

**Possibility of "peaceful talks"** In a Tass commentary (in English 1135 gmt 6 Jan 87) marking the anniversary, Yuriy Ulyanovskiy noted that while ANC members "organise massive actions of the population . . . and lead combat operations of the armed detachments of fighters against apartheid", at the same time "the ANC leaders do not give up the idea of peaceful talks aimed at dramatically restructuring the life of the country, if the Pretoria authorities show in practice that they are ready for it". Ulyanovskiy also said: "Refuting false allegations of the Western and racist propaganda, ANC leaders proved in word and deed that their organisation opposed racism in any of its manifestations and was not going to take revenge on the white for decades of suffering of the black majority. It is not that the blacks of South Africa are fighting the whites. Democracy is fighting the reactionary forces." Citing Gorbachev's meeting with Tambo in November, he noted: "The Soviet Union reiterated in no uncertain terms its invariable solidarity with the patriotic forces of South Africa."