional power struggle. There is a monstrous feature in this phase, viz, British colonialism has taken up the more vicious and subtle position of neo-colonialism. In alliance with British neo-colonialism is a subversive baaskap wing of Afrikaner feudalism, piloted by Verwoerd. In South Africa Dutch or Afrikaner feudalism vanquished British imperialism constitutionally. A realisation of defeat shifted the British sphere of influence to the three High Commission Territories. The fossilised tripod British influence stood astride over South Africa.

Lesotho, wholly surrounded by the Republic of South Afrika lies at the heart of racialist feudal apartheid. Therefore the temptation to squeeze Lesotho is too great to the arrogant and aggressive appetite of Verwoerd. The Lesotho Africans provide a third force and their salvation lies in Pan Africanism. In the struggle for power in Lesotho, the forces at work desperately trying to win the hearts of the Lesotho Africans are British imperialism, Afrikaner feudalism and Pan Africanism.

British imperialism and Afrikaner feudalism can only have a firm grip in Lesotho through a puppet government reminiscent of that of Tshombe or Matanzima. The choice is therefore open for the people of Lesotho Lesotho Africans are better advised to take into cognisance the words of Max Frankel when he says, "Moscow and Peking have to ponder the fate of Rome and Byzantium.....No empire or church has ever maintained itself with two capitals." Now how much more difficult will be the position of a country with three capitals, namely : Maseru, Pretoria and London.

British imperialists, employing the subtle stunts of neo-colonialism in alliance with the feudal Afrikaners, can be expected to continue to twist and turn, thaw and freeze, agree and disagree, but their common aim is to subvert and undermine the real interests of the Africans. We of the Pan Africanist Congress have no appetite to sell out, we have signed a pact with history, with destiny and with ^{the} Human Race. There is one path we shall never follow or trod and that is the path of surrender or submission. The Africans of Lesotho in their constitutional power struggle have only two ways open to them : (i) to unite as one nation or (ii) to sell out.

Is intrigue hereditary ?

One is tempted to allude that intrigue in/

special cases is both hereditary and infectious. The South African press and that of Lesotho went to great lengths to show the political activities of the Roman Catholic Church, particularly its French Canadian section. One need only read the articles of Cohen and Serfontein, both political contributors to the "Sunday Times" to confirm this. There are also journals that have spoken on the same topic. Hysterically after the April elections of Lesotho, the "Sunday Times" reported that it has been thanked for the services rendered.

To give a background to the activities of "Political missionaries" let us take our minds to Japan and our eyes focused there, let us read an extract from a book called "A short History of the World" by H.G. Wells, under the subtitle "European Aggression in Asia," I quote, "Then arose complicated quarrels between the Spanish Dominicans, Portuguese Jesuits and English and Dutch Protestants, each warning the Japanese against the political designs of the others. The Jesuits in a phase of ascendancy persecuted and insulted Buddhists with great a crimony. In the end Japanese came to the conclusion that the Europeans were an intolerable nuisance and that Catholic Christianity in particular was a mere cloak for political dreams of the Pope...."

Widening the lineage of the French Canadian political missionaries, our eyes should now cross the Caledon river into Azania (Republic of South Afrika). In the seventeenth century the Huguenots arrived in the Cape. In Afrikaner circles they dominated political thought and therefore gave direction to the present day Afrikaner National Party of Verwoerd. The state church in the Republic of South Afrika is the Dutch Reformed Church, founded on an Calvin's doctrine. Amongst the important members of Verwoerd's Party, are the descendants of the Huguenots. At random comes to my mind names such as Du Plessis, Le Roux, Roussow, etc. Blood being thicker than water, the French Canadians have and share a common affinity with the Afrikaners of Verwoerd who have the Huguenot blood in them. The French blood relationship between the French Canadian Priests and the Afrikaners, dwarfs into insignificance the religious differences. The South African government, a minority of white settlers, rules and governs through trickery, hypocrisy and double standards. It is doubtful if their kins elsewhere shall not act in the same way.

