

## LISTENING IN

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### **Zimbabwe: Playing With Fire**

*(Radio Truth [Clandestine], in English, May 9)* There is yet another sinister development which needs to be monitored very closely as its implications unfold. Our government-controlled press in their usual (?absence of reason) have seen fit to castigate the Government of Swaziland over their current effort to discipline members of the ANC of South Africa. They have accused Swaziland of helping South Africa fight its war against this movement.

...These actions were necessary precisely because the ANC had behaved like common criminals. They had murdered innocent Swazi citizens and law enforcement officers who were in pursuance of their duties. The Swazi Government had no option, regardless of any pact, but to cut down the terrorists and bring them to justice. The authorities acted as any government anywhere in the world would do in similar circumstances. Furthermore, our newspaper also gave no acknowledgement of the fact that the ANC had publicly apologized to the leaders of Swaziland. The hypocrisy of our regime is readily apparent when every day we are told time and again that our forces and private armies have been deployed into Matabeleland to hunt down dissidents said to be indulging in criminal behavior.

...Now, to the more sinister aspect: To date our government has wisely and prudently refrained from allowing our soil to be used as a base or transit route for those intent on belligerent action against our neighbors....Are we now going to harbor criminals and terrorists turned out by our neighbors in Swaziland, Mozambique, or Botswana? Is our Army and Air Force being built up to provide protection for their base [camps] and was this the purpose of Comrade Tambo's visit? If so, our government is playing with fire and endangering the security of us all. For the last thing we need is armed confrontation. In so doing, they would be totally out of step with the new mood of harmony in our region....

### **Kampuchea: Tricky Maneuvers**

*(Voice of Democratic Kampuchea [Clandestine], in Cambodian, May 13)* The U.N. General Assembly and the world community have clearly seen that over the past more than five years the Hanoi Vietnamese are great bandits who are annexing the Kampuchean territory and exterminating the Kampuchean race and that the Kampuchean people are victims of the Hanoi Vietnamese enemy's aggression.

Everyone realizes that the over 250,000-men force sent by Hanoi to commit aggression against and occupy Kampuchea is a barbarous and savage violation of the principles of international law and the U.N. Charter [and] is directly and gravely threatening the security, stability, and peace in Southeast Asia. That is why the ASEAN countries...repeatedly demanded that they withdraw all their aggressor forces from Kampuchea to let the Kampuchean people decide their own destiny through a free election

under U.N. supervision....However, the Hanoi Vietnamese enemy aggressors have refused to respect and abide by this. They have carried out all kinds of dark maneuvers in an attempt to bury the U.N. General Assembly resolutions, to cover up their act of aggression in Kampuchea, and to change the problem of Vietnamese aggression and annexation of Kampuchean territory....However, the Vietnamese enemy aggressors have no chance of duping anyone through their dirty and outdated tricks. On the contrary, the tricky words of Pham Van Dong, an old tiger pretending to be a sage, show the world even more clearly that the Hanoi Vietnamese enemy aggressors, despite their difficulties and impasse, will not easily withdraw their aggressor troops from Kampuchea. The Hanoi Vietnamese enemy aggressors are still nurturing their greedy ambitions of annexing the Kampuchean territory, exterminating the Kampuchean race, establishing the Indochinese federation, and ruling over Southeast Asia.

Clearly realizing the aggressive and expansionist nature of the tricky maneuvers of the Hanoi Vietnamese enemy aggressors, the ASEAN countries and the world community know it is necessary to continue providing support and assistance to the Kampuchean people's struggle and the CGDK against the Vietnamese enemy aggressors on the battlefield in Kampuchea. They realize that they should also continue to pressure and demand that the Vietnamese withdraw all their aggressor forces from Kampuchea in accordance with the U.N. General Assembly resolutions. They will continue to firmly hold their just position and stand by the side of the Kampuchean people who are victims of the Vietnamese aggression. They will also categorically object to the fact that a country uses brute force to commit aggression against another sovereign country....

### **Cyprus: The Water's Edge**

*(Nicosia, I Elevation, in Greek, May 15)* Cyprus has its own very serious problems. It is fighting for its freedom and independence, and it has to deal with ever-increasing Turkish voraciousness and highhandedness. Its own problems are enough for it. It is for this very reason that those who consider Cyprus as a suitable ground for settling differences among opposing groups in the Arab world should, at long last, realize that they must seek another arena for resolving their own differences.

Cyprus and its people want to be left alone so that they can devote themselves to their own titanic struggle. Any foreigners who think that Cyprus's territory is being offered as a solution for their differences must understand our position, and they must abandon such plans. Cyprus maintains excellent relations with the Arab world as a whole....Every Arab state, which, recognizing and appreciating Cyprus's friendly posture toward the Arab world, must avoid creating problems for Cyprus and leave it alone to devote itself to its own struggle....

### **Iran: "The Futile War"**

*(National Voice of Iran [Clandestine], in Persian, May 7)* Dear compatriots: While the Islamic Republic's rulers are entertaining the thought of conquest, and by raising the notorious slogan of "War, War Until Victory" are persisting in the prolongation of this destructive war, the

people of our homeland, who are bearing the heavy burden of this war, are demanding an end to the war and the achievement of an honorable peace.

