

imperialist democratic and progressive forces by national or tribal barriers, to the substitution of reactionary bourgeois nationalism or social democratic reformism for scientific socialism.

In the belief that neither the revolutionary democrats nor the Communists hold a monopoly on revolutionism, democracy or socialism, the Communists and revolutionary democrats extend mutual support to each other, to the progressive aspects of their activity. Both have the great obligation and the responsibility of jointly and honestly serving the people, defending the interests of their nation, the interests of workers, peasants, of all working people. History shows that ultimately the revolutionary movement is led by those who have the support of the masses, who resolutely champion their vital interests, who consistently fight imperialism, racism, feudalism, neocolonialism and exploitation of man by man.

The Communists, the revolutionary democrats and all the other forces of the national democratic front constitute the organising forces of the people in the struggle for national and social liberation.

4. AFRICAN COMMUNISTS AND THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION

With the eradication of colonialism the African peoples became active participants and a significant factor in international politics. Many countries have taken the obligations of pursuing the policy of non-alignment which is an anti-imperialist policy and a means of vigorously supporting the liberation movements.

The consistent and principled support of the socialist community for the struggle of the peoples of Africa for freedom and consolidation of national independence proves that the socialist countries are reliable friends of Africa. Moreover, the progressive African states regard the socialist countries as their natural allies.

The Marxist-Leninists and all other progressive forces support the OAU, reserving the right of constructive criticism when its actions are half-hearted or inconsistent with the historical situation and oppose all attempts at undermining this organisation, regardless of who undertakes them or whatever lofty aims are used as a cover.

Following the glorious victory of the MPLA in Angola, world

imperialism started a hysterical anti-communist, anti-Soviet campaign. The imperialists use the so-called threat of a "Soviet-Cuban invasion" of Namibia and Rhodesia and their own myth about the "threat of Soviet imperialism" in a bid to isolate the national liberation movements in Southern Africa from their natural and most dependable allies, from the anti-imperialist African countries and also from the Soviet Union and other socialist states. However, these attempts are doomed to failure. The African peoples have seen for themselves that the socialist countries do not pursue selfish interests and that their actions are permeated solely with the sincere desire to facilitate the liberation of the peoples of Africa.

Africa's Communists join world democratic opinion in strongly protesting against the aid given to the inhuman regimes of South Africa and Rhodesia by imperialist politicians and the monopolies of the USA, Britain, France, the FRG, Japan, Italy and Zionist Israel. There can be no detente and no coexistence with these racist colonialist regimes. Mass, unrelenting struggle against them in all forms until complete victory is won by the Southern African peoples with all-African and international support through all-round and effective internationalist solidarity — these are the aims and means of struggle of all African democrats and anti-imperialists. The assault mounted by the freedom fighters of South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe makes the abolition of the racist-fascist regimes inevitable.

Today, with the pillars of racism tottering, with the doomed regimes feverishly looking for salvation, the African Communists, who have always been in the forefront of the struggle for the freedom of peoples, believe that anti-imperialists, anti-racists, all true democrats and patriots of Africa, all honest people in our long-suffering continent should increasingly unite in order to put an end once and for all to imperialist and racist domination in Southern Africa and to give material and moral assistance to the genuine revolutionary forces led by the African National Congress and the South African Communist Party, SWAPO (Namibia) and the Patriotic Front (Zimbabwe).

We call upon all progressive forces to express their militant solidarity with the front-line states in their resolute struggle against racist, fascist and imperialist aggression.