The African Neptune is scheduled to arrive in Philadelphia today (December 15). It is carrying 4,500 bags of asbestos (2,500 bags under bill of lading #2 and 2,000 bags under bill of lading #3). This asbestos is from Rhodesia.

On November 30 the African Sun carrying asbestos stopped in Philadelphia to unload. For twenty-four hours, longshoremen delayed the unloading. On December 12, this same ship arrived in Baltimore with the intention of unloading nickel. The longshoremen refused. Earlier, longshoremen have refused to unload Rhodesian products in Burnside and New Orleans, Louisiana. Nationally, longshoremen are beginning to organize around this issue.

In Rhodesia, a government representing the interests of the 5% White minority controls the country. While Blacks make up 95% of the population, they have no representation and their civil rights are extremely limited. The average wage for Whites is about $700 a month; for Blacks about $50 a month. U.S. importation of asbestos and chrome helps keep this government in power.