



Guerrilla Fronts



ZAPU - ANC Joint communiqué

The claim by the Rhodesian regime that our guerrilla forces had been instructed to return to Zambia is downright shameless fabrication and an attempt by the regime to conceal the defeats it is suffering at the hands of our forces.

The fabrications only reveals the desperation in the imperialist campaign to try and attach blame on Zambia for a purely internal African guerrilla uprising in Zimbabwe the causes of which are the evils of oppression perpetrated on the African by the British white settlers in Rhodesia itself.

We wish to make it absolutely clear that the command of our guerrilla forces is permanently internal, with obligations to carry on and expand the guerrilla attacks on the White oppressors without mercy or retreat. Because of the internal cha-

racter of our liberation struggle, orders of returning to Zambia are just out of question and not possible.

We wish to emphasize once again that the fighting is deep in Rhodesia, some 60 miles North West of Salisbury and not in the Zambesi valley. The enemy base camps for the current operations are in Banaket, Sinoia and Karoi and not in the Zambesi valley. Our forces will never retreat and are enjoying an increasing support of the African masses as they advance.

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The fiercest battle of the current guerrilla campaign took place near Mazoe on April 3rd in a battle with the enemy our guerrillas wiped out



seventy-two army soldiers. During the night of April 3rd and early parts of April 4th, a wide section of the Chirundu — Salisbury road was closed to all public traffic moving in both directions of this Zambia Salisbury highway. The reason was that the army was busy gathering their dead from the battle-field. The South African soldiers killed in this engagement were first flown to

Wankie and from there to the Caprivi Strip on their way to South Africa. Some well informed sources have given the number of the killed South African troops in the recent battles as forty-two. It is also believed that it was a result of the disastrous routing of the enemy in this battle that fresh and menacing threats and anti-Zambia hysteria is being whipped in South Africa.