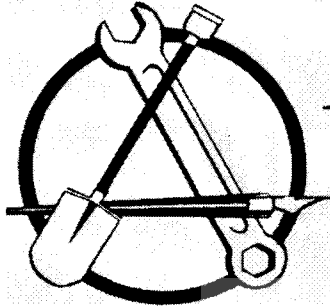


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DENIGRATING AN INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED REVOLUTIONARY UNDER THE GUISE OF PAYING A TRIBUTE.

Introduction:

9th October 2007 was the 40th anniversary of the death revolutionary icon, Ernesto Che Guevara recognised throughout the world with his beret and long hair. Revolutionaries and all young people desiring change and willing to lay down their lives for it mourned his cold-blooded execution but celebrated his exemplary life of internationalism, his vision of revolutionary overthrow of reactionary regimes and the installation of socialism throughout the world.

Of all countries and peoples, it was Cuba and its people and its ailing leader who mourned the most. For Che Guevara was an Argentinean who offered his life for the liberation of Cuba. He was also the dearest and closest comrade of Fidel Castro. In mourning his death the people of Cuba also celebrated his life and achievements in a riot of beautiful colours, songs, dances and oratories. The country was draped with Guevara's larger than life portraits.

The African National Congress or rather its wing under which Mbeki and his underground faction of the SACP have sought anonymity, likes to be regarded by the youth and oppressed as a revolutionary movement. Hence on the occasion of 40th anniversary of Guevara's death, it sought to join the revolutionary world and sought reflected glory by identifying with the deeds of Guevara.

South African Communist Party.

The South African Communist Party (SACP), previously called the Communist Party of South Africa, had since the mid 1920s, come under the influence of the Stalinist Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU). For as long as the Soviet Bloc lasted, the SACP belonged to that brood of Communist Parties later called the pro-Soviet Communist Parties.

1. The SACP had the shameful distinction of being the most servile of all the servile parties in the pro-Soviet Bloc.
2. The only criticism of the Soviet Union emerged from this party *after* the overthrow of the CPSU and the dissolution of the Soviet Union.

3. When the Cuban Revolution took place, the Cuban Communist Party which was a pro-Moscow party did not support nor approve of the Revolution in Cuba.
4. Guevara was a Marxist revolutionary socialist. Instinctively he recoiled from Stalinism and its Communist Parties. He was no admirer of, or friend to them. The intense dislike was mutual. According to Alan Woods, he was described as a petty bourgeois adventurer by the French Communist Party which was regarded by the SACP as being second only to the mighty and infallible Communist Party of the Soviet Union.
5. There is no doubt that the puppet masters in Moscow sent out the injunction that all Communist Parties under its wing must give Guevara a wide berth. No assistance! No recruits! No succour! One of the direct reasons for the failure of Guevara's Bolivian mission was the betrayal of the Bolivian Communist Party. It reneged on promises to render assistance and recruits.
6. We have little doubt that the servile SACP would have followed the line of the French Communist Party and branded Guevara as an adventurer.
7. If we are correct in the assumption, then the question: Why the tribute? What is behind it? For these reasons I re-read the "tribute" in the ANC Weekly Letter.

Guevara depicted as a snivelling coward.

The last moments before his capture are presented by the "ANC Today" of the 12-18 October 2007 from an account by one Felix Rodriguez, described as a CIA Agent and who was attached to the Bolivian Ranger Units.

"Che attempts to keep firing, but cannot keep his gun up with only one arm. He is hit again on his right leg, his gun is knocked out of his hand and his right forearm is pierced. As soldiers approach Che, he shouts, "Do not shoot! I am Che Guevara and worth more to you alive than dead."

Rodriguez is again quoted as having gone to Guevara to inform him that his execution had been ordered by the Bolivian High Command. Rodriguez claims that Guevara gave him a message for his wife and for Castro, they embrace and Rodriguez leaves the room.

