

Maintain the revolutionary unity displayed by the Witwatersrand University, the universities of Cape Town and Natal. The demonstrations by these students with the workers confirm that the blood of our people has made us stronger and more determined in carrying on the struggle: FATHERLAND OR DEATH! VICTORY IS CERTAIN! AMANOLA NGAWETHU!

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## 2. JUNE 26th FREEDOM DAY

This is the day of re-dedication born in the crucible of struggles and campaigns of the National Liberation Movement against White domination. It is a day when the oppressed people take new and important resolutions to prosecute our struggle, closing ranks and remembering all our fallen comrades and heroes who laid down their lives for our cause of freedom and democracy.

This year FREEDOM DAY comes when a new and glorious chapter is being written in the National Liberation struggle of South Africa. With bold determination and renewed courage, our people are challenging the racist power structure and demanding revolutionary transformation of the system. The revolutionary ferment is a direct result of a number of factors that are rapidly turning the scales in favour of our National Democratic revolution. These are:

- 1) The untiring efforts of ANC underground and other democratic forces in organising the people and uniting them in fighting capitalist exploitation and national oppression.
- 2) The inspiring victories of our comrades in Angola and Mozambique against Portuguese colonialism and internal reactionaries, the humiliating defeats suffered by the South African army in the hands of the M P L A and the intensification of the armed struggle in Namibia and Zimbabwe.
- 3) The overwhelming solidarity internationally with the oppressed, as demonstrated by:
  - (a) the unwavering assistance given by the Socialist countries to the National Liberation movements; and
  - (b) the stepped-up campaign by both the O A U and the United Nations Organisation to render all-out support for the National Liberation movements.
- 4) Inflation- which hits hardest at the Black population in the form of shocking rises in the prices of food, coal and clothing, in rents, in bus and train fares, and in the rise of unemployment.
- 5) Increased police and BOSS violence and brutality against all patriotic forces, and the creation of more vicious laws of repression.

In very clear terms, the Black people have stated that in the liberation wars that are confronting Vorster's government, they will not be found on the side of the oppressor! Also, in many letters sent to the "The World", Vorster's blatant lie about 'racial harmony' in South Africa has been blasted with utmost contempt. As far as the Black masses are concerned, all 'cosmetic' gimmicks like the opening of the Nico Malan Theatre, the establishment of a Black bank, the independence of the Transkei, 'Independence', etc., are seen as futile attempts to entrench and give credibility to the hated policy of Apartheid. Once again, Umkhonto WeSizwe has demonstrated its vitality and its ability to co-ordinate its efforts with the activities of the masses by detonating a pamphlet bomb in the heart of Johannesburg at a time when thousands of patriots were demonstrating against the notorious Terrorism Trials.

Let us now resolve to use this revolutionary climate to engage the enemy on all fronts and to raise the struggle to new heights. The battles that have already been raging at the Heinemann Electric factory, at the gold mines of the Free State, the bus-boycot at KwaThema must be spread throughout the country. Our demands for the immediate recognition of our own independent, democratic trade unions, for an end to the harassment of S A C T U and other Black trade unions, for the abandonment

of the Bantustan conspiracy, for the scrapping of all pass laws and the inhuman treatment of workers under the migrant labour system must now ring throughout the country with even greater urgency. We demand equal rights for All South Africans and we shall continue to fight with arms for as long as a small clique of racists continues to monopolise all political power and economic power.

Wherever we are, we must always organise active support for all those who are at any one stage engaging in the battle against the enemy by joining in and raising our demands for the immediate recognition of our own independent, democratic trade unions, for the abandonment of the inhuman laws enforced by the Vorster regime. SOLIDARITY demonstrations and Support strikes and boycotts must be the order of the day!

We, the oppressed Black working masses: are the backbone of the Revolution; we must brace ourselves for the tasks and sacrifices of the armed struggle. We must be ready at all times to give shelter and all necessary help to our fighters. We must continually act as the eyes and ears of our Liberation Movement and inform the movement on all activities of the enemy and his spies, whilst stubbornly refusing to collaborate in any form with the enemy.

Let us remain undaunted by the naked brutality levelled at our fighters like Mdluli, Suttner and many others by the enemy. These are acts of desperation; these are the last frantic attempts to salvage the rapidly sinking ship of White Domination. It is only through careful organisation, sacrifice and relentless persistence in our struggle that our victory will be assured. 'There is no easy walk to freedom!'

The message from our leaders in Robben Island, who rejected the treacherous overtures of Vorster and his puppet chiefs and who refused to be 'bought out of prison' is loud and clear:

'NO COMPROMISE WITH FASCISM!! THE REVOLUTION MUST GO ON!! AMANDLA!!

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### 3. PUPILS AND STUDENTS ON THE MOVE!

In the last few months, we have witnessed massive demonstrations by African pupils against the Nazi-type enforcement of Afrikaans in African schools. So well organised, so determined have been the boycott of classes that the ruling class has begun to issue threats of expulsion and black-listing. Police have quickly moved in to harass and to arrest the striking school children. Yet the strikes continue and the school children refuse to be intimidated.

It is not just a strike against Afrikaans as a medium of instruction but a political protest by an enslaved, oppressed people against the whole concept of Bantu Education. This education system is an instrument for entrenching white domination. It prepares the African child for the role of an underdog, a supplier of cheap labour who will not identify himself with the oppressed masses for the aspirations of national liberation. It is a role which ensures the privileged position of the white man, the insulation of the African child from world events, and confines him to the laws, the lies and the distortions that the Boers prepare to retard the intellectual growth of the Blacks. The education that he is given glorifies tribalism; the child is forced to accept the white man as a saviour whose 'divine' mission it is to dominate the lives of the Black people and determine how, where and how long each one of them should live. Indeed, it is an education for servitude.

The A N C and other progressive organisations fought Bantu Education from the very beginning, and has always demanded free and compulsory education for all and the total removal of all discriminatory laws and practices aimed at denying the Blacks their right to universal knowledge. The whole sinister scheme of Bantu Education is aimed at:

- (a) retarding Black cultural development in order to prove that they are inherently inferior to whites;
- (b) breaking the National unity that has been painstakingly built up by the A N C over years of struggle.

The Vorster dictatorship spends huge sums of money to provide free education for whites, yet Black parents stagger under the strain of having to pay school fees. Failure to pay these, leads to the expulsion of students. Furthermore, there is also the ever existing shortage of qualified teachers