

VICTORY TO ZANU!

SUPPORT THE ZANU WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN!



The people of Zimbabwe are on the verge of total victory in the war to reclaim their country from white settler colonialism and imperialist domination. Under the leadership of ZANU (Zimbabwe African National Union) they are winning the fundamental right of oppressed people to self-determination -- the right to control their own social, economic and political development.

Women are playing a leading role in the revolution -- by their participation in the People's War in large numbers, and by their leadership in the armed struggle, in the building of ZANU and in the development of socialist reconstruction in the liberated zones. The participation of women in the struggle is essential to the nation's defeat of imperialism. And the participation of women in the struggle is forging a path to their own liberation. ZANU women have put forward the revolutionary slogan for women's liberation that is a challenge to all women -- Liberation Through Participation. The active participation of women in every aspect of the nation's struggle against imperialism is the process through which women build the leadership, organization, program and consciousness to participate in the development of socialist society, the social order that can realize the total liberation of women.

Now, only the large cities, the white settler strongholds, are still held by the Smith-Muzorewa regime. The People's War has fully liberated 1/3 of the country and secured 90% for ZANLA forces. In the liberated zones people are totally dismantling the institutions and social relationships of colonialism and white supremacy and building socialism. The victories of the armed struggle have forced the colonial power, Britain, to the conference table in London. The total commitment of ZANU to continue the armed struggle until Zimbabwe is free is the driving force at the London Conference. Despite great sacrifice, the Zimbabwean people understand that only a total transfer of power will stop the genocide and violence of imperialism and achieve peace.

At this critical time, the ZANU Women's League is urging all people, and in particular, women, who oppose imperialism and white supremacy to extend and heighten our full political and material solidarity to the people of Zimbabwe, to the women of Zimbabwe, and to their vanguard, ZANU.

Unconditional support for the armed struggle led by ZANU is the only way we help guarantee the transfer of power to the Zimbabwean people and ensure the gains won by women. The fighting forces, ZANLA women

in particular, have very concrete needs in order to carry out their tasks. They need women's clothing for combat, like jeans, new underwear and sanitary napkins. The ZANU Women's League is building a campaign throughout the world to meet these needs and is waging a struggle in this country for international solidarity by building the ZANU Women's Campaign.

The ZANU Women's League is the organization responsible for organizing Zimbabwean women to join the struggle, developing women's leadership, and leading the overall struggle for women's liberation in Zimbabwe. At every local, district, provincial, and national level of ZANU, and in every international Branch, ZANU has organized the ZANU Women's League, demonstrating ZANU's profound commitment to women's liberation. At the founding meeting in May, 1979, the ZANU Women's League took immediate action to improve women's lives. The lobolo, bride price, was abolished, and many oppressive customs were ended.

Within the U.S. and around the world, Black and Third World women, like the women of Zimbabwe, fight for the survival of their people. They have from the moment their nations were subjugated. The genocide of imperialism - the destruction of a nation and systematic murder of people - is the overriding reality that transforms the lives and oppression of Third World women. It is within the national liberation struggles that women are winning liberation. Their leadership is clear - there is no path to women's liberation outside of the total destruction of imperialism, the enemy of all women.

As we enter the 1980's, the system of imperialism and white supremacy is fundamentally challenged by the victories of African liberation world-wide. The U.S. government will increase its reactionary attacks on national liberation movements, and relies on white people to support its strategies. The government relies on white women to struggle for "equality" within the imperialist system, and abandon the worldwide struggle for women's liberation led by women of the Third World.

Progressive white people can break with imperialism's strategy by building support for the revolution in Zimbabwe and the ZANU Women's Campaign. In this way we contribute to the defeat of imperialism and white supremacy and toward the liberation of women.

We urge people reading this to organize groups of people to support the ZANU Women's Campaign. We would like to talk to groups about how support can be built. Representatives from the ZANU Women's League are available to speak to as many groups as possible.

For more information or to arrange for a speaker or material aid pick-up, contact: New York Material Aid Campaign for ZANU, P.O. Box 1276, Stuyvesant Station, NY, NY, 10009. Tel: 212: 499-2767, Tues, Thurs, SAT, Sun. afternoons.

Checks payable to ZANU - earmarked for the Women's Campaign.

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