What is significant about the article is that it quotes without comment or doubt what Rodriguez had to say. Rodriguez's account makes Guevara out to be a coward who is fearful of death and that he sought to bargain for his life by

saying "I am worth more alive than dead." This account depicts Guevara as pleading for his life!

The CIA agent could not have done more harm to Guevara's dignity and reputation than by peddling the plea for his life, especially if you have unquestioning, gullible or malice motivated politicians like the Mbeki wing of the SACP.

THE ROLE OF FELIX RODRIGUEZ.

The ANC Today portrays Felix Rodriguez as a CIA agent attached to the Bolivian Ranger Unit and even seeks to show him as a person of compassion when he allegedly embraced Guevara.

THAT IS A GROTESQUE LIE.

1. Rodriguez¹ was not attached to the Rangers. He in fact headed the hunt for Guevara as a CIA agent. He led a team of special US advisors which went to Bolivia as far back as April 1967 when it was discovered that Guevara was in Bolivia. They instituted a 19 week counter-insurgency programme. The Bolivian Army was trained and supplied by US imperialism. It was they who established the elite battalion of Rangers.
2. So Rodriguez was not just attached to the Rangers. He was instrumental in creating it.
3. For some completeness, it should be stated that it was the same Rodriguez who infiltrated Cuba to prepare for an uprising in Cuba following the Bay of Pigs invasion in April 1961.
4. There is little doubt that the murder of Guevara (an unarmed and wounded prisoner of war) was the work of the US imperialists represented by Rodriguez and their henchman Barrientos of the Bolivian Rangers. There is also little doubt that if the US imperialists wanted Guevara to live, he would not been murdered.
5. The real murderer of Guevara was US imperialism through its representative Rodriguez.
6. All those who knew Guevara will vouch for the fact that the man epitomized courage. He would NEVER have pleaded for his life. Nor

¹ The biographical facts about Rodriguez are from Alan Woods who wrote an excellent two part tribute to Che Guevara: "Forty Years Since the Death of Che Guevara." For those wishing to read the tribute, kindly proceed to the website of "In defence of Marxism" - <http://www.marxist.com/>. The dates are the 9th and 10th October 2007.

Hopefully the reader will learn far more, as I did, than the bare facts of Guevara's life- Editor.

would he have embraced his mortal enemy nor send last messages to dearest ones through his real killer.

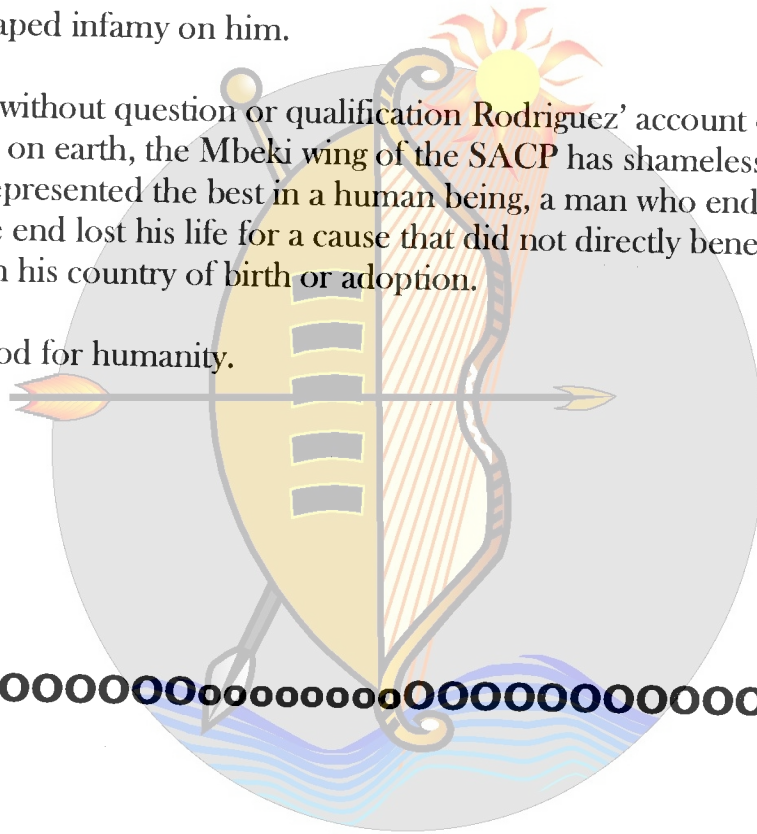
7. Rodriguez is alleged to have plundered or despoiled Guevara's last belongings, one of which was a Rolex watch. Like despoilers Rodriguez made it a point to display the watch and who its owner was.

