



MANY THANKS to all the readers who have written, from many parts of the world, to our London agent. These letters are a constant source of encouragement and inspiration. Limitation on space, this issue, permits us to print only a few extracts.

**From Joseph W. Musole:**

'In your journal No. 17 of April-June 1964, I notice that Suzanne Cronje of London does not consider my expositions on class struggles in Zambia as balanced owing to omission of a mention of Dr. Kaunda's name who is "surely one of the most dynamic freedom fighters in Africa". May you please allow me to reply as follows:

'No one doubted the dynamism of Dr. Kaunda and particularly his dedication to the national cause but I am sure even Dr. Kaunda himself will agree with me that, the greatest dedication and sacrifices for the nationalist cause were undertaken by the working class elements, the rural population and the general mass of people forming up Zambia African National Congress and UNIP—the parties he led and which struggled successfully for self-determination of the African people in Zambia. In my opinion, this was a collective struggle and therefore no one man takes the glory of all the achievements of this struggle. In other words, I believe that the party is supreme and will not succumb to one-manism. Collective leadership, collective responsibility, collective action, collective liability and collective glory are attributes of a better and more enlightened leadership.'

**From Leopoldville, Congo Republic:**

'Students here thirst very much for the liberating ideas of Marxism-Leninism. It is our duty to liberate the African intelligentsia from the

ideas of the rulers—ideas of liberalism, bourgeois democracy, “African” socialism, narrow nationalism and other stunts that are retarding the growth of a true Pan-African movement based on the ideas of Marx. Long live the great truths of Marxism-Leninism!’

**From a Tanganyikan student:**

‘As a student of economics I have followed your articles with great admiration and enthusiasm. While I welcome trends of progress in Tanganyika, it is my firm belief that economically and politically Tanganyika is rapidly becoming a victim of neo-colonialism. . . . Africa is no exception in the development of society, and the hue and cry for “African” socialism is not only utopian in nature but also economically and politically spells suicide to our revolution of national liberation. Yours in the struggle for socialism.’

**From Southern Rhodesia:**

‘I wish your paper was read by many people, especially those still under the yoke of imperialism, for it is both educative and encouraging. No doubt, without the teachings of the great teachers, the way to Freedom would be too dark. Marxism-Leninism is the only answer for all the oppressed people. There are two forms of society, the capitalist and the socialist; we have to choose between the two. Unfortunately we have people who talk Marxism during the struggle for freedom and fight against it after independence. Thereby they become victims of imperialistic thinking. May the light shine brighter, to be seen throughout the length and breadth of the world.’

**A South African in the German Democratic Republic:**

‘The *African Communist* is as vital to me as the air I breathe and the bread and butter which I eat. I particularly liked the articles “Sanctions against South Africa”<sup>1</sup> and the one on Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi. Also of particular interest was the letter from an African studying in the Soviet Union. . . . I am sending a donation; I can imagine how hard pressed you must be for money. . . . We will have to mount such an intensive campaign both internationally and at home that the fascist scum who are ruling and ruining our country dare not put the hangman’s noose round the necks of our dear friends, our beloved comrades, leaders and heroes. Long live Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu and all our dear comrades!’

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<sup>1</sup> This article by P. Tlalê, was reprinted in pamphlet form and sold out within a few weeks. A second edition has now been issued—see announcement elsewhere.

**And another South African abroad, this one in West Germany:**

'I have thoroughly studied the articles and as a South African I was very glad about how thoroughly you have analysed the situation. As can be understood, here and there I differ, but on the whole I think your magazine is a valuable instrument of clearing up the real questions about the "boiling crucible, South Africa"—and yet a land of so much promise in the near future! Yours in the struggle for a Free, United Africa.'

We close with an appeal to all readers. Many of you write splendid, heartening letters which we are always delighted to receive. But we also need your practical support, if we are to carry on with our difficult task. There are many ways in which you can help. For example: you can send in a postal subscription for yourself, or for your friends. (Subscription rates inside front cover.) You can speak to your local bookshops to stock the *African Communist*. You can form a local discussion group to study the journal and other Marxist-Leninist literature. You can write articles or letters for publication. And—if you can afford it—please send us a donation. We need money badly.