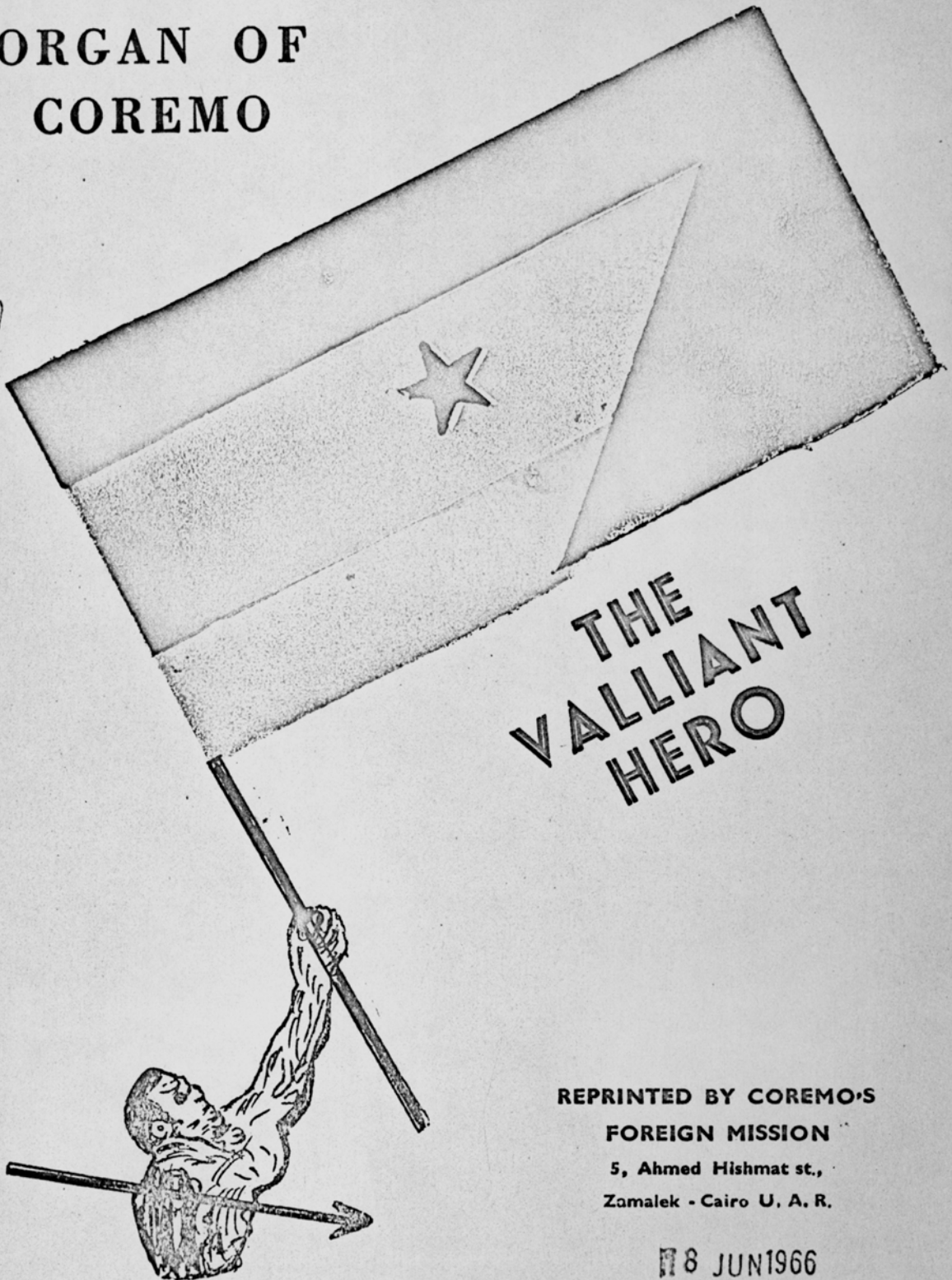


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EDITORIAL I

THE STRUGGLE IN AFRICA

Africa in perspective

Our continent has been the happy hunting ground of the imperialists and colonialists for centuries. The imperialists balkanised Africa into territories in order to share the looting areas. Africans were not only oppressed, exploited and discriminated against but also reduced to serfs and transported as slaves to different continents. The atrocities committed by the imperialists and colonialists during the past centuries make a despicable reading in the pages of history.

At the turn of the present century we witnessed only two independent states in Africa - Ethiopia and Liberia. During the first half of the 20th century the oppressed and exploited people of Africa began to breathe the air of freedom which the October Revolution in Russia generated. The intelligensia analysed the prevailing oppressive conditions and attempted to unite the oppressed masses against colonialism.

