

## Editorial

### *Another rotten Anglo-Soviet deal*

The violent destabilization unfolding in South Africa is yet another product of the rotten "modus vivendi" between the Russian imperialists ruling in the Kremlin, and the European imperialists who dominate the City of London and Switzerland. The destruction of South Africa, if allowed to proceed by this Anglo-Soviet script, will undermine the security of the West and provoke genocide in South Africa itself, as well as in the rest of the continent.

South African President Pieter Botha hinted at the origin of the problem in his speech to the National Party Congress on Aug. 15, when he attacked foreign interests who are intervening in the South African crisis. Botha said, "South Africa's problems will be solved by South Africans and not by foreigners. . . . The tragedy is that hostile pressure and agitation from abroad have acted as an encouragement to the militant revolutionaries in South Africa to continue with their violence and intimidation."

The "militant revolutionaries" are the Moscow-backed African National Congress (ANC), whose executive committee issued a call in January to make South Africa "ungovernable." The ANC's imprisoned leader, Nelson Mandela, has said that "violent revolution" is the only way forward. While the ANC is not totally controlled by Moscow, the Soviets are increasing aid, arms, and training to the movement to destabilize South Africa.

Yet so far, Botha and black moderate leaders in South Africa have failed to name the main forces trying to undermine the country: the British oligarchs who have milked South Africa throughout this century, and whose International Monetary Fund and World Bank are turning the African continent into a holocaust of starvation and disease. From London, these interests, led by modern-day heirs of the British Empire's Cecil Rhodes, oversee not only the mining operations that make Britain the dominant financial power in South Africa, but also the institutions—such as the Institute for Race Relations—used to control much of the black opposition to apartheid.

It is the business complex of the Oppenheimer interests (Anglo-American), which includes the Central Selling Organization (diamonds, DeBeers), and the big British banks of Standard Chartered and Barclay's, that runs South African raw materials and finance. This cartel wields a powerful blackmail card against the industrialized countries, especially the United States and Western Europe, which depend on South Africa for strategic minerals not otherwise available in the West. These are the same British interests which have cut the New Yalta deal with the Soviet Union, in a plan to use the Soviets and their assets to destroy the United States and the underdeveloped countries.

They have decided to sacrifice South Africa as part of their global plan—but they don't realize that only the Soviets will benefit from this.

British oligarchical obsessions are thus leading the West into a tragic policy-error. It must not be forgotten that the British set up the apartheid system in the first place, as the means of both preventing the development of the black population of South Africa, keeping them as slaves at the bottom of a caste society, and of manipulating the "Boers," to make sure that the bitterly anti-British white Afrikaners would never link up with republican forces elsewhere, and make a real republic in South Africa.

When they were unable to defeat Boer guerrilla tactics in the Boer War of 1902, the British took revenge by introducing concentration camps, where more than 20,000 Boer women and children died. Then, British and U.S.-based Morgan interests, as represented in the Cecil Rhodes mining conglomerate, had a free hand in instituting policies designed build up South Africa as a bulwark of the British empire, with an industrial edifice based on black slave labor. The state Labour Bureaus, set up right after the war, became the guts of the apartheid system.

If the Anglo-Soviet deal prevails, the potential for using South Africa's industrial economy to industrialize the African continent is lost. U.S. policy must be to unmask, and repudiate, that deal.