

BOYCOTT



SHELL

You can do something about slave labor conditions in other countries that both hurt workers there and threaten to undercut our own standard of living.

The AFL-CIO, United Mine Workers, and other organizations have endorsed the Shell boycott.

APARTHEID AFFECTS AMERICANS

The "apartheid" system in South Africa forces black workers—who make up 85 percent of the population—to live and work under slave labor conditions.

The concentration camp-style system also has an effect on American workers in both the private and public sectors.

1. Multinational corporations invest in countries like South Africa instead of in American jobs. They take advantage of cheap labor overseas, while failing to maintain and modernize operations in the U.S.

2. South Africa exports products to the United States. Production costs are cheaper when workers are forced to work for slave wages, often with virtually no rights or benefits.

3. South Africa sells products to countries that normally buy from the U.S., using apartheid to undercut American workers.

4. Profits made in South Africa can finance corporate attacks on American workers. Companies like Royal Dutch/Shell, Phelps Dodge, and IBM can afford to fight workers' unions in the U.S. in part because of high profits made in countries like South Africa.

5. Lower labor standards in countries like South Africa help create a climate for employers to demand a lower standard of living for Americans as well.

Cutbacks and jobs lost in America's private sector mean less funding for public services, which hurts public workers and all Americans.

WHY BOYCOTT SHELL

South African workers are trying to end the apartheid system. But Royal Dutch/Shell (Shell Oil's parent company) is a key company standing in their way because **Royal Dutch/Shell supplies fuel to the South African military and police and to the apartheid economy.**

South Africa does not have its own oil supplies. Without fuel from companies like Royal Dutch/Shell, South Africa could not continue to enforce slave labor conditions and assault, arrest, and torture trade unionists and others who protest.

In addition, Royal Dutch/Shell itself co-owns the Rietspruit coal mine where striking South African miners have been forced to work at gunpoint and union supporters have been fired.

South Africa's largest black union—the National Union of Mineworkers—has asked for international action against Royal Dutch/Shell.

Among those who have targeted the company are the World Council of Churches, the Free South Africa Movement, the NAACP, and the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

FREE SOUTH AFRICA SAVE U.S. JOBS

PARTIAL LIST OF SHELL BOYCOTT ENDORSERS:

Artists Against Apartheid
AFSCME Council 10
AFSCME Local 3211
Rev. Dr. Russell F. Baker, Pastor,
So. Berkeley Community Church
Berkeley American Federation of Teachers (AFT)
Berkeley Citizens Action (BCA)
CWA Local 9415
First Universe Baptist Church
Hotel & Restaurant Workers Local 28
Iron Workers Local 378
Pedro Noguero, United People of Color (UC-Berkeley)
SEIU Local 250, South Africa Support Committee
Steve Wilkensi, SEIU Local 790

On Saturday, April 26th
and every following Saturday we will picket
the SHELL Service Station in
OAKLAND: 4255 MacArthur Blvd
(corner of MacArthur & High Sts.)
12noon-2:00 p.m.

Bay Area Free South Africa Movement
(information: 532-7262; 527-1401)