

**fight in unity for v i c t o r y . The struggle m u s t
continue at all costs! Victory is inevitable!**

FORWARD TO A PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT!

LONG LIVE THE YEAR OF THE YOUTH!

HEROES OF OUR REVOLUTION

- TNT Explosion

It was on January 25, a year ago, when three of our patriots Wilfred Madela, Fanie Mafoko and Humphrey Makhubu took an eleventh hour decision of sieging a bank and demanded the release of Comrade Nelson Mandela, our leaders and other political prisoners and thus sparked off the present "Release Mandela Campaign" launched by "Post" during the beginning of February 1980. This month, in this **Year of the Youth**, in this Decade of Liberation, our oppressed and exploited people are marking the first anniversary of the heroic deeds performed by the Silverton Trio.

The three youths of Isandlwana were forced by the prevailing conditions of an encirclement by the enemy and rather than surrender to the already sinking boat of apartheid, they decided to hold hostages and politicise their captives and tell them about what the African National Congress is fighting for. Besides demanding the release of Comrade Mandela, the three patriots made other political demands which the Pretoria boers tried to suppress at all costs. Even the racist Commissioner of Police, General Mike Geldenhuys, was forced to admit that: "They are the South Africans who left the country in the vicinity of 1977... in any case, I don't want to say anything that will advertise the cause of the ANC", (Rand Daily Mail 28/1/80).

TRIBUTE

Therefore, we of the African National Congress and its allies, pay tribute to the valiant immortal spirit of the three patriotic sons of the working-class of our country, for heroically taking part in the last battle for the destruction of the last bastion of imperialism in Africa, the Botha-Malan fascist boer regime. Their political conviction enabled them to accept d e a t h for the sake of life, hence they fought to their last cartridge. An age-old Russian saying goes thus: "The glory of heroes gives birth to new heroes". Therefore Makana, Shaka, Cetshwayo, Sekhukhuni, Maqed'indaba, Dingane, etc., gave birth to these Heroes of our Revolution. They are an inspiring source of courage and staunchness to the militant youth of our homeland who are presently defying oppression in all its camouflaged racist forms.

The cowardly action taken by the fascists to shoot it out with our three comrades was simply another way of endeavouring to put fear in the minds of our youth who are defying oppression and apartheid in all its manifestations. Instead of submitting to the lethal fascist last kicks of the Pretoria boers, the militant sons and daughters of Ngoyi and Luthuli are swelling the ranks of the ANC and its military-wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, daily. We need not look too far to prove this truth. To name but a few activities; Moroka, Orlando, Soekmekear and Booyens police stations are a fine example of what love for one's motherland is. The words fear, death, prison, etc., do not exist in the daily vocabulary of the patriotically-minded youth of our country. But if one speaks to them about the Freedom Charter, strikes, boycotts, AK-47, RPG-7 (Bazooka), PKM, Makarov, etc., then surely to them you will be a f r i e n d, brother and finally a comrade-in-arms.

HEROES

Surely our three comrades had the same thoughts a Czechoslovakian communist, Julius Fuchik, expressed prior to his execution by the nazis in 1943:

"In these hours of today millions of people are fighting in the last battle for the freedom of men, and thousands die in the struggle. I am one of them. And to be one of them is beautiful, one of the soldiers of the last battle".

More than 2,000 mourners who attended the funeral of Wilfred Madela, declared that: "... he was not a terrorist but a hero", (RDM 7/2/80). 'The attendance of o u r people at the funeral of Madela, showed that united and determined people's actions in the battlefield with the enemy shall never be deterred, however well-armed the enemy might be. The other two patriots, Makhubu and Mafoko, also received a tremendous burial attendance from our fighting people who also declared them heroes. This therefore proves practically that the December 16, 1961, MK declaration re-affirmed by our schooling and working youth since June 16, 1976, that: "The people's patience is not endless", is what makes Botha to camouflage apartheid with so many decaying flowers. He and his racist clique are aware that their Waterloo is at hand. It's only a matter of time before they are trapped in the closing net-work of our people's war.

It is of paramount importance, in this Year of the Youth, to our working youth and all the democratically-minded youth of our country to show the Pretoria rulers that the spirit of the Silverton Trio lives on, that they together with the entire fighting masses (working-class) are the major revolutionary force which will certainly crush racist domination and exploitation in our country and implement the beacon of our people, the Freedom Charter. This is an ideal for which our three combatants gallantly fought and fearlessly sacrificed their lives.

Telling our youth of their important role in our revolutionary armed struggle, our leader, Comrade Moses Kotane, had this to say:

"... at this hour of destiny your country and your people need you. The future of South Africa is yours and it will be what you make of it. Remember our heroes who are today sacrificing their lives for freedom of their persecuted; terrorised and tortured people. Our gallant and heroic fighters expect every young South African to join the struggle for freedom of the fatherland a n d our people..."

YOUTH

Indeed it is up to our youth to pick up the fallen AKs, TTs, FIs, etc., of the Makhubus, Madelas, Mafokos, Mahlangus, Timols, Petersens, and many other freedom fighters of our country who

are incarcerated in the notorious dungeons of the fascist Piet "Wapen" Botha and his henchmen. We must not let the enemy to rest, we must strike, demonstrate, boycott and sabotage his military and economic installations. We must also work inside his military ranks so that his troops should see and refuse to die for an unjust cause of defending this monster which is a crime against humanity - apartheid.

Our three partisans died for what the youth of the USSR, Cuba, Vietnam, Mozambique, Angola and only yesterday Zimbabwe fought for and achieved - the liberation of their countries.

In summing up, we the youth of South Africa, black and white (democrats) together, true to the living spirit of our Comrades Makhubu, Madela and Mafoko, united and guided by the Freedom Charter, declare that: "... WE WILL FIGHT SIDE BY SIDE, THROUGHOUT OUR LIVES, UNTIL WE HAVE WON OUR LIBERTY".

LONG LIVE THE SPIRIT OF THE SILVERTON TRIO!

LONG LIVE THE YEAR OF THE YOUTH!

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