

Rhodesian Crisis Linked to Anti-Apartheid Struggle in South Africa

(Editor's Note: A recent visitor to the Detroit area was I. B. Tabata, president of the "Unity Movement of South Africa." His local talks and press interviews centered around the recent move for independence by Rhodesia. Henry Austin of the Alexander Defense Committee, which sponsored Tabata's local appearances, has written the following article explaining the current Rhodesian crisis.)

By HENRY AUSTIN

The impact of the Rhodesian crisis on the anti-apartheid struggle was highlighted by I. B. Tabata while on tour here last month.

As president of the Unity Movement of South Africa, a federation of anti-apartheid organizations, Tabata has come to the United States from his exile headquarters in Lusaka, Zambia to speak in defense of victims of Apartheid.

Apartheid—the forced separation of Negroes and whites—is at the root of the constitutional crisis in Rhodesia. Ian Smith, Rhodesia's prime minister, campaigned for election in April, 1964, on the promise of a unilateral declaration of independence (UDI). He won on the strength of the vote of a tiny minority of the population, the 220,000 settlers (five per cent of the people).

But Rhodesia's 3.8 million people of African descent are opposed to independence for this self-governing colony of Great Britain until they have full and equal voting rights and a say in the political and economic life of the country.

The present crisis can be traced to the apartheid policies that originated with the outright conquest of Rhodesia by Cecil Rhodes and the South Africa Co. in the 1890's. A plateau 5,000 feet high running in a northeasterly direction through the center of the country has been reserved for the use of the settler population. Here on the high veldt the climate is temperate and free of the tsetse fly. Here also tobacco farming predominates, and to this day still provides Rhodesia with 40% of its foreign exchange. Africans have been herded into uneconomic reserves in the low veldt surrounding this plateau.

Overcrowding, poor farming, "heavy taxes, and the "education" of tribal chiefs as labor recruiters—all hallmarks of apartheid—created the migrant labor force of Africans necessary to promote the development of farming on the high veldt.

The creation of the Central African Federation in 1953 (North and South Rhodesia and Nyasaland) materially transformed conditions of life in Rhodesia (South). The economic keystone of the federation was the Kariba dam built on the Zambezi River between Rhodesia and Zambia. The electric power thus generated promoted the industrial development of Rhodesia and created conditions of unprecedented prosperity, particularly so for the settler population, half of whom have come to Rhodesia since federation as skilled and semi-skilled workers.

The Land Apportionment Act (1931) and the Native Land Husbandry Act (1951) have further restricted African land rights. They have accentuated the drift of landless Africans to the towns where they have provided the shovels for the industrial development of Rhodesia. But electrification has not provided the numerous segregated African townships that have sprung up in the industrial centers along the railroad on the high veldt with electricity. While their labor has been necessary for the coun-

try's industrial growth, they are unable because of industrial color-bars to share in this development.

Fully 60 per cent of the population of Salisbury, the capital, is African. It is not surprising therefore that Salisbury has been the center of the demonstrations for political rights that have led to the four-year state of emergency (from when Zambia and Malawi became independent in 1964). Rhodesia have accentuated the acute growth of African political dilemma which can be summed up in one word: Nationalism south of the Zambezi.

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Atkinson was formerly division sales manager for Consolidated Freight Co. of Atkinson, Michigan and has experience as a motor freight terminal manager for Consolidated. For many years he was active in the Garden City Jr. Chamber of Commerce and served as a National Director of the Jr. Chamber in 1959.



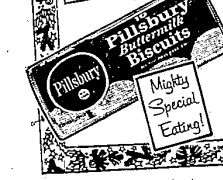
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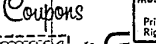
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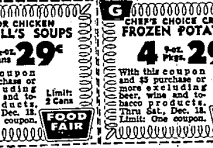
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