



# UMSEBENZI

VOICE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN COMMUNIST PARTY

## SEIZE THE TIME!

The enemy is in deep trouble. It is swaying with economic and political problems. The time is ripe to deliver some stunning blows. **Let us seize the time!** The economy is in its worst mess for fifty years. Prices are out of control. The Rand is tumbling. Gold keeps going down. Unemployment is over four million. The wage packet buys less and less each week. Rents and fares keep rising. **Botha's political crisis grows.** Divisions at the top are widening. All attempts to buy collaboration with so-called reform have struck the rock of people's resistance. Botha's bag of tricks to keep up white domination looks more soiled than ever.

### FORWARD WITH UMSEBENZI!

Organisation is everything! To meet the enemy we have to be organised. And the spread of understanding is the very beginning of organisation. That is why we look upon our newspaper as an organiser.

Without a revolutionary theory the struggle is like a ship without a compass. But political theory is of little use unless it leads to revolutionary practice. Our job as revolutionaries is not just to explain the world; we have to change it!

An understanding of Marxist-Leninist thinking and the way our Party applies it to South African conditions will help us organise the path towards the future. We aim through **Umsebenzi** to create a bond between all revolutionary units and cadres and guide those still searching for a way of struggle. We aim, above all, to stimulate revolutionary understanding and commitment leading to organisation and action.

The liberating ideas which we South African Communists are spreading are truly hated by the racist enemy. They will do all in their power to stop our people from reading and circulating our message. You must therefore be careful. Work out safe ways to spread **Umsebenzi**. Use it as a weapon in the struggle for liberation and socialism.

- ★ The bantustans have remained comic book countries.
- ★ The attempts to create a good-boy trade union movement has failed.
- ★ The new minority constitution has fallen flat on its face.
- ★ The constellation of states remains a still-born idea.
- ★ Nkomati fever has not spread — the African states have seen that a kiss from Botha is a kiss of death.

### Power is in Your Fist

Resistance and defiance are spreading. The whole army is now acting like a police force as we saw in Sebokeng. The people are inspired by the example and leadership of our liberation front and its armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe. The mass movement grows in strength. Our youth continue to hit out. November's stayaway strike showed what enormous power there lies in the fist of the worker. The workers in factory, mine and farm can undoubtedly bring the ruling class to its knees.

The economic and political crisis and the growing strength of the revolutionary forces have opened the way, as never before, to people's advance. Capitalism and apartheid equal oppression and misery; both must be smashed.

**Botha is in trouble!**

**Let us intensify the offensive on all fronts!  
Forward to People's Power!**

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