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“We have always fought against colonialism, against foreign domination. We have always fought for the creation of a united anti-racist Zimbabwe nation.”

“Where (the imperialists) relied merely on bullets, we relied on a combination of the bullets and the hearts and minds of the people. Where they concentrated, massacred and tortured the people, we liberated, organised and politicised the people, giving them the correct line of the struggle as we brought power to them in their liberated zones.”

“Because we have fought to achieve both military and political power, we must not allow the puppets and the reactionaries to reap the ripe peaches we have tended. . . ZANU is fighting the elections so that it can achieve political power for the people in the same way as it has achieved military power for them.

That is why ZANU declared 1980 as the year of the People's Power. . . .

We believe that the achievement of political power by the People will remain hollow in terms of their material development unless it can translate itself . . . by way of economic power in social form. ZANU thus believes in the development of a socialist economy.

. . . It is recognised that private enterprises will have to continue until circumstances are ripe for socialist change . . . The capitalist system cannot be transformed overnight.”

“Today, Power is still in white hands . . . Tomorrow, a ZANU Government will ensure that political and military power is in the hands of the people as a whole.”

*Extracts from ZANU Election Manifesto 1980, and statements of Cde Mugabe 1/1/80 and 27/1/80*

## Zimbabwe African National Union

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## ZANU'S VICTORY IS ALSO OUR VICTORY

"ZANU took up arms in pursuit of just principles, not to replace one form of injustice with another" Cde Mugabe.

The Zimbabwean people led by the Patriotic Front have defeated and weakened our enemy, British imperialism.

They have shown us how weak our bosses are when faced by a determined people united behind a firm anti-imperialist front.

ZANU is the leading force of the Zimbabwean revolution.  
We can learn many lessons from their struggle.

### Public Meeting

## ZANU AND THE REVOLUTION IN ZIMBABWE

Speakers from  
ZANU

AZANIAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS  
REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST LEAGUE

Saturday, May 10  
7.30

Conway Hall  
Red Lion Sq, Holborn

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## 'WE ARE OUR OWN LIBERATORS''

- \* ZANU defeated imperialism and its local agents and forced them to negotiate. The armed struggle of ZANU and PF was waged against a military force of over 142,000 that spent over £5 million every week on bombs, napalm, the pollution of wells with typhoid germs, and on arms from Britain, S. Africa and the USA. The reactionaries killed 25,000 Zimbabweans and drove 850,000 off their land.

ZANU's tremendous victory was made possible only because it truly serves and is served by the great masses of Zimbabwe — it waged people's war over 14 years.

- \* "Our election campaign lasted through 14 years of struggle, not just the last few months".

Through these years of armed struggle, through the settlement talks, the elections and now, ZANU's strategy and tactics has aimed to unite all who can be united, both inside Zimbabwe and internationally, against the main enemy, British imperialism.

"The enemy of the people of Zimbabwe is not and never has been the British people. Our enemies are not the white Zimbabweans. We have always fought against colonialism, against all foreign domination" (Cde Mugabe).

- \* "Imperialism doesn't change; and it doesn't like getting things wrong. We know our enemy" (Cde Shava, MP for Gwelo, and London representative for ZANU).

Zimbabwe has many enemies: British imperialism, the two super-powers and S. Africa stand outside; inside, they have their agents and there are other reactionaries too.

The balance of political power has been shifted dramatically, but independence must now be consolidated.

ZANU are uniting all who can be united against their present main enemy. At the same time they are carrying out reforms which gradually consolidate and strengthen the power of the workers and peasants of Zimbabwe, thus preparing the ground for future advance.

"We have achieved freedom from political oppression.

We still have to achieve military domination.

We have to attain economic independence.

We have to embark on a cultural revolution.

And we still have a war in South Africa" (Cde Shava)

## SOME ENEMIES OF THE ZIMBABWEAN PEOPLE POSE AS FRIENDS

### THE SOVIET UNION

The Soviet Union poses as a friend of all the world's people. Its real intentions of domination and exploitation are known to many, from Czechoslovakia to Afghanistan. But many are fooled by the socialist face of this most aggressive super-power.

In Zimbabwe it opposed ZANU because ZANU stands for self-reliance, for real independence, and so waged people's war. The SU like all imperialism hates and fears people's war, and so, as President Machel has said, it gave ZANU not a single weapon. Instead, the Soviet Union tried to create a puppet, in ZAPU, which would be separated from the people and under its control. So it selectively armed ZAPU but encouraged it not to fight but to stand outside separate from the people, ready to serve the Soviet paymaster. But it failed because ZANU insisted that ZAPU join with them in the government of the country, ensuring that all patriotic Zimbabweans are united in the struggle to carry forward the revolution.

### THE 'COMMUNIST' PARTY OF GREAT BRITAIN

In this country, the 'C'PGB follows the Soviet Union's line: it wanted ZANU to accept ZAPU's leadership; it abused ZANU for upholding its independence in the elections; like Brezhnev, it wants ZAPU now to be an equal partner in government; and privately it tries to undermine ZANU by saying the urban workers are against it.

### THE TROTSKYISTS

At the same time, the Trotskyists tail behind the 'C'PGB trying to divide and undermine the revolution.

- When ZANU forced the enemy to negotiate, the Trots said ZANU was selling out. And they've cried sell out at every stage.
- when ZANU made minor concessions in the talks, in order to isolate British imperialism and the white racists
- when ZANU isolated the worst racists by including whites in the cabinet
- when it took advantage of its enemies' differences by using one enemy, Gen. Walls, to disarm others.

And the Trotskyists leapt for joy when a number of urban workers went on strike. The strikes were settled quickly, and they were settled politically, by ZANU explaining what it's trying to do, and how ultimate victory can be achieved.

