



Editorial Comment

# ORGANISE FOR VICTORY

The apartheid system of the super-exploitation of millions of workers by a handful of big bellies, a system whose smooth-running and survival depends on the brutal national domination of the Black masses, is presently in the grips of the most serious crisis it has ever gone through. The most painful and disgusting thing about this whole situation is that it is not the architects and beneficiaries of this inhuman system which breeds crisis who are bearing the brunt but its victims.

As we are writing almost every black family in our country finds itself tortured by uncertainty about what is going to happen to them tomorrow. Whereas our country is so rich with mineral wealth, agricultural products and foodstuffs from the sea and whereas throughout our lives from generation to generation we have been working like slaves to make South Africa what it is today: "a land of sunshine" as the bourgeoisie call it, we are reduced to a beggarly existence. The price of bread and other basic foodstuffs is shockingly high. The same thing applies to rent and transport fares. Meanwhile, the fascist Pretoria rulers in collaboration with the big-bellies are spending billions of rands to buy arms to shoot us down as soon as we rise up in demand of bread.

To add salt to our wounds the government of Botha and Malan, while shouting deceptive slogans like 'reforms' is busy making final preparations for implementing schemes like the so-called President's Council to divide the Coloured and Indian people from their African brothers and yet another fascist law, the Orderly Movement and Settlement of Black Persons Bill is being rushed through parliament to further tighten the chain of national domination around the necks of the African people.

All this leaves us with no choice but to fight back! Our very existence, our survival, now depends solely on the resistance which we put up against the whole system: starvation, unemployment, high rents and transport fares, the bantustan system, puppet community councils, the President's Council divide-and-rule scheme. Now more than ever before the urgency of the destruction of the entire apartheid state system and the seizure of power by the oppressed and exploited Black majority for the realisation of our basic demands in the Freedom Charter, is making itself felt through the unbearable hardships we are going through as well as the unbridled brutality unleashed by the Botha-Malan tyranny against its opponents both inside and outside South Africa.

We must waste no time! The enemy knows that the apartheid system cannot last forever and is therefore doing everything to postpone our liberation. We must deny the Pretoria fascists and their imperialist allies the breathing space they so desperately need.

Let us organise for v i c t o r y !

Our trade unions, civic, youth, women, church and other organisations which we have so successfully used in the past as in the 1981 Anti-fascist Republic and Anti-SAIC campaigns must now be turned into effective weapons not only for winning our immediate demands but also to crush the entire system of brutal exploitation and oppression. Let us organise the unorganised workers into democratic trade unions and work for unity in our trade unions and other mass organisations.

Let us join the African National Congress and Umkhonto we Sizwe underground and confront the enemy bullet for bullet, to effectively combine our military actions with mass political actions and win freedom in our life-time.