



Tricontinental Scene



Racists Must Go

The African people of Zimbabwe and, indeed, the African people as a whole are passing through a very testing and difficult phase in the history of Africa. This is a period of life or death for Africa as a whole.

We, the people of Zimbabwe, have a minority settler racist regime which we must eliminate at any cost and in the shortest possible time and with whatever weapons are at our disposal.

It is the conviction of the people of Zimbabwe under the leadership of the Zimbabwe African People's Union that as long as the racist minority dictatorship exists in Rhodesia and is in the embrace of the South African and Portuguese fascists, so long will the neighbouring independent African states remain in danger both economically and politically.

The liberation of Zimbabwe, South Africa and the Portuguese colonies of Mozambique and Angola from fascism will not benefit only the African people in those countries but all the independent African states adjacent to these oppressed areas. It will bring peace and prosperity to all.

It is because Angola, Mozambique, Rhodesia and South Africa are still

languishing under oppression that there are several incidents of sabotage and subversion in the neighbouring countries like the Congo (Kinshasa), Zambia and Tanzania.

The Rhodesian minority dictatorship is presently trying its utmost to put on the full-fledged cloak of apartheid of its South African protectors and allies. The question in Rhodesia today is not whether or not apartheid should be adopted immediately, but it is, rather, at what rate must it be adopted. The intention is in no doubt. It is the timing in dispute.

A very fast rate would lay the racists bare to international condemnation and criticism. Not that the racists really care very much about international opinion but that they place their apologists in the British Government, America, Australia and New Zealand in difficult situations because theirs is the role of public relations officers for the racists.

People (like Duncan Sandys, Lord Salisbury, Major Patrick Wall and those who are members of societies and clubs) whose aim it is to help and promote minority regimes and racism in Southern Africa, would rather the Rhodesian racists coated their actions with the usual talk about accepting the African people into political, social, and other spheres on merit instead of doing so on racial grounds.