

# THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA—

## *a Spearhead of Freedom*

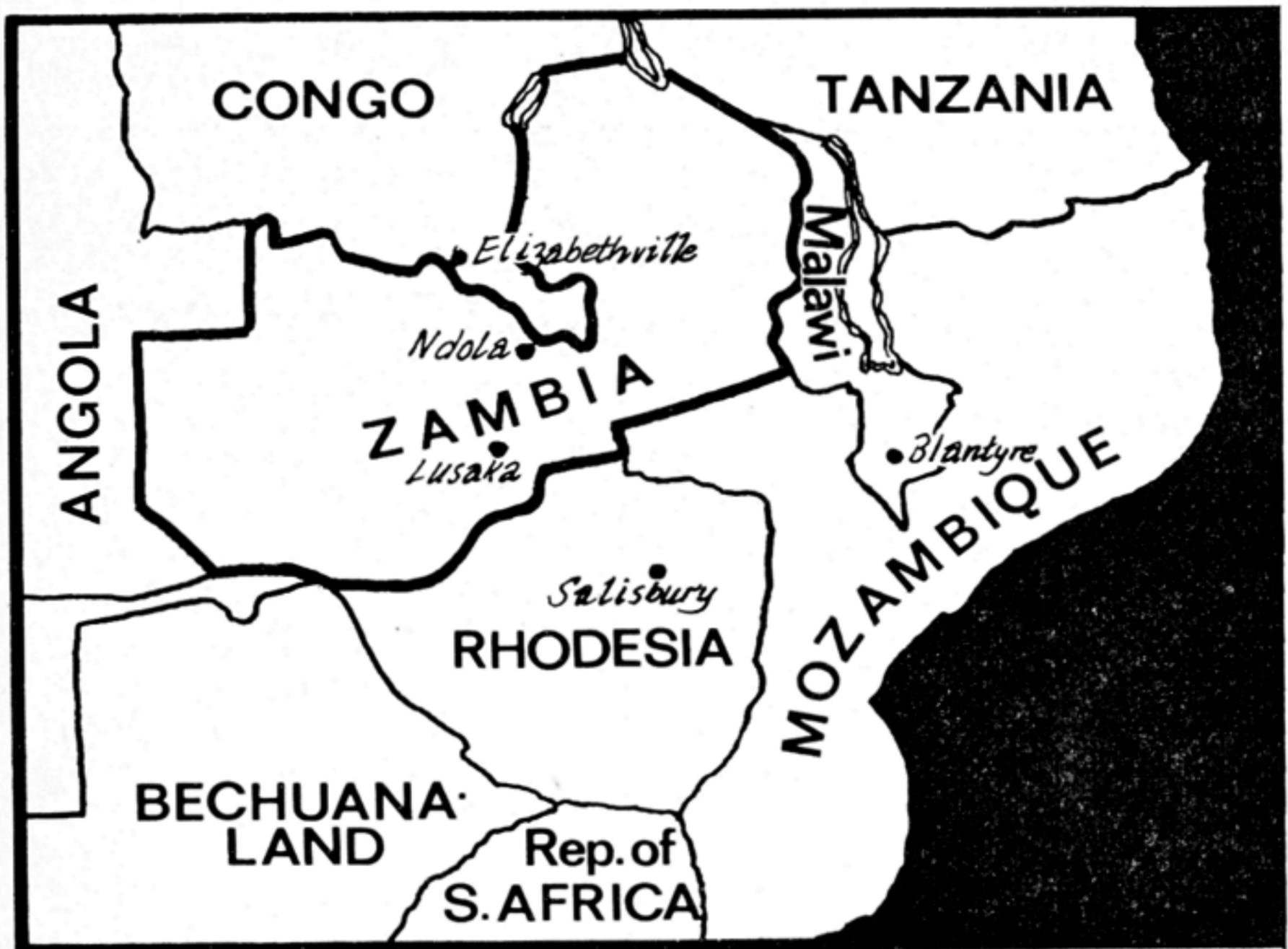
ZAMBIA, youngest of the family of independent African states, carries with its birth the hopes and aspirations of all Africa; for, geographically speaking, it bears the banner of African freedom to the very gates of the remaining strongholds of colonialism and white domination.

A glance at the sketch-map shows how this new island of freedom is almost entirely surrounded by the enemies of freedom.

To the *North* is the storm-swept Congo, where the imperialist agent Tshombe can only suppress the patriots with the help of white apartheid troops from South Africa and United States dollars and arms.

*East and West* are Mozambique and Angola where—by mass murder and terror against our people—the Portuguese fascists hold vast areas of African soil.

*South*, across the Zambesi lies what remains of 'Rhodesia'; following Verwoerd's and Vorster's techniques Field and the small minority of white settlers have made the country into a concentration camp and rely on the Republic and Tory elements in Britain to hang on to power.



Also in the South, with a short common frontier, is the British 'protectorate' of Bechuanaland.

The new Zambia government will need to exercise all the qualities of toughness and vigilance which President Kaunda and his colleagues have shown in the hard struggle for liberation; and they will also need the fullest backing from the rest of Free Africa. They can expect little from neighbouring Malawi, as long as that egoistic pro-imperialist Dr. Banda is in charge. But there are good and reliable friends in the North-East, in the popular government of Tanzania—the new union of Tanganyika and Zanzibar—and in all the free African states elsewhere—and, above all among the masses in the enslaved lands bordering Zambia.

No doubt Salazar, Field, Verwoerd and Tshombe are upset at the advent of Zambia—a spearhead of freedom thrust into the heart of colonial slavery. But the masses of Mashona and Matabele people of Zimbabwe, the enslaved people of Mozambique and Angola, the South Africans, the Batswana—all the people of Southern Africa—rejoice at the birth of the Republic of Zambia. The frontiers of African freedom have advanced to their borders, filling them with fresh inspiration and confidence.

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## **MINI, KHAYINGA, MKABA.**

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**ON NOVEMBER 6th, 1964, after the Editorial Notes of this issue of our journal had been printed, the Verwoerd government hanged these three working men of Port Elizabeth. U Thant, United Nations General Secretary, had pleaded for clemency. Representatives of millions of dockers and other trade unionists the world over had begged that the death sentences be set aside. Verwoerd and Vorster spat in the face of world opinion. Nothing would satisfy them but the blood of the three African patriots.**

**Brothers Mini, Khayinga and Mkaba died as they had lived, as African soldiers dedicated to freedom's cause. They will be remembered by our children and our children's children in the free South Africa for which they paid the ultimate sacrifice. Their names will inspire thousands of new patriots to come forward in the struggle, to fight with greater passion and devotion, to speed the day when the slavery of apartheid is destroyed and their murderers are brought to justice.**