SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS: 
THEY CAN FLY BUT THEY CAN'T HIDE

South African Airways is flying tonight to Johannesburg. The ambassadors of apartheid are slinking out of the country as if they don't know what they're doing. They know the South African racist white minority government owns the South African Airways. They know all the money they pay goes to finance the South African government. They just don't give a damn. They thought that no one here would notice; they wouldn't want their trip spoiled by an awkward question or an impolite accusation. They think that white people should be able to come and go as they please from South Africa, and should not be the targets of abuse or wrath of those who oppose apartheid. They want to continue to be a protected minority.

A few of the passengers flying tonight are Americans traveling to South Africa on vacation. Every dollar they spend in South Africa digs a deeper grave for Black people to climb out of. Most traveling are white South African businessmen, corporate whores of apartheid, which only survives because of white support. Without the soldiers on the front lines, without the police in the townships and the underlying attitudes of racial supremacy, apartheid would be dead. But, like a vulture, it lives. And most of the folks who fly South African Airways try to pretend that everything's just fine; they go about the world wanting to be treated like everyone else, while doing nothing in their homeland to support the struggle of Black people for liberation and self-determination.

South African Airways, their big brother sponsors here (British Airways) and the airport authorities think that they should be protected, too. That's why they've got them checking their baggage in an enclosed area, sealed off with checkpoints and security shields. This is because it's not the first time South African Airways has been disrupted at this airport . . . And it won't be the last. Just as we are doing today, lots of people across the country and, indeed, around the world, are saying: "No, South African Airways cannot land here." Its apologists—be they tourists, military personnel, corporate executives, bankers, or U.S. government officials—will be disrupted at every opportunity from going about their business as usual.

All white people in South Africa lead privileged lives, based upon the slave labor of Black people. Yet some of these people claim to be opposed to apartheid. That doesn't wash! What are they doing in their everyday lives to bring apartheid down? What sacrifices are they making? What liberation support movement are they part of? When was the last time they disrupted the normal functioning of a single agency of apartheid in South Africa? Sure it's dangerous, but Black people are under the gun all the time.

South African Airways is an integral part of the apartheid machine. It flies apartheid's soldiers to invasions against other countries; it flies apartheid's politicians to wangle deals to keep it going; it flies apartheid's beneficiaries wherever their money can take them.

We intend our actions to be as disruptive as possible to the normal functioning of South African Airways—"Air Apartheid." We say to those who fly South African Airways: Don't come back. You're not welcome here. And we hope that you won't be welcome anywhere else. It would suit us just fine if your airplane flew around forever without clearance to land. Those who support apartheid should be people without a world.

SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TERRORISTS OUT OF OUR AIRPORT NOW!

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