Preceding the Lesotho elections voices from several countries rose in crescendoes and a number of people pinpointed the missionaries that played a hand in influencing the outcome of the elections. Cohen and Serfontein both South Africans, are witnesses, for they fervently reported the news. One is again reminded that transcending the whole life of Afrikanerdom flows the blue blood of the French Huguenots. The high-ups and the up-and-doing tramps of Verwoerd are creating bridges into Lesotho.

A French tribal unit is dominating Southern Africa from Maseru to Pretoria, from Pretoria to Umtata in the Transkei. The group is employing all methods of intrigue to perpetuate its dominance. Its cancerous ^{designs must be checked} otherwise Africans in ⁱⁿ ~~corner~~ Africa shall reap intermittent strifes and political whirl-winds. The fusion of French and Afrikaner traits rests and is fed on British investments which parasitic-like suck African blood in the mines, in the factories and on the farms!

FORWARD EVER ! BACKWARDS NEVER !! IZWE LETHU !!!

THE SUBTLETIES OF WHITE AGGRESSION.

by Analyst

In the political polemics of imperialists, a maze of jargon is employed, the primary purpose of which is deception. Brutal actions by imperialists are often covered up under guises of "maintanance of peace" or "maintanance of law and order". When foreigners are faced by the mounting tide of African resistance, in the just struggle of the African people for human rights and self-determination, they often hide behind declarations of states of emergency. A declaration of a state of emergency sounds innocent, but in essence it is a real declaration of hot war. A State of emergency is a diplomatic way of declaring war, the net result always is blood-shed, torture, incarceration and all other forms of degradation.

Taking the Republic of S.A. as an example, it has, like Hitler's Germany, sunk to a level of degradation seldom experienced by man in all his time on earth. Thousands of decent, innocent African men and women are driven into forced labour, thousands more tortured and tormented in prisons and camps, thousands more still are massacred in cold blood on the farms and in prisons or are deliberately starved to death and their remains burnt in order to remove any traces.

Vorster a power-drunk tyrant whom absolute power has corrupted him absolutely, is displaying a form of megalomania that is bound one day to destroy the very racial apartheid he is trying to protect. Since 1960 the Republic has been in a state of tension and a state of emergency has become a permanent feature in the Transkei. Were it to be lifted, ethnic self-rule would collapse like a pack of cards. In the rest of the Republic of South Africa the banning of the Pan Africanist Congress is yet another form of a state of emergency, the diplomatic way of declaring war.

The truth of the matter, is that white foreign South Africa can't forever remain the top master and it can't forever live in a state of tension and emergency. There is no gainsaying that the tempo of events is increasing and whether the white minority wills it or not, the apartheid wall of shame is weakening and will disintegrate and collapse and great will be the fall of it. We cannot forget the blatant and savage death meted out to 49 PAC men. The bestial practices of white settlers of putting thousands of Africans to exhaustive work, of degrading, of beating and starving them, often leaving them to die, for lack of food, clothing and shelter, must one day unite the whole of Africa under one continental flag. At that stage the culprits shall receive the punishment which they deserve. South African baaskapism and Rhodesian jingoism, together with Mozambique and Angola fascism shall become salted fodder to the African revolutionary avalanche.

Areas of hot war.

On this aspect we shall make reference to South Vietnam and the Congo.

In the Congo, though the puppet government of Moise Tshombe, the white imperialists committed naked aggression under the guise of "humanitarian reasons" and further claimed that a "legitimate" government had asked them to intervene. This type of jargon licenced the brutal massacre of thousands of African nationalists

The conflict, all of us know, was terrible and enormous and it ended nothing and settled nothing as it cannot whilst there is still even an inch of African soil under colonial tutelage. At best the conflict was a frightful reminder that we must pool our resources together, from Cape to Cairo, from Morocco to Malagasy. We must take Western Imperialism more seriously for it is using the most-subtle methods of neocolonialism. Imperialism's mania for absolute power knows no boundaries other than the boundaries of positive resistance. Our thinking is that resistance to imperialism and neocolonialism must be the indelible stamp of a United Afrika.