Conclusion. You can say all the flowery things about a dead man; you can say how much you admire him but in the mountains of compliments you smuggle in just one poisonous sentence which negates everything the man stood for.

You have heaped infamy on him.

By repeating without question or qualification Rodriguez' account of Guevara's last moments on earth, the Mbeki wing of the SACP has shamelessly denigrated a man who represented the best in a human being, a man who endangered his life and in the end lost his life for a cause that did not directly benefit him or his family or even his country of birth or adoption.

That man stood for humanity.



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INCITING RACIAL HATRED

Introduction:

The past is our heritage. To know who we are we must learn who we were and where we came from. It is knowledge of our past that will assist us to engage in our present tasks which logically shapes our future. We do not select aspects of our past for remembering and develop amnesia in respect of aspects which do not present us in a favourable light. We must claim everything that is ours, the good as well as the bad. Sweeping the bad under the carpet is the worst thing we can do if what is required to make us into better human beings is self-criticism and introspection.

Life is ever changing and the burden of cultural and historical baggage becomes heavier as years go by. We need to discard for the “Memories” sections of historical museums those aspects which no longer have the relevance they used to in the past. To get on in life we need to lighten the burden we of necessity have to carry.

To put it differently, we must not get mired in our past and wallow in it. A failure to do this is bound to distort our vision and understanding of the present. It will cloud our judgement and make us adopt positions which, to put it kindly, makes us appear ridiculous.

Let us take an article by Mr Cameron Duodo which illustrates the case of a person wallowing in the past making judgements and pronouncements which prove what we are saying.

Mr Cameron Duodo

He is a novelist and a playwright and a former editor of the Ghana edition of the DRUM, a magazine.

He wrote an article “The glaring problem of SA’s judicial system” which appeared in the “City Press” of the 14th October 2007.

He got his hackles all rising because of the case of Mark Scott-Crossley. Readers will recall that Scott-Crossley was involved in the case where a farm employee, Oupa Chisale was thrown into a lions’ enclosure and devoured.

Let us deal with Duodo’s complaints by setting them and then respond to them.

A. He refers to a photograph of Scott-Crossley where he is seen smoking a cigarette. He wants to know “since when were people behind bars allowed to

smoke?" He considers that an indulgence was shown towards him and attributes such indulgence to:

- a) The Correctional Service is in the hands of the whites, or
- b) The Correctional Service is deferential to whites.

Our Response:

Any writer or journalist who deserved to be called such would have made basic inquiries. In fact, a single telephone call and he would have learned that prisoners in South African prisons have been allowed to smoke in prison for about 50 years!

The Prison service is *no longer* in the hands of the whites. The whites were thrown out lock, stock and barrel from the management of prisons in South Africa by a POPCRU led coup and has been mainly in the hands of POPCRU big-shots, most of whom are Africans.

"Would a black prisoner be allowed to smoke a cigarette in a place where he can be photographed?"

Our Response: The privilege (not right) to smoke applies to all prisoners. The problem is not the smoking but the taking of a photograph of a prisoner. It is an offence to photograph a *convicted* prisoner without permission from the Prison Department.

