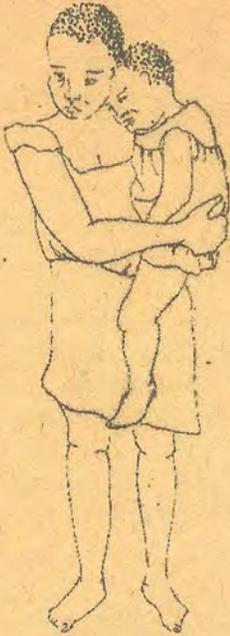


BOYCOTT the RHODESIAN INFORMATION MINISTER

Do not attend this meeting of the Harvard Law School Forum



We urge you not to attend the speech by the Rhodesian Information Officer for the following reasons:

I. Mr Towsey represents an illegal, racist, dictatorial system.

Through the use of detention without trial, prohibition of free speech and a free press, the denial of the franchise to Blacks, the denial to Blacks of representation in the government of their nation - not to mention the denial to Blacks of the right to rule their own country - the regime in Rhodesia perpetuates itself. Such a regime can have no intellectual underpinning that reasonable people are bound to respect. It smells of Hitler Germany. It assaults the fundamental humanity of Black people everywhere.

Mr Towsey, the Rhodesian Information Officer, is not a private citizen of Rhodesia, come to argue the merits of an unpopular political system. Rather, he is a propaganda officer for a regime that is intent on imposing the rule of 250,000 white settler on over six million black Africans. This regime has been universally condemned by the world community; it has not been recognized by any nation in the world.

Rhodesia (called Zimbabwe by its African peoples and the African community) is still considered a territory under British administration by the United Nations. The U.N., in General Assembly resolution 2024 of 1965, and in Security Council Resolutions 216 and 217 of 1965 and 221 of 1966, and in other resolutions directed against the white minority regime in Zimbabwe, has condemned and sought to defeat this regime, by imposing an international political, economic, social and cultural boycott. The United States has complied with the UN resolutions with Executive Orders 11322 and 11414 of 1967, designed to place embargoes on trade with Rhodesia and to prevent certain transactions between Rhodesian and American nationals.

A boycott of Towsey tonight is not only consistent with the acts of the US and the UN, but helps implement the clear directive of the people of Zimbabwe and the world community: End oppression in Zimbabwe by ending this racist regime!

II. If the University must abuse the right of "Freedom of Speech" by breaking the UN boycott to allow this man to speak, we ask that you exercise your right not to hear him, and refuse to attend his speech.

Most importantly, to those people who see this speech as an opportunity to hear "unpopular" views at Harvard, it must be pointed out that the views of the Rhodesian Government are not just unpopular, but are an affront to humanity everywhere. Here is a government that does not know the meaning of "freedom of speech", attempting to abuse freedom of speech in the US to legitimize and sanitize their bloody regime.

If the University must abuse the right of freedom of speech by allowing Mr Towsey to speak, we all have a right and an obligation to use our freedom not to listen to him. Only in this way can we show this





university, this nation, and the world, that though he was invited to speak at Harvard Law School, he does not reflect the views or have the support of the Harvard and Cambridge communities.

It is fatuous for people to say that since he was invited by the Forum, everyone knows that he does not represent Harvard's views. How many people will make that distinction when they read the news of his coming here - that Harvard has broken an international boycott to have him speak? How many reporters will report that distinction? And in Zimbabwe, where men and women are fighting and dying for freedom, how many of them will know or care about that distinction? When the speech is reported in the Rhodesian press, to show how popular and accepted the racist regime is in the United States, do you really think they will observe the niceties and state that Mr. Towsey spoke here without the authorization of the University? No; rather, the world and our nation will know only that the Rhodesian

Information Officer was invited to speak, and did speak, at Harvard Law School of Harvard University.

What can you do? The least you can do is boycott this speech. Do not attend. Do not contribute \$1.75 to the Forum for this outrage. To listen to Towsey is to legitimize him. To debate him is to legitimize his position. If we argue with him, we admit that his position is tenable, to be met by reasoned debate. But there cannot be reasonable debate between reasonable men in this situation. When people assert, as the Rhodesian regime has, a position so outrageous, so offensive to justice, morality, and human dignity, they have abandoned reason for naked force. Their enemies cannot be expected to reason with killers.

Give Mr. Towsey the audience he deserves: An empty room!



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