The reason for this, above all, is that the Islamic government, which has trampled on the lofty goals of the revolution, is using the war's prolongation as a means to save itself. On the other hand, the million-strong masses of Iranian people who justly consider the war a national calamity, and who are feeling its various dimensions on their whole being, have drawn the right conclusion that it is necessary to end the war and establish an honorable peace in order to achieve the aspirations of the revolution— independence, freedom, and social justice.

...The Iranian nation has become fed up with the continuation of this destructive, futile war of attrition. The Iranian people do not want their children to be sacrificed further for the sake of the satanic desires of usurpers of power. It is not accidental that despite the vast propaganda by the chauvinistic and superstitious Islamic rulers of Iran, who have made a plaything of the people's religious feelings, disobedience and passive resistance among military personnel are becoming clearly apparent.

In order to fill this vacuum, the Islamic rulers are resorting to emergency measures. Increasing military service...and reserve duty are among these measures. The Islamic Republic's rulers consider refusal by youths to do military service as a challenge to the war's continuation....

The people consider the daily increasing aggravation of the standard of living throughout the country, and the ever-increasing use of terror and political repression by the Islamic government, as another consequence of the war. For this reason, too, in order to save themselves from the clutches of bloody rulers who have made life for our nation a nightmare, the people do not regard the struggle to revive the revolution's popular, anti-imperialist, and antidespotic goals as separate from the struggle to end the war and to establish an honorable and just peace.

...The Iranian people reject the Islamic ruler's notorious slogan of "War, War Until Victory." The slogan "End the Futile War" and the slogan "Let Us Struggle for the Establishment of an Honorable Peace" are the current slogans of our nation's struggles....

### **Cuba: Nicaragua, Costa Rica & the U.S.**

(*Havana International Service, in Spanish, May 13*) Costa Rica's role in the U.S. plans to militarily attack Nicaragua has been becoming increasingly clear. Leaning on the most reactionary sectors in the Costa Rican Government, and faced with the resistance of a majority of the Costa Rican people, the United States has been bent for a long time on ignoring Costa Rica's avowed neutrality toward the conflicts in Central America.

...The *Washington Post* published a confidential report of the U.S. State Department outlining the guidelines for developing the anti-Nicaraguan campaign that is taking place in Costa Rica and the most effective way to help the counterrevolutionary bands of the so-called Democratic Revolutionary Alliance (ARDE)...The report states that this military aid will give the United States the chance to tip the political scale in its favor on Nicaragua's southern flank; that is, to force the Costa Rican Government to adopt an attitude of open hostility toward the Nicaraguan

revolutionary process....

This misinformation policy aimed at distorting the truth and confusing public opinion in Costa Rica and our America is clearly explained in the document of the North American State Department, which stresses that, for public relations purposes, it is important to present the situation as a confrontation between Nicaragua and Costa Rica and not as a struggle between the Sandinists and ARDE. The document...says that it is necessary to portray Nicaragua as an aggressor so there will be no doubts in this regard....

### **El Salvador: About That Backyard...**

(*Radio Farabundo Martí [Clandestine], in Spanish, May 11*) We do not want to be a U.S. colony. El Salvador is not the U.S. backyard....

Millions of dollars in military aid were approved for the regime today. There are millions of *colones* that Reagan is sending to the dictatorship as a down payment on the purchase of our national sovereignty. It was a payment on the purchase of the country's independence, against the people's will. This is the U.S. aid. It is the purchase of our independence on the installment plan....Duarte is the puppet who will sell them the entry ticket to attack our country and people.

...Reagan's millions of dollars to purchase weapons, ammunition, bombs, and the training of troops in tactics of massive crime do not serve the peace.

Reagan is supporting a criminal regime. The blood of more than 50,000 Salvadorans is not enough for Reagan. He wants to bleed our people to death.

...Reagan, like a wild animal, is attacking our people. But we will not allow our fatherland to become the backyard of the United States....

### **Kenya: Looking North**

(*Nairobi, The Kenya Times, in English, May 12*) We fail to understand why the foreign press keeps hammering on the situation in northern Kenya. Foreign journalists based in Kenya know as well as the wananchi [citizens] that the country is and has always been peaceful and that our development, spirit and activities have grown from strength to strength. The press also knows that the situation in northern Kenya has been generally tranquil except for isolated incidents of fighting by small bands of tribesmen and cattle rustlers. The president had personally visited northern Kenya on occasions to raise funds and inspire the people of the area towards unity and development.

We wonder why the foreign press has chosen to ignore the official statements which have been issued on two occasions by the government regarding the situation in Wajir.

On both occasions the government made it very clear that the situation was under control and that Kenya's regular armed forces and police have been permanently positioned in the district and are effective in keeping law and order between the feuding ethnic groups.

There has never been a mass murder or massacre in the area. Only a total of fifty-seven, and not three hundred, people have died in the tribal clashes....

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