



Editorial Comment

DEATH TO THE APARTHEID MONSTER!

When our liberation movement led by the ANC first described South Africa some decades ago as a police state there were, and still are, shameless liars who have made it their duty to advertise apartheid South Africa as a prosperous and peaceful country. These are miscreants of the Reagan-Thatcher type and their hangers-on like Robert "Piggy" Muldoon. However hard they may try, all their sinister manoeuvres will end in complete failure. The apartheid monster defies all attempts of even giving it a superficial human appearance. Every passing day the world hears of multiplying horrible crimes committed by the Botha-Malan regime against our people in the name of "Western civilisation."

The brutal murder of a black worker during a miners' strike involving more than 10 000 workers against wage reduction at President Steyn Gold Mines in Welkom is a typical practice of a police state. This act of naked brutality and similar ones at Penge and Sigma motors hardly two months ago and countless others constitute a single pattern of a deliberate and systematic policy of genocide conceived in the law-making chambers of Pretoria and Cape Town and the boardrooms of the financial fat bugs of Johannesburg, New York, London

and Bonn. In fact, to describe South Africa simply as a police state has become an amelioration. For the millions of our oppressed people South Africa has become a typical nazi concentration camp. Death lurks in every corner: dwelling places, streets, factory, school-room, church, everywhere. Even gravesides are not safe. Even old and sickly mothers, old men, pregnant women, mothers and their suckling babies and children are not spared the baton and the bullet when the fascist hired murderers go out to conduct their daily pogroms in the black ghettos. The racist rulers are even contemplating having our people to go around with discs tied to their necks - like dogs.

These are the ingredients with which the Oppenheims and their class brothers of Ford, Goodyear, Leyland, Sigma, Lever Brothers, Siemens and the whole gang of the so-called guardians of 'Western democracy' procure their super-profits. This is the formula with which the fascists in Pretoria are perpetrating their domination over our people to safeguard the investments of their imperialist backers. Nothing on earth will stop us on our march to freedom. Not even the combined support of Reagan, Thatcher and all put together. We have the entire freedom-loving world on our side and it is stronger. We know very well as our President Comrade Oliver Tambo correctly concluded: "Our march to the goal of freedom consists of victories and enemy reprisals. These reprisals have become more vicious and desperate the closer we approach our goal."

We have seized the spear of freedom. We have taken our positions in the trench of our revolution. Let us, like one warrior, thrust the spear straight at the heart of the apartheid monster. Today more than ever before the time for winning a series of victories which must culminate in the forceful seizure of all power by the majority of the oppressed from the Pretoria fascist rulers has come.

Let us fight with the ferocity of lionesses in defence of their cubs to secure the release of Comrade Nelson Mandela, our leaders and other patriots of our country. Our sons, brothers and patriots Naphtalie Manana, Petrus Mashigo and Johnson Lubisi must not be hanged! Only we can save their lives.

An ever-rising level of sustained mass mobilisation, unity and the armed actions of the combatants of the military wing of the ANC, Umkhonto we Sizwe, our gallant sons and daughters, are our only and most effective weapon for winning victory. The time to act is now!