Another interesting jargon of Western imperialism is illustrated by what is taking place in South Vietnam. There, the puppet government that invited American aid has long ceased to have meaning. America is in fact ruling and perpetuating aggression! The Johnson administration has violated South Vietnamese territorial domain. Much more, America is determined to colonise South Vietnam and preserve it for the West, (meaning Europeans). No wonder that Australia and New Zealand are joining the forces of aggression.

These are the lessons we have to learn in order that we can be better able to oppose white aggression. We can only find the strength to stand against white aggression in unity of action. United action can be found only in a united people.

FORWARD THEN TO A CONTINENTAL UNION
GOVERNMENT OF AFRIKA !!

LONG LIVE THE AFRICAN REVOLUTION !

BASUTOLAND, SOUTH AFRICA'S CONCUBINE

by Mbem

Despite refutations and denials by the British government that there is no collusion between the Protectorates and the de facto white settler racist oligarchy of South Africa, history is daily and shamefully exposing naked the fallacy of the imperialist empty assertions. However cunning the British may be or profess to be there is only one thing they cannot do i.e. to deceive history and direct its course. The connivance of the British agents at the corruption perpetrated during the last elections in Basutoland leaves one wondering whether the British think that they can forestall the overflowing tide of history by indulging in vile "Carpioism". It is quite clear that the horse (the pseudo BNP government) which the British have been grooming with the assistance of the sunshine boys from South Africa is ready and mature to be misused and ridden by the blue eyed "Christian" jockeys from the West.

This state of readiness of Basutoland to be misused by the forces of evil is ~~historically~~ called "self-government" or "co-operation". I say ~~apocryphally~~ because instead of Basutoland becoming self-governing it is degenerating to a stage where the term self-government if it were to be used would lose its taste and essence.

Basutoland/.....

Basutoland has become a fertile breeding ground for mosquitoes who have that insatiable lust for the African blood. These mosquitoes know perfectly well that the only insecticide that can burst their African-blood-filled-stomachs is Pan Africanism and the dauntless, undomittable African Nationalism. It is for this reason that these mosquitoes blandishing themselves as preservers of Western civilisation, shove dummies into the mouths of pseudo political ignorami and ducktails so as to avoid the irreversible inevitability. These imperialist hammers, christian, anti-communist, responsible politicians are so light to be flexed to any colonialist direction.

There now arises a question, whether Basutoland can march in unison with the revolutionary Africa having in view the present statusquo and the artificial non-elastic bonds binding them with the Republic of South Africa. The answer is definitely no. Not with the shakable present puppet regime which is actually plunging into the darkness of British imperialism and Verwoerdian hypocrisy.

It is always a sign of wisdom for one to edify his allegations. Firstly I would like to elaborate on the political concubinage between the British government and their hirelings in Basutoland with the outgoing Republic of South Africa.

Pokela's Affidavit vindicates my assertion of collusion between Basutoland and the Republic of South Africa.

On the 21st May, 1965, two pseudo prisoners were introduced into a cell in the Maseru Central Prison accommodating two leading members of the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania viz. Messrs Pokela and Gqobose. These two pseudo prisoners tried to employ cheap cross hatching tactics with the two abovementioned gentlemen in an endeavour to fulfil the satanic mission assigned to them by their masters. In their discussions, the two would-be prisoners engendered to involve the two Pan Africanists. They apparently lost their sense and went astray from the syllabus given them by the Republic police. They criticised the leaders of the Pan Africanist Congress and also indulged in many other provocative criticisms. There was a time when Mr. Pokela overheard them (two pseudo prisoners) talking to one another about a letter which he (Pokela) had written to his sister in law who is a teacher in the Herschel district in the Republic of S.A. and posted in Maseru Post Office. The two would-be prisoners made no bones about the fact that the letter had been opened both in Maseru as well as in the Republic of South Africa. "They made accurate references to the contents of the letter which fact convinced me they had read it", so the affidavit goes. In fact one of the two told Pokela and Gqobose that his colleague was a policeman from South Afrika. The two Pan Africanists having sensed the chicanery and the adroitness with which it had been employed i.e. the planting of policemen from the Republic of South Africa by the polluted administration of Basutoland in the gloves of the South African designers protested for being locked up with South African police or with any policeman for that matter. The affidavit exposes the scandalous incestuous concubinage and provocative espionage between Basutoland and South Africa for what is clear is that the two policemen were deliberately planted by the two admi-/.