The immediate slogan was NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE NOW. Several conferences were held inside and outside Africa in order that the struggle for Africa's liberation be intensified. The people in all these countries were mobilised to oppose imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism.

The political consciousness of the people was heightened considerably during the first half of the 20th century and liberation Movements in many parts of Africa emerged.

The decisive revolution in Africa, which precipitated the upsurge of the African people against imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism, was the one successfully accomplished in the UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC in 1952. The Egyptian Revolution was the forerunner to the mammoth African Revolution that followed in next decade.

The first state , based on scientific socialism and genui-
nely anti-imperialist when President NASSER and his colleagues
established the Republic of EGYPT .

The 1952 Revolution was the single spark that started the
WELD FIRE in Africa . Inspired by this Revolution the entire peo-
ples of Africa rose against imperialism , colonialism and neo-
colonialism .

Between the period 1952 to 1962 29 independent African
States emerged and once more our great Continent was being freed
from the clutches of the imperialists and colonialists . The str-
uggle initiated and carried by the people met with many set
backs but despite these the tide of the African revolution marched
undaunted .

During this period some African countries attained their
independence or were about to attain their independence through an
armed struggle like Algeria and Kenya whilst others negotiated for
their independence . The majority of those countries which acquir-
ed their independence through negotiations have become neo-colon-
ialist states .

Basic politics teaches us that all negotiation must be con-
ducted on a give and take bases . We have also seen how we have
taken in the political and social fields and invariably given in
the economic field . Thus the imperialists continue to pillage
our continent through their agents .

In countries where we have seen attempts made by leaders
to eradicate all influence of imperialism , colonialism and neo-
colonialism , the imperialists have either assassinated leaders
or have organised right wing MILITARY COUPS . To day , the prog-
ressive African States are in a minority and despite all the pr-
essure and subversion organised against them they are holding high
the BANNER of their hard won independence and promoting the
African Revolution .

We have witnessed the coup organised by the imperialists in Ghana . This coup , was not only against the Ghanaian people but against the entire African people who are striving resolutely to liberate Africa . The coup in Ghana is not an isolated affair or incident but an important act of a foul presently enacted in Africa by the imperialists and their lackeys both in Africa and abroad . The murder of PABLO LUMUMBA should have conclusively warned us of the forthcoming foul play. Some of us were alerted and thus exercised more vigilance . Others still harboured illusions about the imperialists and believe in peaceful co-existence . .

The series of right wing military coups and the COUP in Ghana further entrenched the imperialists in Africa and retarded the progress of the African Revolution which was fast sweeping the continent .

The people of Africa have arisen from their deep slumber and today they are reorganising their efforts and alignment to deal with the new situation that confront them to day . Still large part of Africa remain dependent states . In these dependent states the Africa people under the leadership of the revolutionary Pan-Africanist Movements are waging an armed struggle . The fighting organisation are inspired by countries like U.A.R. Algeria, Guinea , Mali, Congo Brazzaville Tanzania , Zambia and others who are resolutely holding high the banner of the Anti-imperialist and anti-colonialist forces in Africa.

PROSPECTS TO / DAY

Although the tide of the African revolution has been checked by the series of the imperialist inspired coups the future augurs well for the anti-imperialist revolutionary forces of Africa , Asia and Latin America . These coups have retarded our progress in our anti-imperialist struggle but has also heightened the African people's determination and vigilance against imperialism , colonialism and neo-colonialism. The revolutionary people of Africa are confident that the broad masses of the people will inflict heavy defeats on the reactionary forces of the world.

Our solidarity with the genuine revolutionaries of the World and our militant approach to meet reactionary violence with revolutionary violence is our best guarantee to our triumphat success against the moribund forces of imperialism colonialism and neo-colonialism .

LONG LIVE THE REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE OF AFRICA

PRESS RELEASE ON GHANA SITUATION
BY THE FORMER COREMO REPRESENTATIVE
IN ACCRA

During the imperialist inspired COUP in Ghana I was the representative of the Mozambique Revolutionary Committee (COREMO) after listening to the imperialist press I deem it necessary to clarify some of the malicious falsehood propoganda by the so-called National Liberation Council (N.L.C.) .

On the 24th February 1966 at 3 A.M. the agents of imperialists declared the take over of the Government led by Osagyefo Dr. KWAME NINSIN the President of Ghana . Among the actions taken by the so-called N.L.C. was the ejection of all the representatives of freedom movements and other freedom fighters from the African Affairs Centre , four days after the coup. Our removal was a frightening one , for we were told^{to} collect our belongings and ejected at a gun point . From now onwards we were told to fend for ourselves , to report to the police Headquarters and make immediate preparation to leave the country .

