

S. Africa Daily Steps Up Campaign Against U.S. 'Dirty Tricks'

SOUTH AFRICA

The South Africa daily *The Citizen* began on June 13 a four-part series of articles vigorously attacking what it called the "progressive wing" of the U.S. State Department and CIA for running destabilization operations against the South African government. The series began on the same day that South African authorities preempted a group of terrorist agents-provocateur from turning the demonstrations in Soweto last week, commemorating the murderous Soweto riots of a year ago, into a massacre.

Three black terrorist agents, who are most likely part of the Institute for Policy Studies-linked Oppenheimer Anglo-American Corporation counter-insurgency networks which criss-cross southern Africa, were sighted by police in downtown Johannesburg. The agents panicked, ran into a garage, and there, murdered two whites. Although the incident was played up in the national press as the opening of a new era of much-dreaded urban terrorism, it was later admitted that the terrorists had bungled their actual assignment. They were supposed to situate themselves behind the crowd at the Soweto demonstrations, fire over the heads of the crowd at the police, and provoke police to indiscriminately shoot into the crowd. The resultant massacre would have touched off a new round of uncontrollable rioting in the country.

The abortion of these provocateurs' mission, combined with the arrest of other IPS-Oppenheimer agents now trying to incite a southern Africa race war, insured that the June 16 first anniversary of last year's racial violence was relatively quiet. There were no deaths in any of the areas where there had been rioting last year. But near Port Elizabeth, nine people were killed by police in two days of rioting, which led to more than 300 arrests. Significantly, there had been no rioting here last year, and it appears that the area was deliberately targeted by provocateurs because the authorities were not expecting trouble.

The Vorster government is being hit with the race riot scenario, embodied in the "progressive" U.S. State Department's so-called Tar Baby Option, authored by Anthony Lake. According to the same plan, Rhodesia's Ian Smith is continuing to invade Mozambique, as partly an effort to fan the fears of the South African right wing, and pressure Vorster to renege on his current behind-the-scenes effort to reorient internal and foreign policy away from war.

While informed black African diplomatic sources report that they know the Vorster government was not behind the most recent internal riots, a June 21 *Christian Science Monitor* editorial ominously warned, "It would be a serious mistake to conclude that racial turmoil is on the decline in South Africa," despite the relative calm of the last week as compared to a year ago. That editorial, without giving its sources, went on to predict that the situation "may erupt once more into violence."

Johannesburgh Daily: CIA Behind S. African Opposition Groups

Johannesburgh — A Johannesburg daily, *the Citizen*, launched a series of accusations against the Carter Administration and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) affirming that in the United States there is a secret war being conducted on three levels to collapse the white minority rule government of South Africa.

In a front page article the daily writes that the progressive-international wing of the State Department and its counterpart in the CIA is actively attempting to destabilize the position (of the whites) by furnishing massive assistance to the resistance movements, to the organizations of black consciousness and to black leaders!

According to *The Citizen*, the Administration of President Jimmy Carter is mobilizing public opinion in the United States against South Africa, as well as the American diplomatic delegations in other countries, exercising pressures on these countries to either pull out or greatly reduce all their investments in South Africa!

The goal of this policy, according to the daily, is to bring about the collapse of the white government, and to ensure the most rapid substitution of the white-minority rule government, by a government of the black majority. When the blacks assume power, the United States will have special and friendly relations with them, whether they are pro- or anti-Marxist!

The Citizen affirms, furthermore, that financing by the U.S. State Department and the CIA are ever increasing in South Africa; in part, the flow of funds is through the American Ambassador at Botswana, who runs a daily, intense trafficking of South African dissidents! The groups which would have received the U.S. funding would have been; the Representative Council of Soweto Students (SSRC), the Black People's Convention (BPC), and the South African Students Organization (SASO).

A spokesman for the American Embassy at Cape Town stated that the ambassador was *still* not ready to give a response to *The Citizen's* allegations.