BISHOP MIZE TO BE BARRED FROM SOUTH WEST AFRICA

The Right Rev. Robert H. Mizo, Anglican Bishop of Damaraland, South West Africa, is being forced to leave that international territory by the government of the Republic of South Africa.

Bishop Mize, an American, has been informed by the South African Secretary of the Interior that his permit will expire on July 26, 1968, and that he must leave both South West Africa and the Republic of South Africa on or before that date. The government gave no reason for its action.

The General Assembly of the United Nations in 1966 terminated South Africa's mandate over South West Africa and itself assumed responsibility for the territory. South Africa refuses to recognize the U.N.'s authority and has denied entrance to the U.N. Council for South West Africa which is set up to administer the territory and prepare it for independence. South Africa has extended its racist apartheid system to South West Africa where a half million black Africans are completely under the control of 70,000 whites. Guerrilla activities by South West African freedom fighters led to the conviction in February of 33 men at Pretoria, capital of the Republic of South Africa. Other black men of Namibia - as they call their country now known as South West Africa - are reported detained incommunicado in the Republic.

Bishop Mize, an avowed out-and-cut pacifist, has tried to avoid making an issue of apartheid. His imminent deportation violates the original mandate which guaranteed missionaries the right to work in South West Africa. South Africa's action against him further defies the United Nations.

Two other Anglican bishops have been deported from South Africa in recent years: Bishop Ambrose Reeves of Johannesburg in 1960 and Bishop Edward Crowther of Kimberley in 1967. The Rev. Martin Garrison, an American priest who worked with Bishop Mize, was denied a permit renewal in 1966.

Bishop Mize is a native of Kansas and is well-known in the Episcopal Church as the founder of the St. Francis Boys' Homes. He served under the late Archbishop Joost de Blank in Cape Town before being consecrated sixth Bishop of Damaraland in November, 1960. During his episcopate a number of American priests and lay people followed Bishop Mize to work in South West Africa. The bishop's departure will virtually close down American Episcopalian work in the territory.

The Archbishop of Cape Town and other South African religious leaders have protested to South African authorities. The United States State Department is making strong representations to the Pretoria government.

We ask Americans to add their protest.

Please write: Ambassador H. L. T. Taswell
South African Embassy
3051 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Please collect signatures on the accompanying sheet, and return to ECSA at our address at the top of the page.
WHAT CAN WE DO

- to support Bishop Mize

1.) Send a message of love and support to Bishop Mize, urging him to remain in South West Africa until physically removed by the South African authorities.

   Bishop Robert H. Mize
   The Bishop of Damaraland
   P.O. Box 57
   Windhoek,
   South West Africa

2.) Contact your local religious leaders asking them to join in protest against this treatment of this non-violent pastor in South West Africa.

3.) Write your Senators and Congressmen:
   - Ask them to bring Bishop Mize's deportation to the floor of Congress.
   - Ask them to urge the State Department to continue and increase its representations to the South African government in Pretoria.

4.) Write the United States Ambassador to the United Nations asking him to bring the matter of Bishop Mize's deportation before the General Assembly of the U.N.

   Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg
   United States Mission to the U.N.
   792 U. N. Plaza
   New York, N. Y. 10017

Please notify ECSA of what you do, or send ECSA copies of your letters and telegrams.
We, the undersigned, protest to you and your government the denial of a permit for South West Africa for Bishop Robert H. Mize which is an act of defiance of the world community, an interference in the life and work of the Christian Church and an offense against the consciences of free men everywhere.

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