

PROTEST U.S. ROLE
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA
PICKET DEL MONTE'S
RIP-OFF IN NAMIBIA



DATE: SEPT. 28th 1976

TIME: 11:30 UNTIL-?

PLACE: 333 S. FLOWER (WORLD TRADE CENTER)
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Del Monte - Food for Profit. Racism for Profit.

- *Del Monte calls itself a "total food system" which means that it controls almost every aspect of producing and delivering it's products. Del Monte operations include research, agricultural production, processing, transport, storage, distribution, advertising, and marketing outlets. This monopolistic control over successive economic functions puts Del Monte in an excellent position to manipulate food supplies, prices and quality.
- *Del Monte is now the world's largest producer and distributor of canned fruits and vegetables. Last year Del Monte totalled more than \$1 billion dollars in consolidated sales. Between 1947 and 1972 Del Monte's total assets increased more than seven-fold to over \$584 million.
- *With this enormous economic power the blacks working in Del Monte's Namibian fishing operation receive starvation wages of \$37 per month and less. The horrid working and living conditions of South Africa are perpetuated by the role of Del Monte and other U.S. corporations. They use the dehumanizing system of apartheid to increase their profits, denying the people of these countries the right to economically and politically control their own countries.

Del Monte continues this role around the world:

- *Owns 87,900 acres and leases 97,900 acres of farmland, ranches, and plantations in U.S., Canada, Kenya, Philippines, and Latin America.
- *Owns overseas operations in Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Greece, Guatemala, Hong Kong, and Taiwan.
- *Now owns United Fruit Co. which monopolizes banana production in Guatemala.
- *In the U.S. 10,000 farmers in 15 states are under contract to produce for Del Monte. Under the contract Del Monte tells them how to grow their crops and how much (or little) they will be paid for them.

Recent Developments

- *For twelve weeks Black and Colored South Africans and white students in Johannesburg, Soweto, Pretoria, Capetown and other Black townships have been demonstrating, marching and striking against the racist, inhumane, unequal, horrid system of Apartheid. This is not spontaneous rioting, as the American press would have us believe, but planned rebellion.
- *Under direct orders of Vorster, the South African police force has responded to this by brutally killing at least 237 Black and Colored demonstrators, and arresting 2200 others.
- *The Vorster Regime has further responded by directly organizing Zulu migrant workers to attack and kill strikers, their student supporters and other Soweto residents. This is the very familiar action of promoting and directing "tribalism", used many times in the past to divide the people's power by colonialist and imperialist powers.

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*Meanwhile, Prime Minister John Vorster and the U.S.'s Henry Kissinger, alone, attempt to decide the future of the people of Namibia (South West Africa), Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) and Azania (South Africa) by inventing a set of concessions to divert the progressive revolts and movements of 95% of the people in these countries.

APARTHEID--RACIST SYSTEM OF OPPRESSION

- *Apartheid is a strict system of racial separation. It starts from the idea that the races must be kept apart. Every person is racially classified by the all white Race Classification Board. Every African, Colored, Asian or Indian must carry a passbook twenty-four hours a day stating their race and a brief life history. Anyone without a passbook goes to jail. There are 3,000 Africans arrested daily. Police can enter and search the house of any Black person at any time without a warrant. Any Black can be stopped at any time, arrested and held indefinitely. Under the Terrorism Act, police can put anyone in solitary confinement indefinitely; police decide what to do with those held and no priest, lawyer or relative can see or get information. Also no court can interfere with police arresting people under this Act.
- *Africans are 80% of the population and they are squeezed onto 13% of the land. Whites are 9% of the population and they control 87% of the land. The African land is called "reserves" and it contains few industries and no important sources of jobs. Africans are forced to leave the "reserves" to find work and to support families.
- *All jobs classified as skilled work are for whites only. No Black can hope to become more than a domestic servant, laborer, clerk or miner. A white South African worker receives five times the salary of a Black worker. Blacks are forced to work by the government which classifies those not working as vagrants liable to prosecution and jail. This forces Africans to accept whatever jobs at whatever wages the whites provide. A special permit is required to enter a city to work and neither men nor women are allowed to bring their husbands, wives or children with them.
- *Close to 50% of the Black children between the ages of one and five in parts of South Africa die of malnutrition and disease. Education for whites is free and compulsory until age 16. African students who want to go beyond sixth must pay. South Africa spends \$60 per year on the education of each African student and \$500 per year on the education of each white student. Every Black child is taught in school that they are and should be inferior in every way to whites.
- FOR MORE INFORMATION

WHY DEL MONTE?

PROTEST AND PICKETT DEL MONTE'S ROLE IN APARTHEID

The Del Monte stockholders will be meeting on Sept. 28, 1976 in San Francisco, to discuss further exploitation of the Namibian people. A statewide demonstration has been called to protest Del Monte's involvement in Namibia and Southern Africa. This involvement is in direct opposition to the Sept. 27, 1974 United Nations decree that states; no nation or corporation can take any natural resources from the territory of Namibia without the U.N. consent. Del Monte is in direct violation of this decree. It is important for us to realize that South Africa continues to occupy Namibia despite the U.N. Resolution that all South Africa's governmental and military occupation be withdrawn by August 31, 1976. The starvation wages Black Africans receive from Del Monte and other corporations operating in Southern Africa only further support white minority rule and it's oppression.

" ANY BLOW WE DELIVER HERE AGAINST DEL MONTE IS
ALSO FELT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA".

WE DEMAND IMMEDIATE:

1. END TO THE SYSTEM OF APARTHEID.
2. SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE PEOPLES OF NAMIBIA (SOUTH WEST AFRICA), ZIMBABWE (RHODESIA), AZANIA (SOUTH AFRICA)
3. WITHDREWAL OF DEL MONTE AND OTHER AMERICAN CORPORATIONS FROM NAMIBIA, AZANIA AND ZIMBABWE.
4. U.S. RECOGNITION OF S.W.A.P.O.
5. END OF VORSTER-KISSENGER DEALS ON THE FUTURE OF NAMIBIA AZANIA AND ZIMBABWE.

"Solidarity with the African Peoples"

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