

The working class fights on.

Militant battles are raging at the moment between the oppressed Black working class and the exploiting, ruthless and racist capitalist class. So fierce are these battles that the ruling class is in a state of confusion as to which right tactics to adopt in order to arrest the present working class offensive. Yesterday the Wiehahn Report and Recommendations were expected to offer the absolute and magical remedy that would provide relief to the harassed capitalist class. Today Fanie Botha, the government's hatchet man in the struggle to crush revolutionary trade unions, has given notice that early next year legislation will be introduced to amend the Wiehahn recommendations and to make trade union registration attractive to Black workers. What nonsense! Capitalist exploitation can never be attractive to the working class. Its basic premise is the super exploitation of the working class in order to reap super profits. Slave wages, poor and cramped houses, influx control and pass laws, compounds and migrant labour, unemployment, employment of spies and pimps, absolute control and bullying by White foremen and managers are its features.

So far the demands of the working class have been both economic and political, raging from demands for higher wages, better living and working conditions and demands for the recognition of their free, independent and democratic trade unions which means the right to freely choose their own leaders. The workers have stood up to demand the release of detained trade union leaders and other victimised workers. There is indeed a growing realisation that the problems of exploitation and oppression can finally be solved with the victory of the national liberation revolution. That is why it is increasingly important to raise not only the trade union consciousness of the workers, but also political consciousness. Our duty as the revolutionary party of the working class is, as Lenin said; "not to draw up plans for the re-fashioning of society, not to preach to the capitalists and their hangers-on, not to hatch conspiracies, but to organise the class struggle of the working class and to lead the struggle the ultimate aim of which is the conquest of political power by the proletariat and the organisation of a socialist society". We as Communists must strengthen the good work already done by our Party and its leaders like Moses Kotane, Bram Fischer, J.B. Marks, Govan Mbeki, Yusuf Dadoo, and others. This means that we should participate fully in the raging working class struggles in East London, Port Elizabeth, Cape Town, Johannesburg, etc. We must spread as much possible Communist ideas and theory through the setting up of secret Communist Party cells, distribution of Communist Party literature, propaganda and leaflets.

The workers, by taking their fate into their hands, have realised that despite the so-called wealth and prosperity of our country their own condition has sunk instead of rising with the progress of industry. The

worker has become a poor, miserable, sick and starving man. Poverty in fact has developed more quickly than the wealth that we are so often told about. It is thus high time to call an end to the rule of the capitalist class which is creating conditions for the death and destruction of the majority of our people. We thus call upon the workers to do the following;

- (a) Organise independent and free trade unions.
- (b) Organise all unemployed workers and migrant labourers.
- (c) Organise rural people to frustrate employers' attempts to recruit scabs whenever the workers are on strike.
- (d) Increase the political consciousness of the workers by distributing A.N.C. and S.A.C.P. propaganda and urging young workers to join the units of Umkhonto Wesizwe.
- (e) Form secret Communist Party cells in your factory and home.

#### THE BANTUSTANS.

You in Venda are setting an example to many states in this continent where the democratic process has been swept away by the dictatorship which makes mockery of democracy ".

These are the hypocritical words that were said by the so-called Commissioner General for Venda just before this Bantustan was pronounced an 'independent state' on the 13th September 1979.

As the enemy steps up its ruthless campaign of Bantustanising our country it becomes our urgent task to totally reject this system which turns our people slaves in their land of birth.

These so-called 'independent states' are absolutely dependent on South Africa in virtually every way. These are reservoirs of cheap African labour, from which the white masters obtain their docile servants. The rate of unemployment is terribly high because these drought-stricken areas cannot offer the workers enough work. The number of the unemployed increases almost everyday with the deportation of the demonstrating and striking workers from 'white South Africa'. Because of this and the forced removals of people from 'white areas', Bantustans have become dens of overpopulation where hunger, disease, poverty, death, etc. are the order of the day. Those people who happen to get work in the Bantustans are subjected to extreme exploitation receiving starvation wages and suffering under terrible working and living conditions. The high rate of migrant labour is a clear indication of poverty in which our people are forced to live, in these areas. A large majority of our people completely depend on subsistence farming for their living. Because of land hunger agriculture is not of any benefit. The racist Pretoria regime has further classified the inferior education given to our people according to ethnic grouping of Bantustans. Syllabi and curricula are drawn in these lines. The regime is now embarking on a confused policy of making this inferior education compulsory and saying nothing about improving its quality.

