



Editorial Comment

TOWARDS INEVITABLE VICTORY

Every passing day brings fresh evidence of the global impact of developments in the African sub-continent. The focus is South Africa, the bastion of racism and imperialist reaction on the continent.

The Reagan Administration in typical "sell 'em a dummy" fashion, recently sent an envoy, Chester Crocker, on an African tour to masquerade as a friend of Africa. Crocker did not have to put on a mask. Africa knows the very false skin in which he presented himself. He obviously came to study the attitude and inclinations of the African states, in the wake of vehement opposition to Washington's African policy, which stripped off all make-up, is arrogantly abetting the Pretoria fascists and working with all might against the just struggle of the people of South Africa and Namibia.

This happens at the height of the African group's condemnation of the West's continued connivance with apartheid in violation of UN resolutions. In this connection, therefore the blatant and openly imperialist machinations of Washington are assisting Africa to consolidate her anti-imperialist positions and continue energetically to blaze the path towards the inevitable victory of the African Revolution.

In this context, the coming month, is an important one for our entire continent. It is not only the month of "May Day", the international day of the workers - people who

with their own blood and sweat are creating material wealth which in the majority of the countries of the world continue to be usurped by a handful of 'coupon clippers'. It is also the month of Africa Day! A great day for this continent which is still locked in fierce struggles against the relics of colonialism, and in South Africa and Namibia, against the very beastly system itself.

The racists intend to drag us to a celebration of our oppression on May 31st. With assurances of support from the West, they are bent on perpetuating the reign of terror. They are attacking Mozambique, Angola, Lesotho and threatening everyone else on the continent. Not a single African state is not suffering through the very existence of this cancerous regime. The African people are convinced of the urgent need to put an end to this criminal system. "What is the alternative?" Comrade President O.R. Tambo points out, "Mozambique, will not grow; Zimbabwe can never grow. As long as there is oppression and racist domination in South Africa we shall not know independence." Indeed Africa and the world will never know peace.

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On the occasion of Africa Day, May 25, when we sit down to take stock, to re-examine the path traversed by our peoples in the last 18 years, we are more than ever before convinced that the enemies of the African Revolution will never win.

Let us therefore make May the 25th a day on which we are reminded of the lofty ideals for which so many patriots have been martyred. It is a day on which we are to strive to translate into reality the dream of a continent of hope, united and f r e e . Our watchword should be to "fight for unity and fight in unity". The demand of the times is to fight resolutely for and in accordance with the noble principles of the Organisation of African Unity.

We invite the peoples and governments of o u r proud continent to join hands w i t h us in fashioning a better future for Africa and mankind. The racists, together with their allies have thrown down the challenge, let us respond. We call upon our undaunted people to boycott racist republic day. We of the ANC and Umkhonto we Sizwe, in the forefront of the fight to free our people, are confident of victory.

LONG LIVE THE AFRICAN REVOLUTION!

DOWN WITH RACISM AND APARTHEID!