

WE WILL NOT BE SILENCED.

WE ARE NOW living in a full police state.

THE POLICE HAVE powers to arrest any man or woman. All meetings have been banned. All protests are banned. Anybody can be shot at any time. Our movements have been banned. Our leaders are in jail. Our newspapers have been seized.

THE CCAPITALIST RULERS of South Africa are trying to silence the people. They are trying to stop us from organising. They are trying to stop us from telling the truth. They are trying to stop us from winning freedom.

WE ISSUE THIS letter to say that they cannot succeed. They have banned the Congresses - we must answer by starting hundreds of small groups of workers throughout the country. In every township - in every factory - on every farm - we must bring together men and women who will start new groups to beat the Capitalist government.

EVEN THOUGH THEY stop our papers, we say that they cannot win, because we will still get the message of freedom to the workers. We will print our message. We will get the news to every man and woman. Let everyone who reads this, repeat it to his friends. Let each one of us become the carrier of news, for we can never be silenced.

LET US REPEAT to every man and woman in South Africa - - -

WE WILL WIN freedom in our lifetime!

WE WILL HAVE a free Socialist Afrika!.

MAYIBUYE AFRIKA!

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THE PASSES ARE BURNING

The pass has been the badge of oppression for over one hundred years. AT LAST OUR PASSES

AT LAST OUR PASSES ARE BURNING.

These cursed pass laws stop our free movement...stop us going into the towns...control our jobs...stop us joining trade unions...

BUT NOW THE PASSES ARE BURNING.

It is the pass laws that are used to force us into the farms of Bethal and Balfour. It is the pass laws that keep the worker from moving freely to better jobs.

BUT NOW THE PASSES ARE BURNING.

It is the pass laws that are used against our Trade Unions. It is the pass laws that make so many of the other oppressive laws work.

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Without the pass the Urban Areas Act cannot work. And without the pass many of the laws of this country must fall.

That is why the Capitalists have been so determined to keep these pieces of paper. That is why Nationalist Erasmus and H.P. de Villiers Graaf agree that the passes must be kept.

Our answer will be in the fires that light up every street corner, as these reference books are burnt for ever.

But that is not enough. Even if the passes go, our wages will still be low, our homes will still be in locations, our children will still be hungry and cold.

That is why we demand a living wage, so that we can eat and sleep in comfort. We demand jobs for every man. We demand that we do the skilled work. We demand decent homes. We demand proper schooling.

We demand that we be given these rights now. We will be free men in a free land. We will take the wealth that we have made - - we will take the land that is ours - - we will take the mines and the factories.

We make the wealth - - - the wealth shall be ours.

We will struggle to get our rights - and we will struggle to make this country a Socialist land.

Onward to a Socialist South Africa where the workers will rule!

TO OUR COMRADES IN JAIL

More than 300 men and women are in jail under the new laws. Hundreds more have been arrested because they helped to organise the people in the fight against the passes.

We do not know how long the police will keep them in the jails. We do not know how many more will still be arrested.

But we do know that the jails will never be big enough to keep all the freedom fighters. We do know that every time a leader is lost to us, ten new men will come forward to take his place.

Jail can hold no terror for us in our struggle, because we know that this is the workers' fight, and that millions of workers will answer the call to fight until freedom is won.

DO NOT KEEP THIS COPY OF "SPARK" WHERE THE POLICE CAN FIND IT - - IF THE POLICE FIND IT, YOU WILL BE IN DANGER.

WE SALUTE THE DEAD

Another 100 men and women have died for freedom. They are the victims of police bullets in Sharpville, in Cape Town, in Durban.

When they gave their lives they could never have known that the whole world would mourn for them. They could never have known that every worker in South Africa would rise to avenge them.

One hundred men and women lost their lives - and a whole people rose to protest against the murder. And the workers in the towns gave the lead. They stopped work and so used their biggest weapon against the Capitalist rulers.

Throughout the country the workers stayed at home and the factories closed. The towns were dead. The shops were empty. The buses did not go. The docks were closed.

The Capitalists were frightened. Their profits were in danger. Within a week the newspapers carried stories of economic breakdown. The wool chief Moolman was frightened and called for better conditions to quieten us. The money chiefs were calling for better wages, and better laws. Even the police chief had to say that there would be no more arrests for pass laws.

We know that these people will only say these things when we are fighting back, and that they are only waiting for the police and the army to shoot us down in order to carry on in the old way. We know that they lie when they call for better conditions.

Now they are frightened people because they have lost millions of pounds when the factories closed. They are frightened because the Imperialists might take their money out of South Africa.

But - they are also frightened because we have shown our strength. We have shown that when we are united they cannot arrest us or shoot us. We have shown that we can stand up and demand our rights.

This time we went home and stayed home - but we also gave them notice that we will not always do that. We have shown by our marches that we can do more - that we can march into the centre of every town, into the shops and the factories, and take over the wealth for ourselves.

We have learnt that victory can be ours and that the unity of the workers can lead to an end of capitalism and the building of a workers' republic of Southern Africa.

WHEN YOU HAVE READ THIS COPY
OF "SPARK", LEND IT TO YOUR
FRIENDS

POLICE TERROR

IN Cape Town the police and the army are beating up innocent people. Under the new laws, these tsotsis in uniform are even worse than ever before. Each one now acts as if he were a Sergeant Arlow himself.

WE must take a warning to the people now. The police are going to get worse and worse. They will assault, they will arrest, they will shoot. The people must be told to act bravely and not be provoked by the terror that is waiting for us.