B. Duodo recalls the *tauza dance* (an exposure of the anus to examination by the warders who suspect contraband items). That practice has long been discontinued. Already in 1972 when we were convicted and sentenced *tauza* was not inflicted on us, nor did we see it being perpetrated on other prisoners which includes African prisoners. But what has *tauza* got to do with Scott-Crossley? Actually nothing! But Duodo took the opportunity to stoke some anti-white feelings. He is in effect saying; "Look African brothers and sisters! WE as Africans are made to *tauza* while that White man who threw our brother to be devoured by the lions, smokes brazenly and is allowed to do so."

Our Response: If it is the intention to show present day unfairness based on race, then the commentator should at least be factual and not incite people *at present* for inhuman deeds perpetrated *in the past*. That should have been done in the past. It is a pity Duodo was not around to do so. it does not matter whether the victim was alive or dead when he was thrown into the lion's enclosure. Here we see an ignorant and an arrogant man. Any first year law student would have told Duodo that it *does* make all the difference whether the victim was alive or dead when thrown to the lions. The definition

of murder in most countries is the *unlawful killing of a human being with the intention to kill*.

What does this mean?

a) There must be first and foremost a killing. If there is no killing there is no murder. To put it differently, you cannot kill a person who is already dead. There are other laws prohibiting the dismemberment and /or desecration of corpses. But that is not murder.

b) The intention to kill on *its own* does not constitute an offence and no person can be found guilty of merely harbouring an intention to kill.

Duodo must realise that *nowhere in the world* will a Court of Law find a person guilty of murdering *a dead person*. To even hint at that possibility will make him a laughing stock.

D. According to Duodo, "Africans dearly cherish the bodies of their dead relatives" and feeding a body to lions is a horrendous act."

Our Response: It may surprise Duodo to learn that there are no people on earth who do not cherish the bodies of their dead relatives. Nor is the desecration of a grave regarded lightly anywhere in the world. The feelings of African people are not unique in this matter.

E. Because the Supreme Court of Appeal rendered a verdict which set aside the verdict of guilty of murder and replaced it with a verdict of Scott-Crossley being guilty of being *an accessory after the fact (of murder)*², Duodo vents his rage against the judicial system which according to him:

".. was created from colonial expediency and nurtured by apartheid's genocidal proclivities."

Our Response:

1. There is no evidence to support the claim that the apartheid governments were bent on genocide. Quite the contrary, the various governments of the past were deeply concerned about the availability of able-bodied persons, mainly

² **Being an accessory after the fact (of murder) is regarded as a much less serious light than murder. Being an accessory after the fact involves rendering assistance to the murderer in a variety of ways - washing away blood stains, conveying the corpse from the scene of murder to a place to dispose of it.**

from the African population as cheap labour. That is people to do the work. Living people. Not a pile of corpses.

2. Had the judgement of the Supreme Court of Appeal upheld the conviction of murder, we are certain that we would not have heard about “colonial expediency” and “apartheid’s... proclivities”, what ever they may mean.

3. The Supreme Court of Appeal which reversed the murder conviction of Scott-Crossley was constituted *under the new democratic constitution* and not under colonial or apartheid rule.

4. All judges before appointment take an oath of allegiance to uphold the Constitution of the new and democratic South Africa.

5. The Judicial Services Commission interviews all prospective judges and presents a list of persons it recommends to the President of South Africa.

6. It is the President who makes the appointment of *all judges*. He appointed those judges of the Supreme Court of Appeal who reversed the conviction of murder - *not* some “colonial” power or Nationalist Party government with imagined “genocidal proclivities”!

Conclusion

Mr Cameron Duodo has made a very poor impression. He is weak and pathetic on facts, on law and on logic. He wanted to make an impression. There he was all the way in London feeling very deeply for his poor oppressed and discriminated black brothers and sisters in South Africa.

If it was in his power, Mr Duodo would liked to have placed a necklace, a fiery one, round Scott-Crosslet’s neck or lynched KKK style. Or have him disposed off at a modern-day Kwa Matiwane - the place of execution during Dingaan’s time.

Unfortunately for him South Africa is a constitutional democracy not a tyranny.

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