administrations of darkness and oblivion. The mission of the two policemen was to suck information which would lead to the conviction of the Pan Africanists, Gqobose and Pokela.

Proclamation Designed for P.A.C. only.

One interesting point in this incident is that the two Verwoerdian darlings were charged under the Entry and Residence Proclamation of 1958 under which several P.A.C. men have been and are still being charged and convicted without exception. Ofcourse no seasoned politician can be hoodwinked by this cheap imperialist diplomacy. The two were unconditionally released. If a proclamation, as this one does, undergoes a metamorphosis when applied to people of different political persuasions i.e. rigid when P.A.C.s are involved and elastic when political criminals are involved one wonders whether Basutoland is not on the verge of being swallowed up by the panic stricken and outgoing Republic of South Africa for it is being modelled and fashioned on Banstustan lines by its 'saviour' the Republic of South Afrika.

"Kissing in public without blushing."

With the puppet regime in reins, the Republic of South Afrika does no longer caress the partner in private, they publicly kiss each other without blushing. The special branch of the Republic of South Africa move in Basutoland freely and with impunity so do their running dogs, some masquerading under the veil of journalism. Who ever molest them? None. Why? The government has the blessing of that "Christian" gentleman, Verwoerd. He has so blessed it that it is nothing but his echo. It was ^{not} surprising that in the National Assembly when the government was asked by the opposition party, the B.C.P. to define trouble makers, they retorted to say members of the Pan Africanist Congress are the trouble makers. Vorster the white settler minister of Justice would not have said otherwise.

The Verwoerdian government to pitch up the romance with the new consort has "donated" as a token of love hundred thousand bags of grain. Nobody can dispute the fact that this donation has malicious political motives precisely to benumb the revolutionary forces embracing African Nationalism and Pan Africanism and secondly to make a good springboard to catapult the opportunistic puppet regime of imperialist creation. Is it not true that this house of cards has been built by the imperialists? So the imperialists must at all times try to wedge it, more so that there are by-elections pending in one constituency.

How many Africans are dying of famine in the Northern Transvaal? What has the Republican government done for the Ciskei where the position is pathetically critical? The drought in these two particular places is the worst in living memory. The South African government is conniving at the situation and busy sending pseudo fact-finding missions. The Africans in these drought-stricken areas want food for they cannot eat "fact-finding missions." The dilly-dallying, and vacillating by the white settler regime in the Republic of South Africa to salvage and redeem the situation in these areas is part of their systematic, sadistic, genocidal campaign against the Africans. /

Can any serious minded African regard the hundred thousand bags of grain as a genuine relief donation to the Lesotho Africans? Is it not blasphemous subterfuge and pretext? It is only those who are blind who can not answer these questions. Is it not proper for the sons and daughters of Lesotho to seek and prefer genuine freedom and independence in starvation to bandage in abundant Greek gifts?

It is only when a democratic African Nationalist government has been elected by the Africans in Lesotho that these malpractices and imperialist machinations shall be curbed.

For what could be expected from a government imposed on the Africans by the Roman Catholic church, and the South African press since all these have one common historic tradition viz. CORRUPTION.

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AFRIKA MUST UNITE

by Manqanqa

Precisely and conveniently, what the Africans want and/or clamour for is the right to a worthy life, dignity without pretence and, independence without restrictions.

