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PROTEST KISSINGER VISIT TO BOSTON!

We have just learned that Secretary of State Kissinger is scheduled to address the National Urban League at their convention in Boston on Monday, August 2 at 7:30 p.m. His talk will deal with U.S. policy in Africa. Presumably he will try to portray the U.S. as a supporter of majority rule in Southern Africa under the "new Africa policy."

All of us were outraged when Kissinger met with Vorster only days after the Soweto demonstrations. This appearance is a good occasion to denounce and expose the hypocrisy with which Kissinger pretends to support African liberation while trying to arrange a neo-colonial solution in Zimbabwe that will preserve the interests of South African apartheid and American imperialism.

There will be a demonstration against Kissinger as a symbol of U.S. imperialism and its manifestation in Africa. We will assemble at 7:00 in front of the Hynes Memorial Auditorium at the corner of the Prudential Center, near Boylston and Dalton Streets, and picket as Kissinger enters and speaks. We would like to have a disciplined demonstration that will clearly express our message through the media.

The demonstration is sponsored by the Southern Africa Solidarity Committee and several other organisations. For further information, call 625-7199 or 524-7142.

ERITREAN RELIEF CAMPAIGN

An Eritrean Relief Committee has been formed to raise funds for the relief of victims of the war in Eritrea. The Boston Branch of the Committee will be holding a meeting on the situation there on Saturday, August 14, at 8:00 p.m. at Harvard University Science Center (Hall D), Cambridge. Donation is $2.00.

The program will include:
* A discussion by an Eritrean expert of the famine situation in Eritrea.
* A presentation on the politics of hunger globally and continentally.
* A film on hunger and relief in Africa.
* A discussion of what people can do to help, by a representative from the main office of the Eritrean Relief Committee.

PETITION CAMPAIGN

We will soon be submitting the petitions that we sent out to you about a month ago. Please send in any partially or wholly completed petitions you may have.
You might have already heard that the contract for construction of a huge nuclear reactor complex was not given to an Dutch-Swiss-American consortium by the South African government. This was a result of opposition in those countries. The contract was instead awarded to a French consortium.

Export-Import credits were also denied to the Fluor Corporation for a coal gasification plant that it would have constructed in South Africa at a cost of hundreds of millions of dollars. While this is also a victory and a blow to South Africa's efforts to attain energy self-sufficiency, there are still hundreds of millions worth of Ex-In credits still standing to prop up the South African economy. We will try to keep you informed of future issues regarding U.S. investments in South Africa.