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THIS YEAR THEY FRAMED <sup>THE</sup> SOWETO 11

# SOUTH AFRICA ON TRIAL

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## Free The Soweto 11 -- Victory to the South African People

Today in South Africa, 11 Black high school students from Soweto are on trial for their lives. The government is charging them with sedition and terrorism for their role in the '76 Soweto rebellion.

The South African government is still reeling from the effects of that uprising, when Black people throughout the country took up the Soweto students' cry for "Black Power". It was the government's ruling that all schools must be taught in Afrikaans, the language of the ruling white minority, that first brought 15,000 students into the streets. But the rebellion quickly took on broader significance. Parents rallied to the cause of their children, workers struck and university students shut down their campuses, as Black people served notice on the government: "We're not taking anymore."

No more overcrowded Bantustans where there's no way to support your family except to leave and go to the city for a job. No more jobs where you make half the pay of whites and are forbidden by law to hold a skilled position, to use the white bathroom, to join a legally recognized union, or to file grievances, strike or even hold a meeting. No more pass laws, where you're thrown in jail if you go out on the street without your pass.

These are the conditions the South African people are fighting. This is the system - apartheid - the South African government is trying to protect by murdering and imprisoning Black leaders like the Soweto 11.

So many students played an active role in the Soweto rebellion that it is impossible to pin the "blame" on any particular individuals. By singling out the Soweto 11, the South African government hopes to convince the world that the uprising was the work of a handful of "malcontents" and to intimidate the African people into submission.

WHATEVER THE VERDICT IN THE GOVERNMENT'S KANGAROO COURT, IT IS THE WHITE MINORITY REGIME THAT IS GUILTY, NOT THE SOWETO 11. IT IS RIGHT TO STAND UP FOR FREEDOM, IT IS RIGHT TO REBEL AGAINST OPPRESSION. AND IT'S WRONG TO ENSLAVE A PEOPLE AND RULE BY APARTHEID.

The '76 Soweto rebellion brought that message out to the whole world. It also brought out another message: that the victory of the African people was certain and the downfall of the white minority regime simply a matter of time.

## U.S. Out of South Africa

Confronted with this situation, Jimmy Carter is trying to "prettify" the U.S. position. Suddenly the U.S. government has become "the champion of human rights" and "the critic of apartheid". Not because the rulers of this country want to protect the rights of Black people. But because they figure the best way to weaken the people's struggle and to protect American investments in South Africa is to get the white minority regime to make some token concessions.

A government that for 7 years has held the Wilmington 10 in jail for the "crime" of leading a student boycott for equal education in North Carolina, a government that has spared no effort to undermine the Black liberation movement in this country, a government that has persecuted and whitewashed the murders of Black leaders like Martin Luther King and Malcolm X and Fred Hampton -- that government is no friend of the African people. American banks and corporations, like the First National Bank of Boston, which profits from its \$28 million of loans to South Africa while it redlines Boston and promotes the decay of poor neighborhoods, are no force for change in South Africa.

And no number of pious words from Jimmy Carter can change the fact that only recently the U.S. vetoed a U.N. proposal for economic sanctions against South Africa, thus protecting \$1.7 billion of American business investments -- investments which are critical to the survival of the white minority regime. No number of pious words can disguise the hypocrisy of Jimmy Carter protesting the trials of Soviet dissidents while remaining silent on the cases of the Soweto 11.

THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM AND EQUALITY IN SOUTH AFRICA IS OUR FIGHT TOO. JOIN US SAT., OCT. 14 TO PUT "SOUTH AFRICA ON TRIAL". LET'S SEND OUT A STATEMENT FROM BOSTON LOUD AND CLEAR THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE STAND WITH THE SOWETO 11 AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN PEOPLE. All proceeds go to the Soweto 11 defense.