

**World Wide Federation
of
Ethiopian Students**

**STATEMENT
ON
THE NEW WAVE
OF
FASCISTIC
REPRESSION
IN
ETHIOPIA**

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Confronted with the ever deepening and heightening revolutionary struggle of the Ethiopian peoples against feudalism, imperialism and bureaucrat capitalism, under the genuine leadership of the Ethiopian Peoples' Revolutionary Party, the fascist military Junta has once again launched a most barbaric war of genocide on the revolutionary and popular masses. Over the last several weeks alone, hundreds of militant workers, peasants, teachers, and students that are suspected of being EPRP members or sympathizers have been cold-bloodedly eliminated by its Zionist-trained assassin squads through methods so barbaric and inhumane that have no parallels in recent world history. Thousands more are languishing in prisons, in its futile and counter-revolutionary designs to "annihilate" the EPRP and thereby stifle the onward march of the New Democratic Revolution in Ethiopia.

Since its usurpation of the state power two years ago, the blood-thirsty fascist junta has increasingly been intensifying its dual tactics of terror and fraudulent demagoguery. With the open and "generous assistance" of U.S. imperialism and Israeli Zionism, the Junta has committed countless crimes on the popular masses. It has banned all democratic freedoms and political liberties; massacred unarmed peasants leaving thousands homeless and starving to death; executed countless revolutionaries and democratic elements; banned all revolutionary mass organizations; disarmed peasants while they are defending themselves from attacks by feudal bandits and warlords; liquidated revolu-

tionary peasant associations; burned Zemacha students alive; carried out a "scorched earth policy" of barbarism against oppressed nationalities which are fighting for their legitimate right of self-determination and against brutal national oppression and exploitation; engaged in terroristic propaganda against the EPRP, revolutionary mass organisations and the youth in general, fabricating ludicrous charges and issuing calumnious statements against them which have repeatedly fallen on deaf ears because of their overdosage; amassed expensive and deadly military hardware which has awfully contributed to the prevailing catastrophic economic conditions; etc., etc.

The Junta has, over the last several weeks, again stepped up its terroristic campaign against the EPRP, workers, organized peasants, teachers, and students — in short, against the revolution. Mass shooting and torturing have become its daily practices. Among the arrested, the destinies of more than one thousand revolutionaries and democrats is unknown. Among recent terrifying stories that have leaked through the complete news blackout are the following:

■ The bodies of 57 workers, teachers, peasants and students were found near a small village called Jarri, 50 kms. north of Dessie — all shot and their faces mutilated (burned) beyond recognition!

■ The bodies of one hundred students, between the ages of 13 and 20 have been found near Addis Ababa thrown in a ditch and half-eaten by hyenas.

■ On November 2, 1976 the Junta has announced its official execution of 23 revolutionaries whom it claimed were members of the EPRP.

■ According to news reports in the international bourgeois press, which apparently has been carrying out a systematic news blackout on Ethiopia these days, inhumane brutalities are carried out on arrested revolutionaries and democrats. Examples include the forced feeding of mud mixed with urine, mutilating of essential parts of the body like cutting the tongue, fingers, breasts, sexual organs, etc.

■ The Zionist-trained "Flame Brigade" which operates in manners similar to, if not surpassing, that of Hitler's "Storm Troops", are daily intensifying their wanton killings in urban as well as rural areas. A few examples:

★ In Addis Ababa, 17 young militants were very recently shot dead while peacefully sitting in a bar: troops just suddenly appeared at the bar and indiscriminately shot them dead on the spot.

★ Five more, including two militant girls, were murdered in a like manner in the Gedam Sefer area in Addis Ababa.

★ In Addis Ababa, again, 10 more young militants were massacred in a similar action in the area called "Italian sefer".

★ In Jimma, 7 teachers have recently perished in a similar encounter by this assassin squad.

These are just examples. Many similar examples abound. And yet, because of the secret nature of the executions, hundreds of such instances pass unnoticed and unreported. It

is not uncommon these days to find dead and mutilated bodies every morning in ditches, floating on rivers, on street corners, etc.

More revealing of the grave state of isolation and desperation of the fascist Junta and its ideologues, the Haile Fida-Senai Likke "intellectual" clique, is the plan that is currently being finalized to be launched in the not too distant future. According to this plan, which was uncovered by the EPRP and reported in its October 22, 1976 statement, the Junta is planning to declare a state of emergency in and around Addis Ababa to even further escalate its fascist repression. "During this state of emergency," the statement discloses, **"the Derg envisages to order all inhabitants of Addis Ababa to stay indoors for 72 hours during which time the security forces are expected to carry out virtual house to house searches for arms and suspected revolutionaries and members of the EPRP."**

But all of this is in vain! The history of class struggle teaches and the current political reality in Ethiopia itself unequivocally confirms that no counter-revolutionary terror, blatant lies and bogus slogans, however fascist and deceptive they might be and no matter what twists and turns they might cause on the road to victory, can dupe the ever combative popular masses. The Ethiopian New Democratic Revolution, led by the multi-national Ethiopian proletariat through its Marxist-Leninist vanguard, the EPRP, is ever surging forward! The EPRP and its armed wing, the Ethiopian Peoples' Revolutionary Army, are on the lead

and continue to grow stronger and are dealing telling blows to the Junta, further adding to its desperation and franticness. As the EPRP, in its statement referred to above, aptly pointed out, "the Junta has further sunk into a doomed situation. The state of emergency and the search is one last desperate gamble on its part to save itself from the inevitable doom. It will fail!!"

In this and its past manoeuvres, the fascist Junta is nourishing the very fires it is attempting to extinguish, just as "a drowning man clings to the waves"!! The atrocities it is perpetrating on the popular masses and the overdose of fictitious statements and ludicrous charges on the EPRP and other revolutionary mass organizations, including the WWFES, are exposing the Junta and its intellectual cohorts to their bone. The combative spirit of the popular masses is running high and, with the revolutionary leadership of the EPRP and its army, the EPRA, the Ethiopian masses shall surely wipe off the bloodstains, bury their fallen comrades and go on fighting the brutal enemy with even greater determination, vigilance and vigor. And victory is surely theirs!!

As the EPRP, in its message of solidarity to the Fourth Congress of the WWFES, puts it, "the sky is dark and the road is tortuous. But we shall achieve victory. The sky will shine with stars that are red with the blood of our martyrs and the banner of our conviction."

The World-Wide Federation of Ethiopian Students once again calls upon all revolutionary and progressive organ-

izations and groups as well as all democratic forces the world over to step up their solidarity actions with the heroic Ethiopian peoples and to strongly condemn the barbarous atrocities of the fascist Junta.

It likewise calls upon member unions to redouble their vigilance, intensify their struggle, and to once again take all necessary steps to draw the international public opinion to the struggle of the Ethiopian peoples against feudalism, imperialism, and bureaucratic capitalism represented by the fascist Junta by organizing protest forums, teach-ins, demonstrations, denunciation statements, etc.

Together with the EPRP, we say
GLORY TO OUR MARTYRS!!!

**Death to the Fascist Junta, imperialism,
Feudalism and Banda Intellectuals!!!**

Long Live the EPRP and the EPRA!!!

Victory to the proletariat and oppressed masses!!!

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