*The Zimbabwean people refuse to be divided by such counter revolutionaries.*

## THE ZIMBABWEAN PEOPLE LED BY ZANU HAVE DEFEATED AND WEAKENED OUR ENEMY

The octopus that sits in our country, that presides over our oppression, that creates a society of exploitation, racism, unemployment and poverty has lost one of its more important tentacles. This should encourage all of us in our struggle.

It is because British imperialism is squeezed by the two super-powers and weakened by third world victories that it steps up its attacks on all working people in Britain, to try to recoup the profits it has lost.

Labour and Tory alike attack our wage and working conditions, and make murderous cuts in housing, health and all welfare services.

To get away with these attacks, Callaghan and Thatcher must try to turn white against black; use their police to attack all who fight back, but especially national minorities; and encourage the open terror of groups like the NF.

As the bosses' crisis intensifies and our rulers increase the oppression of all working people and especially the Irish people and the national minorities, we can learn from the experience of ZANU.

### — UNITE ALL WHO CAN BE UNITED

We must take up the struggles of all sections of the people who are oppressed, especially those of the doubly oppressed national minorities and unite with them.

### — SUPPORT THE STRUGGLES FOR LIBERATION IN THE THIRD WORLD

Day by day the struggle against British imperialism intensifies — in southern Africa, Malaysia and in Ireland. In particular the struggle in Namibia and Azania will now intensify. We must unite and support these struggles which materially weaken our rulers.

### — BEWARE OF THE SUPER POWERS

Internationally, the USA stands exposed as bloody reaction.

The Soviet imperialists hide behind the banner of the October revolution. But they have betrayed that revolution. Their napalm, bullets and double-dealing stretch from Afghanistan to Africa.

We must oppose both super powers.

### — BEWARE OF FALSE FRIENDS

In this country there are many "leaders of the revolution" who tail behind the Labour Party or the pro-Moscow 'C'PGB. They do not support the struggles in the third world; they do not support the Irish people in their struggle and they do not support the struggle of national minorities.

We must reject all opportunists.

**UNITE ALL WHO CAN BE UNITED AGAINST OUR MAIN  
ENEMY: BRITISH IMPERIALISM.**

**WE MUST BE OUR OWN LIBERATORS.**

## **“THERE IS GOING TO BE A LANDSLIDE FOR MUGABE**

... He is enormously popular. Now why would he be so popular if the people were subject to cruelty and harassment by ZANLA” (teacher, Eastern Zimbabwe)

ZANU has massive support throughout Zimbabwe because it stands for a real political and economic independence from all imperialism. It rejects the blandishments of soviet imperialism as much as it has rejected overtures from South African and British companies like Lonrho.

It is because ZANU has fought consistently for real freedom and independence, that British Imperialism uses every means available to try to stop ZANU taking power.

Britain is breaking the terms of the Lancaster House agreement quite blatantly.

- \* There are several thousand South African troops inside Zimbabwe, which is forbidden by the agreement. And they're not there to see fair play.
- \* The security forces and Muzerewa's hired thugs have full British approval in very many actions like the following:
  - On Jan. 5, at a village near Umtali, the very day after the PF forces had left, white Rhodesian troops arrested 13 young people. They haven't been seen since.
  - On Jan. 11, a ZAPU group of 28 was on its way to an assembly point. They refused to surrender their arms to Rhodesian police. Seven were killed.
  - At protected village number 7, repression has been greater since the cease fire; the young men are frequently arrested and beaten by white army and police. ZANU and ZAPU have been prevented from holding election meetings; the villagers have been told they will be shot if they are 1 minute late for curfew.
- \* The security forces have been proven to have bombed churches in an effort to paint ZANU as anti-christian murderers.
- \* Out of 12 attacks on prominent political figures, 9 have been against ZANU officials, and there have been at least 2 well planned attempts on Cde Mugabe's life.
- \* ZANU officials have been arrested, the ZANU treasurer forbidden from speaking in public.
- \* ZANU has been forbidden from campaigning at all in particular regions.

When Cde Mugabe returned to Salisbury, he addressed 200,000 supporters. There were probably the same number again who were stopped from attending by police road blocks, and security and auxiliary harassment.

ZANU anticipated these events. They still expect to win 50 out of the 80 seats.

## VICTORY TO ZANU (PF)

Lord Carrington said, "We hope to lay the foundations for a free, independent and democratic society . . . The UK's role will be to establish just conditions for independence."

The judgement of the world on British imperialism's actions was summed up by President Nyerere of Tanzania:

"Cold-blooded murder, deceit and treachery"

His condemnation of events has been echoed by all the other Front Line states, and by the UN Security Council, as well as by Amnesty International, the Commonwealth High Commissioners, the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace and many others.

British imperialism is hated in Zimbabwe, and exposed in the eyes of the whole world. Only here in Britain are its claims to be acting fairly taken seriously.

Our job is to do all we can to counter imperialist propaganda, to oppose its manoeuvres and betrayals, to oppose the rigging of the elections.

And our job is to support the nationalist forces.

ZANU and PF waged a people's war and forced the imperialists to negotiate.

They won concessions from the imperialists and signed the agreement because it gave a basis for struggle on a new front, whilst still keeping their forces intact.

ZANU is ready for total betrayal, and an attempt to massacre their forces and have prepared defences against that.

At the same time they must show their mass support at the elections.

For all of its work, ZANU needs money. Not aid with strings. But aid from the workers of the world and from all people who support independence from all powers, peace and democratic rights.

ZANU needs money for electoral work, and it needs the money now.

## VICTORY TO ZANU SUPPORT THE ZANU ELECTION FUND

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