After this action it came clear to us that the so-called N.L.C. despised liberation movements and ~~we were also informed~~ that imperialists failed to tell the Ankrabli clique what to say and their true colours were unmasked . The Ankrabli clique claimed to support freedom movements but at the same time they handed over freedom fighters from Spanish Islands of Fernando Poo to their colonial masters . They do not know the difference of a colony and an independent country in Africa .

Faced with expulsion from the African Affairs Centre , some representatives of freedom movements , including the writer of this PRESS RELEASE went^{to} His Excellency the Deputy High Commissioner of Zambia Mr. E.M. Mwamba where we were well received and cared for two weeks . Here I must extend my unreserved thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Mwamba for their exemplary attitude to the freedom fighters .

MASS SUPPORT

Through radio , television and press the so-called N.L.C. was misleading the people of Ghana and the outside World. Great prominence was given to the so-called demonstrations support of the new regime . It is true that this has almost taken place every day but the question is how many people took part or how big the crowds were in a City like Accra with a population of 300,000 people . Further , one of those acquainted with the new situation in Accra at that time would ask :- from which source the demonstrations came from ? a few people from certain organisations like Ghana T.J.C. , Workers Brigade and the Market Women . The market women came out in support because President Nkrumah introduced to the parliament a bill whereby they moved in the house to declare their wealth and be taxed .

When this " huge support " campaign drayed up in Accra , the so-called N.L.C. turned its attention to the regions . They supported them. In this way a new wave of dialy and small stage managed demonstration started again and radio , strictly controlled press and television went into action to mislead the world and local people . The chiefs came with few people from their regions for this purpose.

In Ghana under Dr. Kwame Nkrumah's Government , the chiefs were the masters of their own functionary. If one has been in a function in Ghana where the chiefs and the President took part one could easely confuse the President for the chiefs and I can not go into details here on how do they look like and the number of their Bodyguards. No doubt under the present circumstances they acted under intimidation .

CORRUPTION

The so-called N.L.C. has one of its weapons after radio , television and press. " the Gifts to the N.L.C." To indicated that the present regime enjoys a big support from the people . The gifts which are in the from of cows , goats , chicken, money,

yan, plantein and so on ; are given wide publicity. It is not unusual to see lorries full of food of this sort in the police stations for the army and the police.

How many Governments in World crumbled in the face of similar corruption ? no doubt the so-called N.L.C. is a corrupted body and nothing else.

Let us look a little into the nature which brought about the fall of the well constituted Government of Ghana . Never before in history of imperialist gains brought them as much joy as that of Acra . Not even when Tshombe came back from Europe to take over the premiership of the Congo. For Tshombe refused to hand over freedom fighters to the colonial powers and he did not reveal the training camps there. These new found imperialist puppets and stooges have shown their true colours . In some instances they boasted of having one of the best Armies in Africa but they forgot who made it so powerfull. They did not know that even their masters admitted that they were surprised by the rapid pace in which the industrialisation in Ghana was taking place . They are being ill informed by their masters , the true fact since they cannot see by themselves .

The coup which took place in Ghana has delt an unprecedented blow to the liberation movements and to the African Revolution as a whole and it shows the determination of the imperialists to oriple the liberation movements.

Coremo therefore appeals to O.A.U., liberation Movements and all peace loving countries to bring about the reversal of the shamefull situation which took place in Ghana .

Signed by Absalom Bahule

Former Coremo Representative

Acra Ghana .

THE STRUGGLE BETRAYED

It should be understood that lies will not liberate Mozambique , but a true Revolutionary Struggle will .

In a period of almost two years the struggle has been over exaggerated . The War Communiqué , Frelimo's regular publicising organ , has been giving large figures of how many enemy troops have been killed in Mozambique and large areas liberated.

The aims of these War Communiqués are for self building and seeking international prestige rather than to give the true picture of the struggle in side Mozambique . Counting from September 25th 1964 when the apparent first uprising took place in Mozambique , the 48 war communiqués issued by Frelimo claim that more than 25,000 portuguese troops have been annihilated ..

Monthly the war communique appeared and the World was made to believe that 2/3 of the country was under the control of Frelimo forces ; but to our surprise recent statements issued by frelino leaders , who supposed to be responsible for the struggle and even responsible for their own statements , that , the claimed liberated areas , decreased from 2/3 to 1/5 Semi-liberated areas.