Much has been done, much has been said relevant hereto and much reasoning has been given greater publicity at the rostrums of the United Nations. conferences of African Heads of States in the Newspapers, in communiques and ordinary dialogues now is the time to act and to act fast.

We, the Pan Africanists of Azania(South Afrika) appeal to all of you dear Africans who fought tirelessly to achieve that which you today cherish; we appeal to all of you fellow Africans who are still wriggling under the painful, oppressive and colonial yoke to dedicate and rededicate yourselves, to fight on to a goal - to a stage when the whole continent of Africa will be under a United Continental Government of Afrika - a date that will ever be engraved in your dauntless and courageous hearts - a date whose meaning you will proudly explain to your children grand children and great grand children. You have been standing united as one in your noble cause for freedom from oppression in your home areas; which areas are but a balkanization of this beloved continent of Afrika; you have been fighting together against the come-back by the disappointed white forces of domination. With tears, fire and blood you stood united and victorious and so saved this noble, rich African soil. Remember that you have a great task ahead of you - the eradication of hunger, ignorance and disease and, this does not call for jealousies, petty feuds on personalities - it calls for a surge forward to the reassertion of the African personality; it calls for sacrifice and selflessness.

The gigantic continent of Afrika has chosen the mid-way course in international cold-war politics between East and West.

This is a distinguishing factor typical of our personality and common destiny. We all know, and the world knows it, that we are all Africans clasped together by our common ancestry, customs and most prominent, a desire for freedom and self-determination. What is French Africa and, what is English Speaking Africa? This is a dirty strategy by the Western Powers. We all know by now the objectives of the West. Yesterday they divided us on the level of a tribe, clan and village. Today they seek to divide us on the level of states. They seek to create antagonistic blocs, satellites and, having begun from that stage of the cold-war politics, deepen the division in order to perpetuate their rule in Africa directly or indirectly.

Likewise we reject the formation of rival blocs or groupings in Afrika based on tribalism or regionalism and we call upon the Western inspired OCAM (Organisation Commune Africaine et Malagache) to disband and, further we wish to remind them that they are but disgracing our continent abroad with their masters' dictated divisionist tendencies. The African masses are in need of their leadership forward to the next goal of a Union of Afrika. We plead with them and remind them that their time is too valuable to be wasted on such trivialities. They are dancing to the music of the exploiters, imperialists and plotters.

We call upon them to attend the forthcoming conference of Heads of States of Afrika in Accra, Ghana in order to put the finishing touches to the desired formation of a Continental Government of a United Africa.

Here is an extract from a great speech by a great statesman, Osagyefo the President Kwame Nkrumah on this same topic of African unity at the conference of the Heads of African states in Cairo :

"They now need vaster and more prosperous markets for heavy agricultural tractors and electronic machines. They wish to sell to us, not Ford motors propelled by magnetos or turbo-prop transport aircraft but the latest is supersonic jets and atomic powered merchant vessels. Which of us, trading separately in these highly developed market areas can survive more than a year or two without remaining either economically backward, indebted bankrupt or recolonised?"

"We have reason to think," continued Osagyefo, "that the imperialists themselves are in divided councils about the unity of Africa. They must remain ambivalent, however, as long as they retain direct control over Southern Africa and Neo-colonialist control of the Congo. The vast material wealth of those territories represents profits which they cannot willingly give up, even for greater markets in the rest of Afrika."

The great and noble son of Africa continued, "But a Union government of Africa would end the dilemma of the industrialised nations, because inevitably that wealth will be converted into capital of the developing Africa." "The fact that imperialism and neo colonialism are in that dilemma should be for us the clearest indication of the line we must follow. We must unite for economic viability, first of all, and then recover our mineral wealth in Southern Africa, so that our vast...../...

resources and capacity for development will bring prosperity for us and additional benefits for the rest of the world. That is why I have written elsewhere that the emancipation of Africa could be the emancipation of men;" declared Osagyefo, the President.

