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New York, NY November 1982... The role of transnational corporations in South African occupied Namibia is the subject of a new study and a four day international seminar to be held in Washington DC, with the support of the United Nations, November 29- December 2.

The American Committee on Africa (ACOA) which has worked to support African independence since its founding in 1953, is organizing the seminar in cooperation with the United Nations Council for Namibia. The Council is the organ established by the UN General Assembly with legal authority for Namibia's future following termination of South Africa's mandate over Namibia in 1966.

"Namibia's Stolen Wealth: North American Corporations and South African Occupation" is the subject of a thoroughly documented study prepared for the seminar by Gail Hovey, research director of ACOA's associate The Africa Fund. It includes a foreword by the first United Nations Commissioner for Namibia, Sean MacBride, who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1974. Mr. MacBride will serve as president of the seminar in Washington.

Mr. MacBride will address a National Press Club breakfast background meeting open to all members of the working press at 8:30 am, Wednesday, December 1 at the National Press Building.

Members of the press are also cordially invited to attend the opening session of the seminar, Monday evening, November 29 at 7:30 pm in the Dover Room of the Sheraton Washington Hotel, 2660 Woodley Street at Connecticut Avenue, NW.

In addition to Mr. MacBride, the opening session will hear statements from H.E. Paul J.F. Lusaka, chairman of the United Nations Council for Namibia and permanent representative from the Republic of Zambia to the UN; H.E. Paul Bomani, ambassador from the United Republic of Tanzania to the United States and dean of the African diplomatic corps in Washington; Theo-Ben Gurirab, SWAPO of Namibia Permanent Observer to the United Nations and chief representative in the United States; Ms. Jean Sindab, director of the Washington Office on Africa; and Justice William Booth, president of the American Committee on Africa.

Participants in the seminar will be coming from such locations as: Africa, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Federal Republic of Germany, France, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom, USSR, and the USA.

Interviews may be arranged, and advance copies of the 53 page study on North American corporations in Namibia are available upon request.

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