



The Fluor Corporation, a California-based multinational, is a key supporter of South Africa's slave labor "apartheid" system.

Fluor is also co-owner, along with Royal Dutch/Shell, of A.T. Massey Coal Co., which is trying to bust the United Mine Workers at its U.S. mines.

Fluor and its subsidiaries depend heavily on public funds for construction projects, utility contracts, and other business.

It's time to ask whether a company that helps prop up apartheid ought to receive those public funds.

Fluor Supports Apartheid

Fluor has had contracts worth more than \$4.5 billion to build and maintain coal-to-oil conversion plants for the South African government.

Since South Africa now depends on imported oil—which could be cut off by future international boycotts—these "Sasol" plants are a crucial part of the South African government's plan to defend the apartheid system against outside pressure.

After more than 6,000 Sasol workers joined a two-day strike last November to protest conditions for black South Africans, they were rounded up onto buses by soldiers and sent off to the desolate "homelands" reservations.

Then Fluor helped recruit replacements and provided personnel to maintain Sasol's operations.

In an official policy statement on South Africa in 1979, Fluor said:

"Historically, the Company has always abided by the laws, regulations, and social customs of the country in which it works, and the management intends for the Company to continue in this manner."

Fluor Wants To Turn Back The Clock In The U.S.

While virtually every other major employer renewed its contract with the United Mine Workers last fall without a strike, Fluor's half-owned subsidiary, A.T. Massey Coal Co., has refused.

Massey officials want to put an end to miners' elected safety committees, which have been recognized in UMWA contracts since the 1940s.

They want to lengthen the coal miners' work day to 9 hours.

They have abruptly cut off benefits for widows and retirees.

At two mines in Kentucky, they are planning to take away the jobs of 700 miners who have worked there since the mines opened.

More than 1,200 Massey miners have been on strike since October 1, trying to win a new contract.

Massey has brought in armed mercenaries to break the strike, but they have been stopped by peaceful protests by hundreds of miners. The protests continue despite arrests by state police for violating an injunction against mass picketing.

Fluor Runs on Public Funds

Fluor and its subsidiaries make big profits from public funds for construction projects, coal sales to public utilities, and other business involving the public's money.

In the months ahead, we plan to work with other unions, civil rights and church groups, and interested organizations to cut off public funds for Fluor's business activities.

As long as apartheid runs on Fluor power, Fluor should not be able to run on public funds.

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