IN the Transvaal the police are now demanding night passes again. The time will come when we can fight this curfew. Until then, we must not let ourselves be beaten up.

EVERYWHERE we must prepare the workers for the day that will soon come, when we can take up this fight. Until then, we can only ask the people to keep out of the way of the police.

VERY soon we can expect the police to demand reference books again. We must prepare for a new struggle when this happens.

MEANWHILE we must remember that the Capitalist rulers are getting ready to hit out at us with ever greater terror.

IN their fear the Capitalists have become more and more united. The United Party and the Nationalists speak with one voice. United Party Mitchell speaks as if he were in the government. He speaks with hatred against the people and their struggle. He shouts in rage against the few Whites who marched with the workers of Cato Manor into Durban.

WE must call on the people to answer this unity of the Capitalists by a workers' unity--a socialist unity.

OUR task now is to prepare for the next stage of the struggle.

WE WILL DESTROY THE PASS SYSTEM!

WE will move one step forward in the struggle to Socialist freedom.

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THE SOCIALIST LEAGUE OF AFRICA

SET THE PEOPLE FREE

To those in jail, to ~~the banned and the banished~~ we say:-

- We have ~~not forgotten~~ you.
- We stand by you.
- We will see that your families do not suffer.
- We will demand, day in and day out that you be set free.
- We will organise and campaign until you are free men in a free country.

The government wants to silence the voice of the people. It has -

Banned the people's organisations
Brought in guns, saracens and aeroplanes to
break down all opposition
Tied us down in court with charges of "incitement"...
"public violence"... "treason"....
Jailed 20,000 people during the State of Emergency, and
another 5,000 in Pondoland.

We cannot keep silent
We cannot let men and women rot in jail
THIS IS NOT THE WAY TO WIN OUR FREEDOM

We say now, and say aloud -

RELEASE Robert Sobukwe and those who sit in jail with him.

They have committed no crime.

STOP the trials of the men of Sharpeville and Langa.

It is no crime to call for the end of the dompass !

LIFT the ban on Lithuli
and the hundreds who, like
him, have asked only for
what we all want -
FREEDOM IN OUR LIFETIME.

We will not be silenced
We demand

Set The People Free !

Release Sobukwe ! Lift

the ban on Lithuli ! Return the banished to their homes ! Lift
the ban on the peoples organisations ! Stop the persecution
of Socialists.

While ANYONE is in jail because of his fight for freedom
we are all in jail. Our first task is to get our brothers
out of jail. So we demand again:

SET THE PEOPLE FREE

Release S o b u k w e...Lift L i t h u l i's ban...Stop the
Trials... Return the banished to their homes...
Lift the ban on the peoples movements.

SPARK

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LOKOLLANG MASOLE LE ETA PELE BA RONA

Ba 'musong oa kopano ba leka ho re koala molomo. 'Me sephelong sena sa bona ba -

Khamme mekhatlo ea rona ka ho e hanela ho qhoba mesebetsi ea cona ea tokoloho

Tlisitse li betsa tse tsabahang - lithunya, fly-machine, li-saracens - e le ka ho leka ho tima tlhase ea tokoloho.

Re qosa ka leshano makhotleng a bona ka hore re "mahlabaphico" . . . "baferekanyi" . . . "ma-lakatsa-ntoa".

Tlisitse chankaneng nakong ea "State of Emergency" batho ba 20.000; le hona joale ka Pondoland 5.000 ba koalletsoe.

Re tsoanetse ho thola re be limumu ?

A na re tsoanetse ho tlohella mahlabani a rona a bolle chankaneng?

⊙ A NA KE EONA TSELA EO RE KA FUMANANG TOKOLOHO KA EONA ?

Re tsoanetse ho hlaba mokhosi hona tje . Re memetse hore -

• SOBUKOE le ba bang ba nang le eena chankaneng ba lokolloe . Ha bana mol'oto.

• QOSO ea bana le mafumahali a Sharpeville le Langa ha e felisoe.

• MOLOMO oa Luthuli, le ba bang ba tje ka eena ba emelelitseng tokoloho - e leng se re se batlang - ha o lokolloe.

Ha re na thulisoa . Re tla 'ne re phelele ho memetsa re re :

LOKOLLANG SECHABA SA
AFRIKA .

SPARK

Lokollang Sobukoe ! Khinollang Luthuli ! Bao ba tejetsoeng mahaeng a bona ha ba khutlisoe ! Mekhatlo ea batho ha e seke ea khinosa ! Felisang ho chuchisa makomane (Socialists) !

Ha emong oa rona a le chankaneng ka baka la ho loanela tokoloho eo re e batlang, kaofela rona re se re le hona chankaneng. Sepheho sa rona kaofela ke ho lokolla ba chankaneng. Ka hoo he re re :

LOKOLLANG BA-HLABANI LE BA-ETA PELE BA RONA .

Lokollang Sobukoe . . . Khinollang Luthuli . . . Felisang li Qoso tse re nyefolang ka hore re mahlabaphico.

Khutlisang bao le ba tebetseng mahaeng a bona.

Ho ba chankaneng le ba tejetsoeng mahaeng a bona re re : -

KHOTHALANG RE NA LE LONA. MAPOLISA ANA A SENANG MOSA LE MOHAU A LE ENTSE MEBUTLOA EA LINTJENG.

Rona bana ba-Afrika re keke ra phutha matsoho pele re le bona le lokolohile ; pele re fumana tokoloho e leng tsoanelo ea mang le mang.

LOKOLLANG CHABA SA AFRIKA .