There have been many anti-Coremo campaigns organised by frelino , both in exile and inside Mozambique . In Zambia for instance , the representative of frelino , a former portuguese informer , tried all what he could to corrupt and bribe Coremo members . Lately they came across with two double faced mozambicans ; Mboya and Nyankhombé . Those men due to their contrary activities were always regarded as opportunists and disloyal to Coremo policy as well as to the entire struggle . When a resolution was tabled in the Action Council , requesting all members to get acquainted with the struggle in side Mozambique , Mboya objected on the grounds that he must be guaranteed the safety of his life before he could endorse such a resolution .

MBOYA REJOINS FRELIMO

The resignation of Mboya-Nyankhombwe from Coremo to rejoin frelino , was given a wide publicity .

This Mboya who formerly a member of frelino , resigned in June 1964 giving reasons that frelino President was an imperialist agent , he also said that frelino was a tribal organisation and joined Undenamo . In November the same year Mboya left Undenamo stating that he was not given post . Mboya joined the Mozambique African National Congress which united with other two Nationalist Movements in June 1965 to form Coremo. Mboya was elected a secretary for Information and Culture . Due Mboya's opportunism , which is well known in frelino , his resignation received wide publicity in order to hoodwink world opinion and , also because , publicity has become a new art in the struggle of Mozambique .

Mboya and his darling Nyankhombwe were each bribed with \$250 so that they cross over with some Coremo trainees unfortunately the plot was discovered in time .

FRELIMO INCREASES ITS

ANTI-COREMO CAMPAIGN

Despite the fact that Coremo was hardly a year old , immediately after its formation, analysed the situation and , accordingly planned , Coremo successfully initiated the the armed struggle .

The Coremo militants infiltrated into Tete area , where , with the co-operation of the local masses have successfully inflicted telling blows to the portuguese colonialists. The leaders of frelino regarded the armed struggle by Coremo as an exposure of their pseudo war which has for almost two years been giving fantastic publicity. They immediately selected 200 of their best soldiers to be sent to Tete region to kill Coremo militants and sweep even the true revolutionary spirit implanted in that area .Among these 200 soldiers , 200 resigned in protest .

FOURTH PLENARY MEETING
(ENLARGED)
OF AAJA SECRETARIAT

April 20-24, 1966,
Peking

Speech by Mozambique Delegation
COREMO

Dear comrades ,

First and foremost permit me to express on behalf of the oppressed , exploited and discriminated against peoples of Mozambique our sincere gratitude to the Secretariat of the Afro-Asian Journalist Association for extending an invitation to our delegation to attend this 4th Plenary Secretariat Meeting , and meet progressive forces from other parts of the world who are opposed to imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism headed by the U.S. We would like to thank also the host country, the People's Republic of China , for making it possible to thereby permitting revolutionary journalists to assemble and formulate strategy against our common enemy — U.S. imperialism and its lackeys.

We have listened with great enthusiasm and interest to the General Report and the Report on the Temporary Withdrawal of the Secretary-General. We unequivocally support the General Report and the Report on the Temporary Withdrawal. And place on record our total support to all the actions taken by the AAJA Secretariat to uphold and safeguard the Djakarta Declaration of 1962 .

Dear delegates , I begin with allow me on behalf of the Mozambique Revolutionary Committee(COREMO) and the people of Mozambique , who as I stand before you are engaged in a revolutionary struggle in order to liberate Mozambique, to introduce

to you the nature of our struggle against Portuguese colonialism.

The Mozambique Revolutionary Committee (COMMO) was formed in 1935 when the Mozambique Democratic National Union, the Mozambique National African Congress, the Mozambique National African Union, the Independent Mozambique African National Union and Monomotapa Democratic National Union merged. These five Mozambique Nationalist Movement met last year and agreeing on a principled basis merged to form a new United Body -- namely the Mozambique Revolutionary Committee, " COMMO".

Thus relatively speaking COMMO is a new organisation but the purpose is still the old one -- to liberate Mozambique completely. COMMO has as its prime object the immediate attainment of independence for Mozambique. The Mozambicans have made it clear that they desire freedom like all other nations from colonial rule. To achieve this Mozambicans are prepared to make the highest sacrifice.

Although we have been subjected to colonialism for centuries, Mozambicans have continuously opposed colonial rule and through the century have used all methods to free Mozambique from the clutches of Portuguese colonialism; now the people of Mozambique have come to realise that the only way to liberate Mozambique is to take up arms and meet reactionary violence with revolutionary violence.

