The road sign above tells a grim story. It shows that in South and South West Africa people are treated like cattle. Herded. Humiliated. Used for the profit of their masters.

Signs like these are milestones on the road of cruelty and exploitation which leads to the doors of the South African authorities ... and to our own doors as well! The plain, ugly truth is that while the United States at the UN condemns South African apartheid -- pronounced "apart hate" -- we and our allies bolster its racist regime by fostering trade and investment.

American and British interests alone send South Africa 50% of her imports and buy 40% of her exports. On this economic foundation rests the strength and complacency of South Africa's "master race." No wonder the New Republic recently stated that America has ... a special responsibility for South Africa, which constantly offers the Chinese the chance they are obviously seeking to kindle a race war in the "imperialists!" backyards.

As Americans, you and I must prove that our nation offers more than sanctimonious words belied by strong economic support of those who hold South Africa's black millions captive. The AFRICA DEFENSE AND AID FUND of the ACOA stands ready to do everything it can to help these "huddled masses yearning to breathe free."

With your support, the Defense and Aid Fund can provide legal assistance for opponents of apartheid inside South Africa -- and food and shelter for their families. The Fund can also assist those fleeing the country via an "underground railroad" not unlike the one that carried slaves to freedom in our own land a century ago.

With information, action, and a clarion voice, we can bring pressure on the rulers of South Africa to cease their brutal racism and the murder of innocent people -- before open warfare breaks out. Warfare that could develop into World War III.

Your help is desperately needed now if Southern Africa is to be free. Please, lend us your support TODAY. Put $10 -- more if you can; less if you must -- into the postpaid envelope above, and drop it in the mail to me. Your dollars will spell HELP to a persecuted people.

Sincerely,

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