

MEETING: "REVOLUTIONARY PERSPECTIVES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA"

7 July 1978 at 7.00 p.m., Friends Meeting House, Euston Road

The savage shooting down of school children in Soweto on 16 June, 1976, set in motion two diverging political struggles. The students by their complete rejection of Bantu Education, Bantustans and the call for unity of all the oppressed irrespective of colour, forged links with the revolutionary past struggles of the oppressed. It had its roots in the political tradition of non-collaboration, the refusal to work within the system of oppression. It was the very rejection of working for changes from within the system of Urban Bantu Councils, Bantustan "independence" and round table conferences with the oppressors that brought out not only the military might of the Vorster regime, but also the collaborators - Buthelezi, so-called "Chief Minister" of Kwa Zulu Bantustan, the Soweto Urban Bantu Council and all the other quislings against the students. This was done directly or indirectly by trying to divert the revolutionary struggle into channels of collaboration, such as the call by the "Committee of Ten" in Soweto for "control" of Soweto by blacks - in other words, for an urban Bantustan - a concentration camp to supply cheap labour for the industrial complex of Johannesburg - run and supervised by its "duly elected leaders".

The revolutionary road of non-collaboration began with the formation of the All African Convention in 1935 which rejected the Native Representative Councils and 4 Whites to represent blacks in parliament. It was further developed by the forging of black unity by the creation of the Unity Movement of South Africa in 1943. That this tradition of non-collaboration and black unity has survived the brutal suppression following Sharpeville to be used by a new generation is a test of its legitimacy and currency.

FRIDAY, 7 JULY 1978 at 7 p.m., FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, EUSTON ROAD, N.W.1. COME AND HEAR.

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