

Support Dennis Brutus' Appeal for Political Asylum!

*Don't Let Them Stop His Work
Against the Racist Apartheid System!*

Who is Dennis Brutus and Why Does He Deserve Your Active Support?

He is a Black man, raised in South Africa, who was shot and jailed for his effective opposition to the racist apartheid system there. As an athlete, he helped organize the South African Sports Association with 60,000 members dedicated to eliminating the racial restrictions in sports. The racist government outlawed it in 1962. As a teacher, he worked with parents and students to resist racist educational policies. The government "banned" him, making it illegal for him to be with even three people. As a poet and writer, he expressed the Black peoples' hatred for the racist system and their longing for a better life. The apartheid regime made it a crime to publish his work.

Living in America since 1972, Dennis Brutus works as a professor of English and African literature at Northwestern University. He has actively opposed U.S. investments in the racist apartheid system, stopped South African participation in the Olympics since 1964, and led opposition to their tour of the Springbok rugby team in 1981. According to a former South African secret policeman's book, **Dennis Brutus is one of the 10 most effective opponents of apartheid outside South Africa.**

On Monday, July 18th, the U.S. Immigration Department holds a hearing to deport Dennis Brutus to South Africa. Why do they want to do it? And why now?

U.S. foreign policy has always supported U.S. investors in South Africa, as everywhere else—no matter what the human cost. But lately, South Africa is on a campaign to improve its image—get back into the Olympics and attract new investments. Dennis Brutus exposes the lie of the "new image". This makes him embarrassing to our government and American investors.

We think the deportation move is a small part of the U.S. government-big-business plan to deal with the world-wide crisis. They are cutting badly needed social programs like Medicare, food stamps, unemployment benefits, education, and job training. This gives them two things: one, money to build more nuclear weapons and increase the regular army in order to push over everyone in their way, and, along with 10,000,000 unemployed, it pushes the rest of us to take even worse treatment on our job. All this spells more profits and more power for them at our common expense. Deporting Dennis Brutus is one move in their game.

The Immigration Department says that Dennis Brutus is just an isolated individual, that this is just a "technical matter."

**You Can Make a Difference!
Stand With Dennis Brutus Against Racist Apartheid!**

**Deportation Hearing: Monday, July 18
Room 489 Federal Building
219 S. Dearborn 9 a.m.
8 a.m. Picket Line**

Individuals and organizations supporting Dennis Brutus' application for political asylum include 35 members of Congress, Chicago Teachers Union, Archbishop Bernardin, Clergy and Laity Concerned, Resurrection Lutheran Church, Alderman Danny Davis, New World Resource Center, Wellington Avenue United Church of Christ.

Send tax-deductible donations to DBDC/Capp Street Foundation, c/o Dennis Brutus Defense Committee, P.O. Box 59364, Chicago, IL 60659. For information call 677-7416. If you would like flyers to pass out, call 935-5255.