Dear delegates soon after the formation of COMMO the Action Council of COMMO decided to launch an armed struggle against the Portuguese colonialists in Mozambique. During the last five months our guerrillas have scored significant successes in areas where they are stationed and where we enjoy mass support and as I speak to you our guerrilla operations are continuing inside the country. However, at present our guerrillas operate under trying conditions but we are confident that as our struggle progresses we would effectively control those areas where our guerrillas operate. My optimism lures me to say that our third Conference will most probably be held in the liberated areas.

We of COMEAO are of the opinion that the international revolutionary situation is extremely favourable to the oppressed people of Africa , Asia and Latin America . This situation has been created because of the uncompromising stand taken by the progressive revolutionary anti-imperialist forces in the storm centres . With the defeat of U.S. imperialism in Korea and now its imminent defeat in south Vietnam , the oppressed people of Africa , Asia and Latin America are encouraged to resolutely oppose imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism headed by the U.S. However , U.S. imperialism is not yet destroyed. It has to be destroyed by the united efforts of the peace-loving people of the world .

At present the U.S. imperialists are committing untold crimes, that would even shame Hitler , against the people of Vietnam. Despite these atrocities the heroic Vietnamese people have scored gigantic victories against the U.S. imperialists in Vietnam and the heroic Vietnamese people , have proved Chairman Mao's theory that U.S. imperialism is a paper tiger. The people of Mozambique , under the leadership of COMEAO declare here and now for the entire world to know that the Mozambicans are fully behind our Vietnamese brothers in their just struggle against U.S. aggression . We demand the complete and unconditional withdrawal of the U.S. gangsters from Vietnamese soil and let the Vietnamese people solve their own problem . We are confident that the 250,000 American troops will be of great service to peace if they left Vietnam and tackled the KU KLUX KLAN in the United States .

The imperialists will never reconcile themselves with their defeat . In Africa they are giving full support to the arch agents of colonialism in Africa -- Verwoerd -- Salazar and Smith. The Portuguese are ruthlessly suppressing us with arms supplied to them by the NATO powers. Afraid of tide of African revolution sweeping southwards and liberating the southern part of Africa from the clutches of imperialism , colonialism and neo-colonialism, the imperialists have engaged in subversion and aggression against independent African states who have helped us in our struggle for national liberation . Presently they are engineering coups in Africa against

militant states and progressive rulers . The coup in Ghana was designed and executed by U.S. -- British imperialists. The mutiny in Ghana must be crushed if Africa is to be free.

We vehemently condemn the gross interferences of the Indonesian right-wing forces in the *AAJA* affairs and also condemn the brutal suppression , slaughtering, and jailing of the Indonesian progressive forces , journalists included and place on record our full support to the Indonesian people , who are opposing the right-wing military fascist dictatorship.

We fully support the struggle of our Arab brothers for the return of their usurped motherland of Palestine, and condemn the U.S. neo-colonialist project of Israel as an aggressive U.S. base .

We place on record our complete solidarity and support for our Congolese brothers , and our Zimbabwe brothers , and all other brothers here who are in the forefront of the anti-imperialist struggle . *CORREMO* is one with all of you in your struggle because your struggle is our struggle and vice versa .

Dear comrades , this is a conference of journalists and not just journalists but revolutionary journalists . The struggle of the oppressed people in Africa , Asia and Latin America is fought with arms but the pen is also a mighty weapon . However , we would like to sound a note of warning to our comrades that the gun should always be held together with the pen . We have witnessed that some organizations have used the journalists to fabricate wars and elaborate reports of these imaginary wars are published by our innocent journalists . Such exaggerated reports have detrimental effects on the revolutionary path our struggle pursues . Widest possible publicity must be given to our struggle and our achievements but they must be honest reports . If we had followed the journalists that have been hoodwinked by a certain organization from Mozambique we would

have encountered no Portuguese in Mozambique for reports stated that thousands upon thousands of Portuguese were killed . When our guerrillas entered the country they found the Portuguese soldiers very much alive ; very active and in large numbers .

In conclusion we want to reiterate that the world is undergoing a change , The forces of revolution are challenging the decadent forces of imperialism . In order to restore peace in this world U.S. imperialism and its lackeys must be destroyed . It is abundantly clear that we cannot co-exist with imperialism - they must be fought and destroyed. There can be no co-operation , no compromising with the imperialists .

Once more permit me to extend fraternal greetings to the members of the AAJA and laud their magnificent contribution to our common struggle against imperialism , colonialism and neo-colonialism headed by the U.S.

Long live the AAJA !

Long live Afro-Asian solidarity !
