Tambo — Moscows trojan horse?

Our media and the disinformation efforts of the world marxist movement have attempted to portray Tambo as a "moderate" and a "Christian". However Tambo's own statements and his association with leading world communist and revolutunary figures, contradicts this fallacy.

Oliver Tambo receiving the Playa Giron Award from Castro. Commenting on the award, Tambo said: "We receive this high and honourable distinction, aware that it represents the confidence that the Communist Party, government and people of Cuba have bestowed on the African National Congress. . ."

(Sechaba, June 1986, P19).

Ideological soulmates — Tambo with the Secretary General of the East German Communist Party, Erich Honecker.

IN HIS OWN WORDS

on being a Communist.

- When questioned on this by Allan Ryskind, an editor of the Washington U.S. newspaper Human Events, at Howard University, Tambo replied: *"I am what I am".* When asked: *"Would you deny that you are a Communist?"* He replied strangely, *"I would say that I am what I am — if they have proof, I suppose I am".*

on the ANC/SACP Alliance

- *"Ours is not merely a paper alliance, created at conference tables and formalised through the signing of documents and representing only an agreement of leaders, our alliance is a living organism that has grown out of the struggle. . ."*

(Sechaba, September 1981, P4).

on the P.L.O.

- *"We salute the heroic struggle of the Palestinian people, fighting for their birthright under the tried and tested leadership of the P.L.O.. . ."*

(Presidential statement for 1984 — Sechaba, March 1984)

on the United States.

- *"We therefore have an international obligation to be active in the struggle to defeat the counter-offensive that the imperialists, led by the Reagan Administration of the United States, have launched.*

  "We too must speak out, and have spoken out, against the attempts of the United States to impose its will on the people of the world. This policy has already resulted in the criminal invasion of Grenada, the undeclared war against Nicaragua, and the direct intervention of the United States in El Salvador, in support of a gang of murderers."

(Sechaba, March 1984).

on U.S. support for anti communists in Central America

- *"The US openly invaded Grenada, funded and assisted the removal from power of the progressive forces led by Michael Manley in Jamaica and has laid seige to Nicaragua. At the same time, it is actively involved in a campaign to defeat the Farabundo Marti National Liberation front in El Salvador. . ."*

(O. Tambo, Political Report of the National Executive Committee, P27).

TAMBO'S ANTI-AMERICANISM

During the Second National Consultative Conference of the African National Congress in Zambia during 1985, Oliver Tambo President of the ANC made the following anti-American statements:

"The forces of reaction are always busy to detach us from these (socialist) countries, knowing very well that, were they to succeed they would weaken our organization and struggle, to such a degree that they could then defeat us. The conditions that U.S. imperialism has arrogantly placed on the independence of Namibia aim specifically to achieve this objective. . . Further afield, the Vietnamese liberation movement had finally won victory in 1975 with the collapse of the Thieu regime and the humiliating flight of the Americans remaining in South Vietnam. The Shah of Iran originally placed on his throne by the CIA and since armed and developed by U.S. imperialism was swept out of power by the popular masses in 1979. . . In the same year the democratic anti-feudal and anti-imperialist revolution in Afghanistan had been saved, with the support of the Soviet Union."

(Oliver Tambo in Documents of the Second National Consultative Conference of the ANC, 16-25 June 1985, Lusaka, pp 20-23).

THE ANC/SACP ALLIANCE'S ANTI-SEMITISM

In the SACP's official mouth piece African Communist No. 92 First Quarter 1983, the following statement was made by the ANC/SACP alliance:

"The entire civilised world literally recoiled in horror as accounts of this diabolical crime became known. A sadistic, genocidal crime climaxing months of Israel's relentless and indiscriminate bombardment and slaughter which reduced West Beirut and the towns and refugee camps of South Lebanon to rubble with scores of thousands homelss, maimed, dead. . .

Israel is the criminal-in-chief — and not for the first time are the hands of her rulers stained with Palestinian blood. The allegation levelled at Israel for many years now: namely that Israel is waging a genocidal war against the Palestinian people has been shown to be correct. The myth that Israel acts in 'self-defence', protecting 'its right to existence' lies buried in the rubble of West Beirut, lies buried with the buldozed corpses of innocent men, women and children in the Sabra refugee camp and in the destroyed towns of South Lebanon such as Tyre and Damour. . . Zionism. . . serves chauvinistic big business interests. . . like Apartheid it resorts increasingly to war, aggression, genocide and internal repression. . . This too was the essence of Hitler's so-called 'national socialism. . .' "

(African Communist no 92 First Quarter 1983 pp 84 -86).

"In the Middle East, the greatest single issue is the struggle to assert the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people under the tried and tested leadership of the heroic PLO. The Nazi-style massacres of Sabra and Chatilla, conceived and presided over by the Zionists, will inevitably, like the massacres of Nhazonia, Chimoio and Tembe, be rewarded with victory for the cause of justice."

(Oliver Tambo in Sechaba, July 1984, p.4)