We must recognize recent dismal happenings in Southern Africa: Nixon's embracing of minority white regimes; British and US encouragement of Rhodesian white rule; US foreign aid to maintain the Portugese economy allowing them to fight an expensive war; and a United Nations which can do little more than issue pronouncements. We who live in the industrialized world must consider new tactics to do our part to help liberate Southern Africa.

The best strategy for breakthrough in the five major white minority-ruled nations (South Africa, Namibia, 'Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), Mozambique, and Angola) is to put our resources where the "enemy" is most vulnerable. We believe the action most able to drive a wedge for change in Southern Africa is a GULF OIL CORPORATION BOYCOTT.

Why Gulf? There are ethical, political, educational, and practical reasons. Five years after the Angolan revolution began, Gulf started a $150 million oil operation there--75% of total US investments in Angola. The United Nations called this action an exploitation of human and material resources, harmful to the programs of Angolans toward freedom and independence. The people of any land have an inalienable right to independence. We believe Gulf is guilty of unethical, irresponsible business activity.

Gulf paid Portugal $45 million in 1972 and will pay $10 Million more each year! This enables Portugal to finance 150,000 troops fighting to maintain its colonies. Gulf, if pressed, can be influential in convincing Portugal to change. In addition, Gulf's controlling stockholder, the Mellon family, gave $1 million of President Nixon's secret $10 million fund. Gulf, if pressed, could be influential in changing Mr. Nixon's policies toward Portugese colonialism. Politically there are good reasons to boycott Gulf.

The Gulf Boycott is also an excellent way to educate the Western world to terribly unjust conditions in Southern Africa. Distribution of hundreds of thousands of leaflets, etc., can make Americans aware of the interrelationship of Gulf and other American conglomerates with these white minority regimes. Knowing the issues, Americans can take political and economic action against those corporations who influence US foreign policy in Southern Africa.

Finally, an economic boycott of Gulf products is a practical action for "little" people who want to effect freedom in Angola. People can avoid Gulf products and institutions and stop contracting with Gulf. Gulf knows this; witness its 1970 threat to sue the United Church of Christ for urging a boycott. When a corporation fails to ethical pressure, then we must hit them where they feel it—in the pocket book! The Gulf Boycott coalition believes an international boycott of Gulf can work—the initial response world-wide has been tremendous. Until Gulf stops assisting the Portugese dictatorship by huge annual payments, a boycott can be effective in pressing Gulf to take action to enable Angolans to become independent. The Gulf Boycott Coalition stands ready to assist all individuals and groups to boycott where they are. Hit them where it hurts. Boycott Gulf!

For further information write or call: Gulf Boycott Coalition Box 123, D.V. Station, Dayton, Ohio, 45406, Phone (513) 276-4077.
Dear Friends,

As we start a new year, the Gulf Boycott also starts on a new phase of its campaign. We have received some foundation funds and have hired a part-time organizer. A great deal of her time will be spent helping other cities develop Gulf Boycott groups. To date we have a group of 36 cities where action has taken place or where there is potential for action.

The planning committee for the Coalition has set up definite, measureable goals for 1973. They include such things as: produce a slide show with script/cassette for sale or lease; gain mass media coverage; gain additional support of other national groups; establish active boycott groups, etc. This gives you a general picture of what we have planned.

Enclosed is a new order sheet. Please read it carefully. If you are interested in having someone visit you to help with the boycott please note that on the sheet.

Starting with this letter we plan to publish a monthly newsletter to keep everyone up to date.

We had a good response from the Christmas season leafletting. This is an action that can be continued throughout the year!

With your continued support and interest in the Gulf Boycott we are heading for more gains for Power and Independence.

A luta continua,

Pat Roach
Gulf Boycott Coalition

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