

## Transkei's Fake "Independence"

# Ugly Performance

THE South African Vorster racist regime recently announced the setting up on October 26 of the so-called "independent" Bantustan state of Transkei. This is nothing but a fraudulent farce. It is an ugly performance by the reactionary regime in obstinately pursuing the apartheid policy and a reproduction of the vicious racist system of "reserves." This scheme to intensify racist rule naturally has met with strong condemnation and opposition from the Azanian people and African public opinion.

It is well known that the "Bantustans" were established on the basis of the notorious "apartheid act." Since the first "Bantustan" was created by the white racist regime in South Africa in 1963, nine areas under separate rule, now known as "black homelands," have been set up. As designed by the South African authorities, these gradually will become so-called "independent states" of the black people within the territory of South Africa. Apart from the signboard, these "homelands," like other places, will remain subjected to racist tyranny and atrocities. Facts have shown that the "independence" cooked up by the Vorster regime has nothing in common with the real independence and liberation demanded by the Azanian people; it is only the regime's despicable trick to legalize and perpetuate the apartheid yoke fastened on the Azanian people.

The racist regime has wicked motives in energetically introducing "black homelands" and playing up the pseudo-independence of Transkei. Since this year, the Azanian people's struggle against the tyrannical racist rule has been surging forward and the flames of the armed struggle of the Namibian and Zimbabwean people for national independence have been raging ever more vigorously, fiercely battering white racism's vicious rule. Since the fiasco of the "peace talks" and "high-handed policy," the reactionary Vorster regime has rehashed the notorious "Bantustan" policy and labelled it "independence"; this is an attempt to avert

its imminent doom and induce the Azanian people to give up their national-liberation struggle and at the same time undermine the African countries' militant unity so as to achieve its criminal aim of continuing the racist rule. However, this new piece of trickery can in no way mislead the people of Azania and the rest of Africa. African public opinion penetratingly pointed out long ago that "Bantustan" "is only a fraud, a mockery of independence and a despicable scheme to prolong the white rule." Recently, the Organization of African Unity at its meeting to voice solidarity with the South African people solemnly requested all governments and organizations not to accord recognition of any kind to the artificial state of Transkei. This shows that the Vorster regime will get nowhere by staging the pseudo-independence of Transkei which only helps expose the regime's extremely reactionary features and guilty conscience.

In consideration of their own interests, the two superpowers — the Soviet Union and the United States — are presently intensifying their rivalry in Africa by resorting to various intrigues. Especially, Soviet social-imperialism, the wolf in lamb's skin, indulges in double-dealing tactics, extending its tentacles to other parts of southern Africa following its armed intervention in Angola. Its vain attempt is to make the national-liberation movements serve its own pursuit of world domination, thus further revealing its sinister and cruel features. Nevertheless, the southern African people's fate is to be decided by neither the racists nor the one or two superpowers, but by the people of southern Africa who are persisting in struggle. The Azanian, Namibian and Zimbabwean people will surely win victory in their struggle for national independence and liberation, and the white racist regime and all reactionary rule will certainly collapse. This is an inevitable law of the development of human history.

The Chinese people under the leadership of the Central Committee of the Communist Party headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng will, as always, resolutely support the people of the world and of the third world in particular in their struggle against imperialism, social-imperialism and modern revisionism. We resolutely stand on the side of the people of Azania, Namibia and Zimbabwe as well as all of the great African people, and firmly support their struggle against racism, imperialism and hegemonism. We are deeply convinced that the great African people will further strengthen their unity, persist in struggle, overcome all difficulties and obstacles and achieve greater victories in the struggle for the liberation of the whole African continent.

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