Welcome to AN EVENING IN SOLIDARITY WITH BLACK LIBERATION. The ZANU Solidarity Committee wanted to celebrate Chimurenga Day, the 11th anniversary of the launching of the armed struggle in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) by the Zimbabwe African National Union. But we wanted to make concrete our analysis of the relationship between Black liberation in Zimbabwe and Black Liberation in the US, by celebrating it jointly in solidarity with the Black liberation struggle in the US, and with Assata Shakur, a leader of that movement.

ZANU is the leading revolutionary party in Zimbabwe, playing the major role in the Patriotic Front with ZAPU, and leading the Zimbabwe Peoples Army (ZIPA).

ZANU was formed in 1963, and created an army, the Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army (ZANLA), which launched the armed struggle (Chimurenga) on April 28, 1966, at the Rhodesian town of Sinoia. Since then the struggle has grown, especially after 1972, and even more so after the liberation of Mozambique and Angola, which provided more reliable rear areas.

The US and British imperialists, together with the white Rhodesian settlers have been trying to smash ZANU and ZANLA since their creation. But throughout all the hardships, they have endured, grown and strengthened, until now that victory is on the horizon. Now more than ever, with last week’s invasion of Mozambique, we need to mobilize a mass anti-imperialist movement in solidarity with Zimbabwe and all of the liberation struggles in Southern Africa.

Tonight is a good step in that process. We are giving concrete material support in the form of clothing and money. We have directly linked up the struggle in Zimbabwe with the Black liberation struggle here, because the struggles of the oppressed nationalities in the US are strong allies of the struggle in Zimbabwe, and winning their solidarity is the key to a successful solidarity movement in the US. We see the strategic role that Black people play in this situation. The liberation struggle of the African nations have had, and are having, a profound effect on the Black liberation struggle in this country, and the rise of the Black liberation struggle here is a main ally of the liberation struggles in Africa, including Zimbabwe.

A LUTA CONTINUA!!
VITORIA A CERTE!!
PAMBERI NE CHIMURENGA!!
The ZSC is responding to the priorities set by ZANU at this time in mounting a campaign to raise clothing, medical supplies and money. These are the programs we are trying to get going fast. In addition to reading the above materials, and becoming more fully aware of the Zimbabwean struggle, you can play a major role in helping ZANU win the war against white supremacy in Zimbabwe.

1. We need places to store clothing that can be periodically transported to the camps in Africa. The needs are astronomical, but the potential to collect clothing in the US is also great. So great, in fact, that the main bottleneck at this point for us is to have convenient places to deposit and store the clothing for short periods, in each boro in NY, and in other cities. We would pick it up periodically to ship it to Africa. If you can find such places it would be a major material aid to the struggle.

2. Then we need clothing, lots of it, and all kinds, for all temperatures. Especially needed are sneakers to combat footworms. Wool coats, pants, skirts and dresses, baby clothes, etc. Old military fatigues, boots, belts, shirts, etc. In addition to any other useful item needed to fight a peoples war: watches, walkie talkies, CB radios, binoculars, compasses, canteens, etc. Use your imagination.

3. Books: Revolutionary literature, medical books, anything useful to a peoples war.

4. The people need medical supplies desperately in the face of Smith’s ferocious and genocidal tactics. Doctors, nurses, other hospital employees, medical, biology, chemistry students, have access to medical supplies and accessories that are needed. Nothing is too small or too large. Check fallout shelters in basements for all kinds of stuff. Again, use your imagination.

5. Of course we need money. ZANU needs money. Any money you send is desperately needed, and can have a concrete and immediate effect on the victory of the liberation war in Zimbabwe. This is a chance to make a contribution that you know will count, and bring the defeat of our common enemy that much closer.

6. Sponsor a speaking engagement for ZANU at your school, workplace, daycare center, church, community room, union, organization, etc. ZANU can make available the film: Massacre at Nyazonia, that was made by Swedish film makers, documenting the brutal massacre of over 600 unarmed civilian refugees at the Nyazonia camp in Mozambique by the Smith racist army. Contact us for dates.

In addition to these direct material aid campaigns we want to mount campaigns in the future against US government and corporations that are aiding Smith and Vorster. We will be putting out our bulletin, and encourage people to follow the events, read our other resources, and for those who agree with our principles of unity, to join us. We hope to work closely with all groups in building an overall solidarity movement with the liberation of all of southern Africa, and the defeat of US imperialism.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE FROM ZSC-NY

ZIMBABWE BULLETIN: Subscribe to this monthly bulletin issued by the ZSC, which gives important political analysis of current political, military, diplomatic and economic developments in Zimbabwe. Also provides ongoing descriptions of life in Zimbabwe, developments in the liberation movement, solidarity movement, etc. One year subscription: $3. Free back orders on request. 40% off on orders of 10 or more copies.

ZIMBABWE NEWS: Subscribe to this, the quarterly journal of the Zimbabwe African National Union. In depth analysis of the liberation struggle in Zimbabwe, first hand documents, as well as discussions and debates in the liberation movement. Libraries, Institutions and Governments: $35 per year; Individuals: $12.50; Students: $10. Back issues available at $1.50 per copy. 40% off on orders of 10 or more copies.

MEMORANDUM TO DONORS: This is an important historical document written by Edgar J. Tekere, a ZANU leader in Mozambique, describing the formation of ZIPA and the rejection of the leaders who betrayed the armed struggle. Free.

ZANU POSTER: 17" x 22", red, black and green on yellow paper. Price: $1.50; 40% off on orders of 10 or more.


WHAT’S AT STAKE IN ZIMBABWE?: A reprint from an earlier Zimbabwe Bulletin, analysing the global and African strategy of US and British imperialism, the role of South Africa, Black neo-colonial regimes in the area, the differences in the Zimbabwean organizations, and ZANU-ZIPPA’s perspective of the protracted struggle. Single copy: 10c; 40% off on orders of 10 or more.

MEDICAL AID TO ZIMBABWE: 4 page informational folder on the pressing medical needs of the freedom fighters and refugees from Zimbabwe. Single copy free. If you would like to distribute them, bulk available for price of postage. Inquire for rates.

ZIMBABWEAN WOMEN: A valuable pamphlet describing the special oppression of women in Zimbabwe, and their role in the liberation struggle. Single copy 35c; 40% off on orders of 10 or more.

PRINCIPLES OF UNITY OF THE ZANU SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE: Our analysis of the struggle in Zimbabwe in a world anti-imperialist perspective, and our views on why people in the US should give solidarity to ZANU. Free; for 10 or more, 2¢ per copy.

AFRICAN YOUTH MOVEMENT JOURNAL: A quarterly journal containing analyses of Africa, including Zimbabwe, put out by AYM. Single copy 50c; 40% off on orders of 10 or more.

HISTORY OF THE ZIMBABWE LIBERATION STRUGGLE: A 48 page history from the 1600’s to the present, explaining the origins and development of ZANU, and the armed struggle. Perhaps the best short history available in the US, and very important to anyone wanting a clear view of the origins of the armed struggle.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE FROM ZSC-CHICAGO

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ZANU CASSETTE TAPE OF SONGS: Chamurenga songs from the camps of the ZANU militants. Good quality. Both sides, 80 minutes. Single copy: $5.00; 40% off on orders of 10 or more. 4 track tapes.

GUNS FOR HIRE: A 42 page booklet description of the CIA and US Army recruitment of mercenaries for white Rhodesia. Documented and well illustrated. Just printed. $1.00 single copy, 40% off for 10 or more.

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