

pass laws and national oppression, for better wages, land and freedom.

Since the neo-Nazi Nationalist Party government passed the Suppression of Communism Act in 1950, the Party has been banned and even to advocate or defend Communism or 'any of the objects of Communism' made a punishable offence. The Communists have given their answer. In the ranks of the underground South African Communist Party, and playing their part in the national liberation movement and Umkonto we Sizwe, ever close to the masses in the factories and in the rural areas, they are carrying forward the struggle against the brutal tyrants and murderers of the Verwoerd-Vorster regime. They are working ceaselessly to build unity of Communists and non-Communists in the national liberation struggle, to avenge the hundreds of comrades who have been tortured, jailed and done to death by Vorster's gorillas, to win a free South Africa.

We look back on fifty years of revolutionary Marxist organization in South Africa confident that Jones, Bunting, Andrews and their comrades built on sound foundations. The Party they established has survived and will survive every storm to march in the front ranks in the overthrow of colonialism and the building of a free and a socialist South Africa.

A NOTE FROM JACK WODDIS

I was a little surprised on reading in the latest issue of the AFRICAN COMMUNIST the contribution on the discussion on democracy by Alex Chima. As I read this article it increasingly dawned on me that certain parts seemed vaguely familiar and, when I reached p. 69 I was pretty certain that I was reading whole paragraphs which I myself had written on a previous occasion. On checking my book, 'Africa, The Way Ahead' I found that my suspicions were well founded. The whole of the penultimate para on page 69 of the AFRICAN COMMUNIST appears on p. 57 of my book; and the rest of p. 69, the whole of p. 70, and para 2 on p. 71 are taken directly from pp. 20-21 and 22 of my book.

I am naturally a little flattered that an author should find my book so useful, but I do feel, with all due respect to Alex Chima, that he might at least have made some acknowledgement when using direct quotes, or, alternatively, that he might have changed the wording even if he wanted to utilise my ideas.