Africa is acutely in need of peace and concord and our foreign policy should be directed towards co-operation, loyalty and friendship among nations. We want to be a force of peaceful progress, a force of conciliation. An independent and United Africa will make a large and positive contribution to world peace. But torn into zones of hostile influence, she will only intensify world antagonism and increase tension. "Without dignity there is no freedom, without justice there is no dignity and without independence there are no free men." so said the late noble son of Africa, Patrice Emery Lumumba.

Sons and daughters of Africa, be vigilant in your desire and put on that unbending African will and determination until the cherished African Unity is achieved !!!

THE POPULAR WILL OF AFRICA MUST TRIUMPH.!

LONG LIVE THE AFRICAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS !!

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THE AFRICAN REVOLUTION

by Africanus

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History is a repository of experiences - a scientific weapon of guidance. We learn from past revolutions that when a revolution is conducted wantonly, without restraint being put on strong sentiments, it tapers in the end and tends to run counter to the purpose for which it was instituted.

From all four corners of Africa, a refreshing breeze of a nation-wide reawakening is blowing across mountains, valleys and deserts. In music and poetry, in thought and in dreams, in times of glee and in times of sorrow, there is a yearn for the restoration to Africa of her former beauty and chastity. African nationalism, the uniting and liberatory power, is pounding and steadfastly gathering ground in the march to freedom from foreign bondage. The whole of the present political and social structure of Africa is being transformed into a new frame. This.../

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resources and capacity for development will bring prosperity for us and additional benefits for the rest of the world. That is why I have written elsewhere that the emancipation of Africa could be the emancipation of men;" declared Osagyefo, the President.

Africa is acutely in need of peace and concord and our foreign policy should be directed towards co-operation, loyalty and friendship among nations. We want to be a force of peaceful progress, a force of conciliation. An independent and United Africa will make a large and positive contribution to world peace. But torn into zones of hostile influence, she will only intensify world antagonism and increase tension. "Without dignity there is no freedom, without justice there is no dignity and without independence there are no free men." so said the late noble son of Africa, Patrice Emery Lumumba.

Sons and daughters of Africa, be vigilant in your desire and put on that unbending African will and determination until the cherished African Unity is achieved !!!

THE POPULAR WILL OF AFRICA MUST TRIUMPH.!

LONG LIVE THE AFRICAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS !!

LONG LIVE AFRICAN UNITY!!

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THE AFRICAN REVOLUTION

by Africanus

History records a concatenation of revolutions drawing down her course and these revolutions are the steps left behind as human society continues to climb the ladder of progress to a position where strifes and conflicts between exploited and exploiter, between oppressed and oppressor and between colonised and coloniser cannot be called for since these antagonistic groups will not be in existence.

All revolutions that have passed were intended to banish once and for ever those ideas and practices that were considered to be the evils of peaceful society and to set up an all-comprehensive social order occluding a complete and absolute truth able to answer all human wants. The fact is that these revolutions were merely milestones in the long process of social dialectics and were inspired by a principle - the liberation of man - which was being perfected in every stage and which now remains to be fully expressed in practice.

History is a repository of experiences - a scientific weapon of guidance. We learn from past revolutions that when a revolution is conducted wantonly, without restraint being put on strong sentiments, it tapers in the end and tends to run counter to the purpose for which it was instituted.

From all four corners of Africa, a refreshing breeze of a nation-wide reawakening is blowing across mountains, valleys and deserts. In music and poetry, in thought and in dreams, in times of glee and in times of sorrow, there is a yearn for the restoration to Africa of her former beauty and chastity. African nationalism, the uniting and liberatory power, is pounding and steadfastly gathering ground in the march to freedom from foreign bondage. The whole of the present political and social structure of Africa is being transformed into a new frame.
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This struggle of African Nationalism to regain political sovereignty from the European foreign ~~masters~~ ^{numbers} is of two kinds. Firstly, there is the use of conventional peaceful means. Secondly, there is the employment of military tactics. The former is, at this stage of the African revolution, outmoded and ineffective.