The military training of these Bantustan "Defence Forces" is done by the fascist army of South Africa. The South African troops are continually

sent to the Bantustans under the guise of rendering assistance, whereas in actual fact their objective is to baton-charge and shoot at demonstrating students; to crush strikes or any form of popular resistance and to terrorise people. The aim of these terroristic activities is to encourage puppetry by forcing our people to accept the Buthelezi, Mphahlele, Phatudi, Matanzimas, Sebes etc. as their leaders. The above Bantustan collaborators do not have the interests of the people at heart - they violently discourage the boycotting students from demanding their right to free and universal education, they terrorise workers who are fighting for their right to form independent trade unions, they encourage investments in our country by overseas multi-national companies who are only interested in rapping the mineral wealth of our country, they terrorise, detain and murder anyone who dares oppose their fascism and injustices to people, they subject people to forced removals from their homes to places of their (puppets') choice. Is there any difference then between what they do and what the Pretoria racists do?

Let all the patriots in our country use the chances offered by the Bantustan framework to expose the cruel nature of apartheid. Our battle against Bantustans must engage all the masses of our country :

- (a) Workers must fight for their right to form independent Black trade unions, they (workers) must reject the puppet liaison committees formed by the employers.
- (b) Students should continue their fight against inferior education. We must be united in our struggle against the apartheid system.
- (c) Parents and teachers should be actively involved in the fight against inferior education prescribed for their children. Form student-teacher committees which will plan and encourage working relations in their fight against inferior education.
- (d) Support the liberation struggle by protecting freedom fighters - give them shelter, food, and other basic necessities you can afford.
- (e) Form Communist Party cells to propagate communist ideas, distribute A.N.C. and Communist Party ~~works~~ literature.
- (f) Organise women into trade unions as they are the most exploited in the irrigation and dam projects in the Bantustans. Reactionary violence like the burning of homes of patriots by Bantustan puppets must be fought.
- (g) Support all patriotic mass organisations by participating in their activities.

Long live workers' solidarity! Long live the South African Communist Party + A.N.C. revolutionary alliance ! Forward to the People's Victory,!!

#### Communism and You !

The duty of every working man who has not sold himself and his working class brothers, is to understand the meaning of socialism and how socialism leads to Communism.

What is Socialism? It is a type of government in which power belongs to the working people headed by the working class and its revolutionary vanguard - the Communist Party.

Socialism is a definite economic reality, a qualitatively new mode of production based on the social ownership of the means of production that puts an end to exploitation of man by man. It (Socialism) embodies qualitatively new relations between people - relations that are permeated with the spirit of comradeship ~~and~~ of brotherhood and humanism, not profit but the interests of man and his well-being, his social and intellectual development. Socialism is the integration of scientific and technological progress with a planned economy which rules out unemployment and inflation, and the broad rights of the working man guaranteed by the social system itself. In a nutshell, it is the foundation of a new, a higher social system that replaces the greed of capitalism.

The significance of all this lies in the end result to the workers - the achievement of a government in which all power belongs to the working class. The first steps in the direction to fulfil this goal once power falls into the hands of the working class, will be the confiscation of mines, factories, banks, and large farms resulting in the elimination for all time of the parasites who for the present suck the sweat and blood of the working man for profit.

Let there be no doubt in the minds of the working people of South Africa - when the working people under the leadership of the Communist Party, seize power, there will be no place for the Oppenheims, Barlows, Wassenaars, Cronjes, Bothas; nor will there be a place for those who further the ends of the exploiters whatever role they may play. There will be no place for all who have benefited from the institutions of the oppressive and exploitative machinery. The workers will judge them from their records whether their names be Koornhof or Thebehali, whether they be Malan or Mangope, whether they be Abrahams or Matanzima or Ngeeba, whether they be the sugar magnates or Buthelezi or Rio Tinto or Phatudi or the Citrus monopolists or the crawling ants of Venda. We will search for them, find them and make them pay for all the crimes perpetrated by them or in their names.

Socialism means that all health services will be free, medicine and hospitals will serve to heal man and not to enrich others. Doctors will serve in the first instance not as a means of accumulating wealth for themselves but in accordance with the Hippocratic oath, to serve and to heal the ill and sick.

Education shall be free. Yes, education will be compulsory; it will be universal and free. Education will be a right of every child (not the prerogative of the Whites or the rich alone) in preparation of every child to assume a responsible role in the prosperity of the country to achieve the bright future of mankind - Communism. There is no place in communist society for ignorance and illiteracy. Both these evils will be eliminated with capitalism.

Under socialism there will be no unemployment, which means there will have ended for all time hunger and pestilence, the two evils of the capitalist system - hunger for many and luxury for the few. Socialism will deprive the Houghton crowd, the Caviar and champagne by the equitable distribution of the tremendous wealth of our country and bringing it within the reach of all the people.

Is this not deserving of the support of the entire working class? Is this not worth the sacrifice which Communists are already making by their fighting and dying? Imagine - a dawn in which there will be no control over you to live and work where you wish, no curfew, no seventy-two hour permits, no baas, no lotsha, no thela, no mhlekazi, no dark streets and no midnight disappearances. If this appeals to you then you have a task and a duty to perform: ☒

Organise and strengthen trade unions;  
Support by any and all means the revolutionary struggle;  
Give every cent you can spare - protect the freedom fighters.

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