

WHY WE ARE DEMONSTRATING AGAINST
DR. KISSINGER AT THE NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE CONVENTION

The purpose of this demonstration is to protest the United States policy on Africa framed by Dr. Kissinger. Dr. Kissinger has toured Africa to try to salvage his government's reputation through a "new Africa policy." But the policy remains essentially the same, of defending corporate profits by supporting backward and racist regimes.

SOUTH AFRICA

Secretary of State Kissinger does not support majority rule in South Africa as a whole. Considering this an internal question, he accepts the South African view that impoverished puppet "Bantustans" would constitute "majority rule." He still stands by the position of his 1969 memorandum ("NSSM 39") that "the white are here to stay and the only way constructive change can come is through them," which implies opposition to the liberation movement. Thus, his talks with Vorster only days after the massacre at Soweto logically follow.

It is clear that vast and profitable U.S. investments in South Africa determine the real policy there. These have tripled in the last ten years to over \$1.5 billion and new projects worth hundreds of millions are under way. It must be emphasized that these investments are crucial to the South African economy while in no fundamental way do they change the apartheid system. Also significant is growing military cooperation in use of the Cape naval tracking station and sales of aircraft for military uses.

ZIMBABWE(RHODESIA) AND NAMIBIA(SOUTH WEST AFRICA)

The United States, with Britain, has the power to break the illegal white supremacist Smith regime. Instead, it has chosen to join another state, South Africa, to interfere in Zimbabwe and try to set up a "moderate" government without regard to the wishes of the Zimbabwean people.

The United States continues to break UN sanctions on Rhodesia under provisions of the Byrd Amendment, which allows importation here of tens of million dollars annually of chrome, backbone of the Rhodesian economy. American oil companies are allowed to sell oil to Rhodesia through a network of fronts and subsidiaries. The Rhodesian Information Office is still allowed to operate in Washington as a powerful lobby and a agent for the illegal regime.

In Namibia as well, the United States is prepared to undercut the liberation movement by recognising constitutional talks under South African sponsorship. American investors have not been required to recognise the authority of the United Nations in the territory; this constitutes de facto acceptance of South Africa's occupation there.

ANGOLA

Dr. Kissinger's policy of intervention in Angola failed. However, he still presumes to interfere with a sovereign state by setting conditions on Angola's admission to the United Nations. The United States should withdraw its veto against Angola and recognise the government there.

ERITREA

Eritrea is strategically located in the mouth of the Red Sea in the horn of Africa. The Eritrean national liberation struggle, now in its fifteenth year, against the U.S. and Israeli-backed Ethiopian colonial occupation, is one of the longest liberation movements in Africa. For more than two decades, the U.S. has been the most consistent and staunchest supporter of Ethiopia in its war of expansion and aggression in Eritrea. Recently, the Ethiopian military junta made a deal with the U.S. government for \$300 million to re-equip its entire armed forces. Now tanks and armored cars are unloaded daily at the port of Assab. A squadron of F-5A jets has already been made.

We demand that the U.S. cease its military aid to the Ethiopian junta.

SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS: African National Congress of South Africa, Southern Africa Solidarity Committee, Eritreans for Liberation in North America, African Students and Workers for African Liberation, International Socialists.

STATEMENT BY AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICA REGARDING VISIT OF URBAN LEAGUE HEAD TO SOUTH AFRICA

The ANC (South Africa), through its office at the United Nations, unequivocally and categorically condemned the visit of Vernon Jordan, Executive Director of the National Urban League, to South Africa under the sponsorship of the Xerox Corporation. His timing also could not have been worse, coming as it did during the massacre of Black people. We consider this action on the part of Vernon Jordan to be diametrically opposed to the views of the majority of Black Americans.