



## Editorial Comment

# ENCIRCLING THE "IMPREGNABLE" LAAGER

On December 16 in this Year of Unity in Action Umkhonto We Sizwe turned twenty-one. Throughout its years of existence, notwithstanding the enemy's frantic essays to nip it in the bud, MK always strove to live up to its role of being the fighting arm of the people at the frontline of their defence with unswerving commitment. As MK comes of age armed struggle has gained firm roots in our land with MK's striking power, daring, sophistication and its popularity as the spearhead of the national liberatory effort being daily on the upgrade among the oppressed of our land.

MK's contrywide assaults, hovering over racist rule like a foreboding cloud, spelling the apartheid regime's imminent overthrow in the most explicit terms have sent cold shivers down the racists' spines, sowing divisions and disunity unprecedented in the history of Afrikaner autocracy and covering as they do all organs and arms of apartheid domination; the parliament, the National Party,

the Broederbond and the church, to mention but few. The racist regime is fast losing the confidence of the white electorate as Umkhonto We Sizwe gradually encircles the so-called impregnable laager, shattering to smithereens the myth of apartheid's war machine's invincibility. Today as we celebrate our 21st birthday we have indeed a proud combat diary to revel in.

To keep the sinking apartheid boat afloat the racist rulers of our land have found a daring carsman in the Reagan administration of the USA. Since the advent of Reagan to office the US-SA relations have alarmingly transcended mere flirting as they are now wearing their hearts on their sleeves. Against the backdrop of Denton's US Senate Sub-committee hearings on terrorism at the beginning of the year, the CIA's implication on the assassination of Joe Gqabi and Ruth First, "The Star" (11/10/82) reports that William Casey, the CIA chief paid a secret visit to South Africa and held talks that centred on "curbing sabotage raids into South Africa by the ANC" through the creation of a cordon sanitaire on certain border areas of South Africa to end ANC infiltration." This is the same CIA that attributed the hardwon victory of the Iranian revolution to its miscalculation!

The defeats suffered by imperialism during the last decade and the constant shrinking of their sphere of influence have made them even more rabid. Learning from their past "mistakes" and "miscalculations" the CIA's commitment to the defence of apartheid and the keeping of the subcontinent in the orbit of international capital is not at all perfunctory but it has vowed to carry out its duty of postponing our freedom with utmost expertise. Inspired by the ever-instructive midyear American-Israeli led onslaught against the PLO that culminated in the expulsion of the PLO from Lebanon, a temporary victory they mistakenly perceived to be a lasting solution to the Middle East problem, they are now gearing all efforts to Southern Africa, their other "hotbed of tension".

We in MK know the extent to which the United States can go in attempts at stalling the tide of revolution. We

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that none of the black leadership of the High Command had and training in military science and art except only whites like Dennis Goldberg and Jack Hodgson. It is therefore logical that mistakes ought to be met, for he who never made a mistake never made a discovery.

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remember Vietnam and El Salvador as if it were only yesterday. The imperative and urgency of building our army into a strong and ever-combat ready force, ready to respond fittingly to any change for the sour in the situation is beyond question. We impel the adventurous Americans never to forget Vietnam, however short their memories seem. Putting their oars in the South African conflict will land them in a quagmire maybe deeper than the Vietnamese. We are committed to the destruction of apartheid and the establishment in its place of a democratic society fashioned along the principles enshrined in the Freedom Charter where all shall abound in peace and friendship for all. Along this path not even the entire Pentagon's and the CIA's machineries will quell us.

DAWN Politixword No.7 Answers

ACROSS: 1. Luthuli 5. O.R. 7. Elf 9. Boost  
 10. Uganda 13. Pioneer 16. Earshot  
 17. Nudge 19. A.A.C. 21. Doe  
 22. Oliver 24. T.N.T. 25. Yea

DOWN: 1. Lieutenant 2. Heunis 3. Lebanon  
 4. ILO 6. Ruth 8. Fore 11. Apricot  
 12. Doh 14. Etude 15. Rage 18. Dory  
 20. Air 23. Ma