

Message From the Algerian Communist Party

In a message to the Editorial Board of "The African Communist", Comrade LARBI BOUHALI, General Secretary of the Algerian Communist Party writes . . .

I have learnt with great pleasure of your intention of publishing in the next number of your Review an article devoted to the 25th Anniversary of the Algerian Communist Party. This will represent homage paid not only to our Party, but also to our working class and the whole of our people which, with the proclamation of the Cease Fire, has just won a great victory over the imperialist forces of war and national oppression. I wish, therefore, to express to you our ardent thanks.

It is true that the liberation war of the Algerian people has been very hard, and we believe that few peoples will have paid so dear a price for their liberty and their national independence. However, it has brought benefits not only to the Algerian people, but also to all the African peoples and to all the forces of liberty and peace throughout the world which, during more than seven years, have not ceased to demonstrate their active solidarity with the Algerian people. It has made a great contribution to the development and strengthening of the liberation movement in Africa, it has aroused among the African peoples the will to unite against their oppressors and exploiters, and it has struck important blows against imperialism.

Despite the great successes won by the African peoples, their struggle is not yet finished, and this includes those who have already achieved national independence. In fact, already the principal danger for the peoples who have succeeded in winning their independence lies in the neo-colonialist policy of the imperialists in general and of the American imperialists in particular. In order to face this danger, and to liquidate all the survivals of colonialism in Africa, our peoples must be vigilant, they must strengthen their national unity and their struggle in the form which is most appropriate for each people, and they must build a powerful African anti-imperialist front. It is very clear that it is the task, above all, of the African communists to guide their peoples along this road.

For our part, we believe that the Algerian Communist Party has played a great role in the liberation struggle of the Algerian people.

This not only during the war, when it made a heavy sacrifice for the national cause, but also before the war, notably during the ten years which preceded it. As the conscious *avant-garde* (forward section) of the people, the Algerian Communist Party has not only disseminated broadly in our country the great human ideas of socialism, but it has also organised and led forward the masses in great political battles, and battles for their demands, which are inseparable from the general struggle for the total elimination of the colonial regime. These struggles constituted an invaluable preparation of our people for the armed struggle, which it carried out without wavering for seven and a half years. Naturally also, while maintaining its political and organisational autonomy, our Party took part in all aspects of the war, and gave its resolute support to the National Liberation Front and the Provisional Government of the Algerian Republic. During the course of its twenty-five years' existence, and still today, the dominating pre-occupation of the Algerian Communist Party is its policy of unity, and of the bringing together of all the patriotic and democratic forces without exception.

The successes which our Party has been able to win during its lifetime it owes to its unwavering attachment to the invincible Marxist-Leninist teaching, to the fraternal assistance of the great French Communist Party, and, above all, to the lessons drawn from the unparalleled experiences of the glorious Communist Party of the Soviet Union. The Algerian Communist Party remains unshakably faithful to Marxist-Leninist principles and to proletarian internationalism, to the 1957 and 1960 (Moscow) declarations of the Communist and Workers' Parties, and to the Marxist-Leninist theses of the 20th and 22nd Congresses of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. This is the indispensable condition for bringing our support to the international unity of the Communist and working-class movement, and for our helping forward the advance of Algeria on the road to peace, national independence, democracy and socialism.

The Republic of South Africa, where a minority of colonialists exercises a racist and terrorist dictatorship over the majority of the people, presents certain analogies with Algeria. But, as in our case, we are convinced that, spurred forward by the heroic South African Communist Party, the people will finally sweep away the oppressors.

Long live the anti-imperialist front of the African peoples!

Long live national independence and peace!

Long live Communism!