

ZIMBABWE: total war

The situation in Zimbabwe has reached the stage of total war between revolutionary African forces and the minority European oppressors. Since the historic declaration ANC and ZAPU of August 13, 1968, guerrillas of Zimbabwe and South Africa have been waging a relentless heroic armed struggle against the racist-fascist forces of Ian Smith and Balthazar Vorster.

The guerrillas are operating from an area that is roughly about a fifth of the total land area of Rhodesia (Zimbabwe). This area stretches from the north western to the western part of the country. Fierce battles are going on at the following places: Karba, Makute, Karoi, Sinoia, Victoria Falls, Matetsi, Dett, Wankie, Mpoenga, areas in the north western and western part of Zimbabwe.

When the ZAPU-ANC Alliance was officially announced by both parties on the 13th of August 1967, a new chapter was opened in the revolutionary history of the African continent. The formation of this Alliance accords with the vital interests of the oppressed people of Southern Africa. This becomes apparent when we consider the fact that the racists of Rhodesia and South Africa have worked in a devilish concert in the ruthless execution of violence and terror against the African majority. In recent months South African

fascists have, with reckless impunity, intensified their invasion and illegal occupation of Rhodesia. At the present moment, there are 1,500 South African troops on Rhodesian soil. South African Blackburn Buccaneer bombers and US manufactured Lockheed Hercules planes are dropping bombs on innocent African civilians in Mpoengs, Maitengwe, Tsholotsho and other African "reserved" areas of Rhodesia.

Thus, the racist regimes of Southern Africa, led by Ian Smith and Vorster, are carrying out a policy of exterminating the African population with the help of instruments of war that are supplied to them by USA, Britain, France, West Germany and Belgium. France is now supplying large amounts of fuel to the illegal regime of Ian Smith.

The Smith regime, unable to curb the patriotic struggle unleashed, has committed the despicable crime of taking revenge and reprisal by hanging several patriots taken prisoner by the Salisbury racists, without a public, impartial and legal trial.

Scores of West German officers command the terrorist troops of Ian Smith. Hundreds of West European mercenaries, mostly French, Belgian, British and West Germans have swelled the ranks of fascist terrorists operating against the patriotic forces in the



North Western province of Rhodesia (Zimbabwe).

The heroic patriots are waging a just war against an array of the fascists and racists of Southern Africa and their imperialist henchmen of Western Europe and North America.

The guerrillas are now carrying on an offensive that began on the 14th of March, 1968. This offensive has moved from the jungles of the Zambezi valley to the important cities of Karoi and Sinoia, the last is only about 125 kilometers from Salisbury, the capital.

Under this offensive from the patriots, Ian Smith and Vorster, with the support of the imperialist world press, have circulated the lies that the patriots are sent from Zambia with the hope that a way can be prepared for an open fascist aggression on Zambia. In this direction, other steps like the violation of Zambian sovereignty by 5 South African and 35 Rhodesian

troops have been taken, all in deliberate provocation of Zambia with the purpose of preparing the way for open aggression.

In the light of this, the need to support and to render material assistance to the fighting patriots of Zimbabwe and South Africa commands more attention than ever.

The Executive Secretariat of OSPAAAL calls upon the governments of socialist and progressive countries to render urgent material assistance to all the combatants of Zimbabwe and South Africa in order to step up their patriotic operations against the racists and fascists of South Africa.

Let us give militant support to the struggle of the patriotic guerrillas!

Let us give them concrete and effective assistance in the interest of the Revolution!

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