

Fake news is not new as a forgotten episode from the time demonstrated, there are no new tricks for old dogs. An editorial in "*Renmin Ribao*" October 28 1965 denounced "**A Clumsy Forgery, a Foul Plot**" directed at the circulation of a bogus publication that associated itself with the genuine radical periodical *African Revolution* in Algiers, and claimed the editorial office of the magazine as located in Tirana, capital of Albania.

By quoting a remark of Chinese Premier Chou En-lai that "*revolutionary prospects are excellent throughout the African continent,*" it hands out the lie that "China acknowledges its obligation to lead the revolutionary movements throughout Africa against the feudal rulers and the neo colonialists who finance these lackey."

Whereas the editorial stated China has "always held that the primary tasks of the African countries at present are to combat imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism, remove the vestiges of colonialism, uphold national independence and state sovereignty and develop the national economy. This is because imperialism has not perished and the struggle against imperialism and colonialism is far from being concluded."

"The Chinese Government has more than once stated that it supports the governments of African countries in following a policy of peace, neutrality and non-alignment, holds that all countries should respect the sovereignty of African countries, and opposes aggression and intervention from any quarter. This viewpoint and stand of China is unequivocal and consistent and cannot be distorted."

Nor was it an isolated malicious "dirty trick" to discredit China and "sow seeds of discord", the editorial noted

"Of late, a pamphlet issued in the name of the "People's Front of East Africa" has been circulated by some people in East Africa. The tone of the pamphlet is exactly the same as *Revolution in Africa* and obviously originates from the same mould."

The weekly news magazine, *Peking Review* carried a response from the Sudanese peace champion Ahmed Mohammed Kheir the alleged editor of the fake publication.

A.M. Kheir Condemns Imperialist's' Forged Publication to Slander China

In a statement dated October 19 issued in Peking, A.M. Kheir, Secretary of the Sudan Committee for Defence of National Independence and World Peace, strongly condemned the imperialists and their agents for forging a magazine called "Revolution in Africa" and calling him as "editor." Following is the text of the statement. - Ed.

A forged publication entitled "**Revolution in Africa**" dated January-March 1965, carrying a number of articles and attributed to me as "editor" was widely

circulated, particularly in East African countries. I would like to categorically state here that this publication is an out-and-out forgery and a contemptible attempt by imperialists and their agents to create dissension and confusion; it deserves nothing but strong condemnation. This forged publication carries names of ten persons from different parties of Africa claiming that they are an "editorial board" in addition to my name as "editor." I would like to state here that no contact, direct or indirect, or discussion of any agreement at any time anywhere, among these persons was made on whether to bring out such a publication or not. I hope that once they learn of this forged publication, they would make their stand clear, strongly denounce it and absolve themselves.

The fake publication carries a number of articles of a sinister nature with the aim of sowing dissension among certain African persons and African leaders in some countries on the one hand, while causing confusion among the African people in general on the other hand. The articles completely distort and openly vulgarize the concept of socialism, the position of African progressives and their approach to African problems. In addition they portray the People's Republic of China in the picture of a conspirator interfering in the internal affairs of other countries and plotting to subvert governments and regimes in Africa. Such a dirty attempt cannot under any circumstances elude the African people, dampen their vigilance or weaken their struggle against the common enemy of all the peoples of the world - imperialism, colonialism, neo- and old led by the U.S.A.

As for the attempt to use the name of the People's Republic of China in this forgery to disrupt the friendly relations between the Chinese people and the African people, we are fully confident that no imperialist plot or machination, overt or covert, will distort her image or lower her prestige before the eyes of the fighting African people.

I am confident that all clear-minded Africans will not fall victims to this imperialist plot; on the contrary, they will fight, expose and crush this sinister plot and history will absolve their correct stand.

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