

Community Alert on South Africa

Join the picket-line at 180 Grand, Oakland

(PACIFIC MARITIME ASSOCIATION-PMA,
corner of Harrison & Grand.)

Each weekday from 12 noon to 1 pm

- End Apartheid
 - Cut US Political & Economic Ties with Racist South Africa
 - PMA Break Ties to Nedlloyd Shipping Lines
 - Support ILWU-Local #10
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WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Wear a red ribbon to “stop Apartheid”
- Build the picket-line—bring your friends, neighbors and co-workers
- Make a financial contribution

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END APARTHEID - CUT U.S. TIES

In November, 1984, San Francisco Longshoremen refused to unload South African cargo from the Dutch ship Nedlloyd Kimberly. Simultaneously, Congressmen, civil rights leaders, trade unionists and others were being arrested at the entrance of the South African Embassy in Washington, D.C. These actions have sparked a powerful movement of people from all walks of life determined to use their strength against the system that brutalizes the majority of the South African people.

Apartheid means separateness. It is a system the white minority government of South Africa uses to control the Black majority. It is racism in its most blatant form. 16% of the population is white. The other 84% of the population (18.6 million Blacks and 3.1 million who are Indian or of mixed background) is voiceless in government and at the mercy of multinational corporations operating in South Africa.

Black people in South Africa can't vote. In a recent attempt to divide the majority population, the government's new constitution extended the right to vote to Indian and the so-called Colored people. The recent elections were shown to be a sham when over 70% of the people who had been "granted" the right to vote refused to participate. They recognized the new constitution as an attempt by the apartheid government to maintain control and stop the tide of resistance by cosmetic changes.

The U.S. policy of "constructive engagement" with the South African government really means that U.S. military equipment and technology quietly make their way into South Africa. It means that the U.S.

stands by while South Africa occupies Namibia and attacks Angola, Mozambique, Zambia and Lesotho. Constructive engagement means that U.S. corporations take millions of dollars in profits from the low wages apartheid allows them to pay. The Reagan administration has entered into a "strategic partnership" with South Africa. This partnership is based on Reagan's anti-labor, anti-democratic, pro-racist policies which, in the U.S., translates into attacks on the Voting Rights Act, high unemployment, an atmosphere of racist violence and the use of government power to crush unions.

The cargo the Longshoremen were boycotting in November included steel from South Africa. Tens of thousands of U.S. steelworkers have lost their jobs in the U.S. Apartheid allows multinationals to pay starvation wages to Black steelworkers. These same Black workers are playing a leading role in the struggle against apartheid in South Africa. Despite severe repression, Black trade unions launched a general strike this past October. Because of their courageous leadership, Black trade union leaders have been a special target of the South Africa regime.

Murder and imprisonment are South Africa's method of dealing with leading fighters. Steven Biko, leader of the South African Students organization, was murdered by the South African police. Nelson Mandela, leader of the African National Congress, has been imprisoned for over 20 years.

The movement to end Apartheid and stop U.S. complicity grows stronger everyday. It is time that you raise your voice and join the movement to Free South Africa.
