COALITION TO SUPPORT THE LIBERATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

SOWETO, MIAMI, NEW YORK -- ONE ENEMY, ONE FIGHT!

FIGHT RACISM! FIGHT APARTHEID! FIGHT TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS:

OPPOSE NUCLEAR POWER AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS: STOP THE DRAFT:

DARE TO STRUGGLE, UNITE TO WIN!

WHY SHOULD WE CONNECT STRUGGLES AGAINST RACISM, CORPORATIONS AND WAR?

The Coalition to Support the Liberation of Southern Africa consists of over 20 organizations in the greater New York area; we join together to connect our struggle against racism, apartheid, nuclear power, transnational corporations and the draft. Some or all of these issues are the focus of individual organizations within our Coalition. We have learned from working with the liberation movements in southern Africa that the key to our victory is UNITY.

U.S. RACISM -- SOUTH AFRICAN APARTHEID

Racism is perhaps the leading divisive force in the U.S. Racism permits the ruling class in this country to divide and oppress the American people. The struggle against racism is the main connecting link among the members of the Coalition.

Racism in South Africa is institutionalized by the apartheid system. Racism here and apartheid in South Africa effectively deny non-white people economic, political and social justice. The majority of South Africans are now engaged in a struggle against apartheid. This struggle will end only when apartheid that allows whites, 16% of the population to own 84% of the land, is overthrown.

In South Africa Blacks are shunted into hazardous, low-wage, inferior jobs. Unemployment is high among non-white South Africans while housing, medical care and education are sub-standard. The same forces that produce huge profits at the expense of people's lives in South Africa are at work in the U.S. Thus when we support the liberation movements in South Africa, Namibia, and other parts of Africa we are fighting racism. The U.S. government and NATO nations are the main props of the apartheid regime in Pretoria. To oppose apartheid is to expose the racism and cynicism of the U.S. government's so-called Human Rights policy.

TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, RACISM, AND APARTHEID

Cheap Black labor serves as the basis for the huge profits of the transnational corporations in South Africa. Exxon, Mobil, Texaco, General Motors, IT&T, and 3M are just a few of the giant firms that have invested in the low-wage haven of racist South Africa. U.S. corporations have over $2 billion invested in South Africa; Citibank had, by 1979, lent South Africa $1.6 billion, and at the same time it was redlining Harlem. Citibank produced only $607,000 in mortgages for Harlem while the community deposited nearly $42 million in Citibank. We oppose corporate American racism by calling for the divestment of South African investments and by withdrawing money from banks that fund apartheid. American money is keeping the apartheid regime alive. Racism and apartheid enrich the corporations at human expense.

The Pretoria regime is engaged in a bloody war against the liberation forces in Namibia and against the Frontline States. The South African Army uses G.M. trucks; they are fueled by Mobil and Texaco. The very corporations that are causing inflation and unemployment in the U.S. are clandestinely at work against the people of South Africa, Namibia and Angola. Bankers and industrialists call for increased military spending here; cutbacks in human services are hurting the poor and the working people. Our tax moneys are increasingly being devoted to the military.

Thus to oppose the transnational corporations we must see the links in a worldwide struggle; by supporting liberation forces in southern Africa and other parts of the world we confront the transnationals' ruthless disregard for people's lives and well-being abroad and at home.

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South Africa credits its nuclear advancement to the scientific, corporate and economic assistance of the U.S., Israel and West Germany. Namibia and South Africa together produce the third largest uranium output in the non-communist world. The combination of advanced technology and a ready source of uranium, according to recent testimony at the U.N., make South Africa capable of producing a Nagasaki-size bomb by 1984! The mysterious explosion last year in the Indian Ocean may indicate that South Africa's nuclear weaponry is already at the testing stage.

The link between nuclear power and weapon development is tied to the apartheid regime's strategy against the liberation forces in southern Africa. The Pretoria regime may threaten to use its nuclear weapons if popular revolt triggers a wider war on the African continent.

The mining and export of uranium from Namibia by Western corporations are intensifying over the protest of the people of Namibia; NATO countries depend on uranium imports for their nuclear power industry and nuclear weapons. The uranium miners in Namibia are exposed to the same health hazards as the indigenous people in this country who work in domestic uranium mines. ALL URANIUM MUST BE KEPT IN THE GROUND!

Anti-nuclear forces here have focused on the links between Wall Street and the nuclear power industry. We must now begin to see these links as part of a worldwide conspiracy against peace, safety, and freedom of the people of the world. Our struggle against NUKEs is part of the struggle against what some have called NUCLEAR APARTHEID. Unity among our movements can defeat the nuclear power industry, apartheid, and racism.

**THE DRAFT**

In South Africa today there are over 1,000 young men in jail for resisting the draft. The South African army, the largest and most powerful army in sub-Saharan Africa, is presently engaged in fighting against the liberation forces of SWAPO in Namibia. It is also attempting to destabilize the Government of Angola. South African war resisters learned from the Vietnam anti-draft forces in the U.S. They say too, "HELL NO WE WON'T GO!" and flee South Africa seeking exile in whatever country will accept them. Significantly, the U.S. refuses to accept these young men as political refugees.

When anti-draft forces here chant "HELL NO WE WON'T GO, WE WON'T FIGHT FOR TEXACO" they recognize that the transnational corporations are the only ones that benefit in a war. We don't want our brothers and sisters to fight for the preservation of corporate profits; we don't want another generation of American youth to fight a racist war in the Third World.

We have been divided by racism and by our own ignorance of the international nature of the system which oppresses all of us. The draft has been used again and again to "relieve" unemployment while sending young people to fight to keep the world safe for U.S. investment; for Dow Chemical, Standard Oil, U.S. Steel, Chase Manhattan Bank and the 2% of the American ruling class who own and control 80% of the stock to further enrich themselves.

The answer to the flight back in U.S. cities in the late 60's and recent months which were caused by racism and poverty was to increase draft registration. Blacks and Third World youths, the poor and the working class were the ones who fought and died in Vietnam. Will the answer to Miami, Orlando and Chattanooga be sending U.S. youths to fight for apartheid in South Africa?

We won't be duped by Pentagon propagandists who say we must fight the "Soviets" for the resources of the world. The lives and wealth of southern Africa belong to the people there. We support their struggle, a struggle to keep the resources that are rightfully theirs. We can learn from history. We can unite in common cause with all liberation forces in the world--to fight for social justice, dignity and equality.

**SUPPORT U.S. DRAFT RESISTERS:** SUPPORT SOUTH AFRICAN WAR RESISTERS: STOP OIL TO SOUTH AFRICA! OPPOSE BANK LOANS TO SOUTH AFRICA! BREAK ECONOMIC, NUCLEAR AND MILITARY TIES WITH SOUTH AFRICA! FREE MANDELA AND ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS IN NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA! SUPPORT ANTI-IMPERIALIST FORCES!