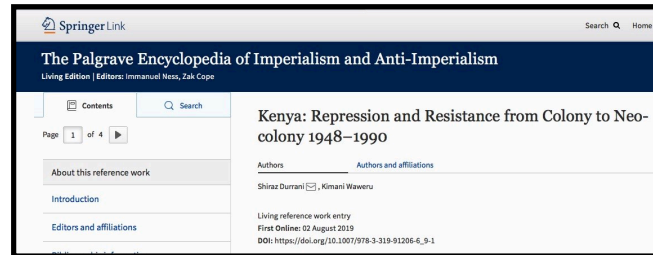


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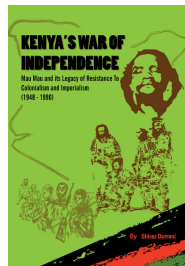
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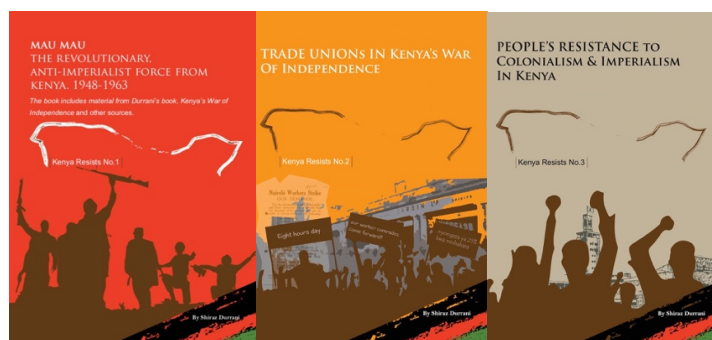
Who is the enemy?

***The enemy is imperialism, which uses its weapons
Colonialism and neo-colonialism– Nkrumah (1963)***

The above quotation from Kwame Nkrumah sums up the struggle in Kenya and Africa—historical as well as current. It also provides the context and the scope of this article. Repression by imperialism and people’s resistance in response to it cannot be seen in isolation from each other. These opposites—repression and resistance – are in a cause-and-effect relationship with each other, with the process having been started by colonial repression in 1884. The struggle continued in the 1960s as African countries achieved political independence: now it was neo-colonialism that people’s forces had to fight. Neo-colonialism’s grip on African countries is now as entrenched as was that of the colonial powers in the earlier period. The contradiction between imperialism and people was, and is, the main feature of life for working people in Kenya and Africa. The global ‘cold war’ between capitalism and socialism was reflected in Kenya in the contradiction between the conservatives and the radicals in KANU in the independence period. Later this developed into the contradiction between the comprador ruling class and resistance movement maintaining the line of Mau Mau and seeking socialist solutions.

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