Taking South Africa as an example of all African territories still under foreign domination, the situation there demands an iron and blood struggle. Having arrogated to itself exclusive political power, the racist white minority government of Verwoerd has slammed the door to a peaceful solution. It has offered gags, proscription, banishment and imprisonment and murder to all those who ^{positively} advocate the cause for justice and the freedom of the African people who form the majority of the population. Already over fifty freedom fighters have been noosed and thousands are filling the appalling prisons built all over the country and Robben Island.

But the African revolution transcends the national struggle because of greater ideals it objectifies. It is not an Intellectual revolution attempting to solve brain-curdling economic contradictions of the Capitalist society. On the contrary it purports the solution and clearance of basic social problems born of racial phantasies and dreams like 'apartheid' by presenting a democratic solution.

Only Pan Africanism can bring perpetual death to any kind of exploitation and assure the free development of the African people.

Pan Africanism, in its social context, maintains that the African people have a socialistic way of life which is their own. The African society ~~is~~ ^{embodies} the spirit of 'familyhood'. It is a society whose history cannot speak of masters and slaves or of Capitalists and Workers. The history of the African people has, of course, been written as the story of Europeans campaigns of conquest. The egalitarian principle which underlies African society still remains unbent even after three centuries of foreign occupation. It is for this reason that we say we aspire to the establishment of an Africanist Socialist Democracy in which the primacy of the material, spiritual, and intellectual attributes of the individual shall be recognised.

In truth, our revolution is aimed at revising our history and at placing Africa in her true perspective. This gives us, we who are engineering the revolution, immense work. I parallel with our national struggle for liberation must be attached an intellectual revolution aimed at overhauling and re-orientating our un-African mental out-look which we acquired through the centuries of subjection to foreign patronage. I concur with Denis Osadebay when he says,

"Let me play with the whiteman's ways

Let me work with the blackman's brains

Let my affairs themselves sort out

Then in sweet rebirth I'll rise a better man

Not ashamed to face the world."

Ideology is the beckon light of revolution. We must be men of clarity, ideologically sound, armed with encyclopaedic information in order to revise the hodge-podge of colonial history and to upset the attempts of our distractors aimed.../

.... at confusing and bandying us about.

LONG LIVE THE AFRICAN REVOLUTION'.

LONG LIVE AFRICAN UNITY !!!

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VERSE FROM AFRICA.

Who is this?

Who is this man who pines in chains
In Robben Island, in strain and pains,
Quite intent and won't relent?

'Tis Sobukwe, the name is Robert.

Who is this man whose answer is bold
When Vorster comes and his fate is told,
Unwavering, constant and hears his lot?

'Tis Sobukwe the name is Robert.

Who is this man with a load of care,
Who is unique, whose type is rare,
Who will forgive but will not forget?

'Tis Sobukwe, the name is Robert.

Who is this man who makes the whites shudder
Who wants the chains to break asunder,
Who played his tune when the stage was set?

'Tis Sobukwe, the name is Robert.

Who is this man who once declared -
"You call the tune when the piper is paid."
Is that amiss or is it correct?

Ask Sobukwe, whose name is Robert.

Who is this man in deep distress,
Held in pinions in the wilderness,
Maintaining his point, knowing his target?

'Tis Sobukwe his name is Robert.

We fondly ask who is he
This man when tried made no plea
Whose stand is known without secret?

'Tis Sobukwe, the name is Robert.

Great men have died and left their mark,
Some of them were brown or white or dark,
We see their print, their stamp and their credit,
We see Sobukwe, we see Robert.

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The Masai of Kenya.

Beauty in Africa has come to stay,
Much of it is found in March and May,
Plenty of it in forest and field,
Ever increasing with incredible speed.

Hail Kenya as Africa's bride!
Salute her with all praise and pride,
Beauty in such fashion is unassailable,
Kenya's is celestial and unattainable!

Tribes abound in Africa wide and vast,
I've seen many in time present and past,
Tribes with spear and with assegai,
But none to impress as the Masai!

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