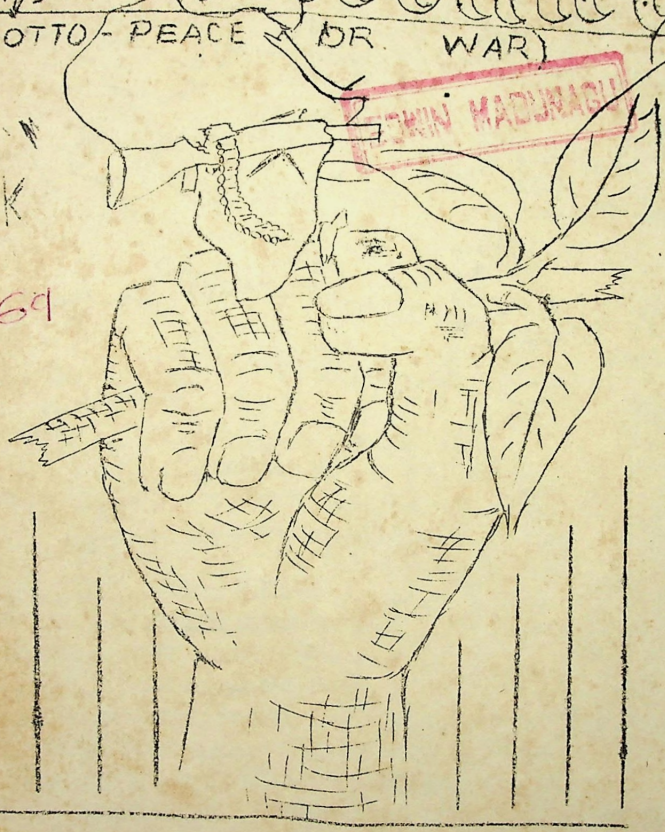
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# TOWARDS COMMUNIST AFRICA BY COMRADE IBRAHIM BAITA

The first task of Mother Africa is to get rid of imperialism - but after imperialism has been defeated the struggle will not be over. The countries of Africa will still be faced with the task of ovecoming poverty, exploitation disease and ignorance. These battles can only be won by marching towards a communist Africa.

Very large areas of Africa have still not developed to a stage of capitalism If there are any industrial or agricultural enterprises employing large numbers of wage-earners: they are usually owned by foreigner concern. Most of our people, whether individually or collectively are still stuck in the root of subsistence farming, growing food limited only to their own consumption.

It is this circumstance which leads many people to doubt even the possibility of socialism for Africa, for socialism is the most modern system, the successor to capitalism, basing itself on advances, large scale industry and agriculture; upon public ownership and planning of production; upon the leading role of a substantial class of men and women who have acquired the habits of discipline and the advanced outlook of the modern proletariat. Scientific Socialism?

That chance remains open to Africa still. But if we are able to take it all, we must clearly recognise certain blunt facts, Among these are:

Socialism can't be built in a country whose economy is dominated by foreign imperialism and international combines.

Socialism can't be built without the most ruthless struggle against bourgeois and prebourgeios exploiters; feudalists, tribalists, selfish get - rich - quick state officials etc.

The building of socialism demands as its leading and guiding force an organised working class, headed by a party of scientific socialists with a Marxist leaninists Orientation.

This means that its absolutely useless and harmful to keep on delibarating about socialism without taking the practical economic, political and organisational measured to turn that ideal into a programme of action. Industrialization, elimination of imperialists control and influence, sweping land reforms, the rapid development of transport, communications, educating the masses - all

these are absolutely essentials; so is the building of a revolutionary party of workers and peasants who marxism and apply its universal lessons to the realities of their own region.

Already we are witnessing the development of an African bourgeorsie class. Ambitious politicians feathering their own nest and accumulating private Capital, agents of foreign imperialist-firms, would-be capitacists who saw in independence only a chance of furthering their business and other ambitions while leaving the masses as badly off as ever.

The achievement of a united Africa and a socialist one for that matter is inseparably bound up with the continuation and the victory of the African Revolution; the victorious struggles of the masses of the people against reactionary forces and classes in Africa itself; for higher living and cultural standards and rapid economic development a long non-Capitalist pattern; for aggratian revolution and industrial development; for democratic rights and national democracy; for a communist [illegible] time has come for us to reach our arms "Arafat.