

# DON'T BUY

Today we are asking you not to buy Del Monte sardines, or shop at any store that sells them. This is a way of supporting the struggles of Black people in Southern Africa--Namibia (South-West Africa), South Africa and Zimbabwe (Rhodesia)--against the racist, white minority regimes that rule there. Most people in the community are not aware of how the investments of U.S. corporations, like Del Monte, help prop up these governments while they rob Africans of what is rightfully theirs.



Here is what Del Monte is doing in Namibia:

\* Del Monte cans \$1.4 million worth of sardines in South Africa. These sardines are caught from Walvis Bay, Namibia. This is a direct violation of a United Nations declaration that prohibits companies from taking natural resources from Namibia, which is illegally ruled by South Africa.

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\* These sardines, which are almost 100% protein are sold abroad, mostly to feed cattle and cats. Yet, 3 out of every 4 Namibians are undernourished and only  $\frac{1}{3}$  of all children live past the age of 5, due to malnutrition. Most Namibians are too poor to buy sardines.

\* African workers who pack these sardines for Del Monte are paid only \$40 a month, less than 20¢ an hour. They are forced to live in compounds, away from their families, for between 11 months and 2 years at a time. Prime minister Jon Vorster and his racist South African government have passed laws that do not allow Black African workers to join labor unions or strike.

## MONTE

\* Del Monte directly helps the South African government stay in power by paying taxes to Vorster and his friends. Most of this money is used to beef up the police and armed forces, which are used to keep the masses of Black people "in their place". The South African government recently ordered the ruthless killing of over 1,000 Black people in Soweto, South Africa.

\* Besides Namibia, Del Monte exploits workers and takes food out of the mouths of starving people in Kenya, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Mexico, the Philippines and 14 other countries.

## SARDINES

The Southern Africa Support Committee is actively trying to expose the role of U.S. corporations, like Del Monte, in Southern Africa. Join us; give support to the Black Africans' struggle for freedom. Call 684-1892 or 380-3499.

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