Stop South African Coal!

The Southwide Coalition to Stop South African Coal was formed in February 1975 to prevent coal and other South African (and Rhodesian) imports from coming into the United States. Why do we believe it is important for the American people to refuse to buy these South African goods and oppose US investment in South Africa?
In South Africa, Black people cannot legally strike, vote, travel freely, or form political parties, and the strictest segregation is enforced. This system of apartheid—rule by a tiny white minority—tries to keep the Black nation down, at gun point when necessary.

But the South African people have refused to be slaves. They challenge apartheid again and again, with demonstrations, strikes, and secret political groups. The recent victories in Mozambique and Angola have been an inspiration to all the liberation forces fighting apartheid and US imperialism.

STOP SOUTH AFRICAN COAL!
STOP ALL SOUTH AFRICAN AND RHODESIAN IMPORTS!
END U.S. GOVERNMENT, MILITARY AND CORPORATE SUPPORT TO THE RACIST REGIME OF SOUTH AFRICA!

ROLE OF THE U.S.

The United States government does all it can to support the racist regime in South Africa. US companies prop up the government in return for big tax breaks, super low wages, and cheap raw materials.

The Southern Company, one of the largest utility monopolies in the US, imports South African coal. The company claims that since it must meet environmental standards by law, it must go to South Africa to buy low sulphur coal! Of course, the reason for Southern Company's investment in South Africa is no different than IBM's, Ford's, GM's or Polaroid's – more profits for themselves and support for the apartheid system in South Africa.
HOW IMPERIALISM WORKS

South Africa plays a very important role in the plans of the US government and big business for world domination. South Africa has what the imperialists need—cheap raw materials, a slave labor force, and the runaway shops which threaten the living standards of US workers. These capitalists run off to a country using slave labor so they can make a bigger profit, and then blame “cheap foreign labor” for the economic crisis!

In Rhodesia (Zimbabwe), too, the imperialists tried to maintain a white minority government. But the liberation forces in Zimbabwe are well on the way to kicking out the apartheid government there and establishing a new democratic government.

The capitalist countries of the world are in big trouble economically and politically. Their businesses are being kicked out of many Third World countries, and at home, the working people and oppressed nationalities are fighting against the layoffs, low wages, and police repression also caused by imperialism. Big business needs all the friends it can get. In Africa, the regime in South Africa serves their purpose as a reactionary beachhead against revolution in Southern Africa.

WE SUPPORT SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE AFRICAN MAJORITY — DISMANTLE THE RACIST STATE!
FIGHT ATTACKS ON WORKING PEOPLE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND AMERICA: END APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA AND RACISM IN AMERICA!
WHAT’S AT STAKE FOR US?

Working people and oppressed people in the United States also have a stake in combatting apartheid in South Africa. The same imperialist companies that prop up apartheid in South Africa promote racism in the US too! The Georgia Power Company, for example, is well known for its discriminatory hiring and service policies—Georgia Power is a subsidiary of Southern Company.

These big companies—Southern Co., GM, ITT—try to keep us divided. They try to pit the Black nation and other national minorities against white workers in the US. And they also try to divide all the US workers from the people of South Africa and the rest of the world. If we do not unite, they can exploit us however they want to.

But we are united! In the South, working people are realizing that racism and national oppression keep the entire working class down. Working people and oppressed nations everywhere have a deep bond—we have the same enemy and the same fight!
OPPOSE IMPERIALISM IN THE UNITED STATES
AND AROUND THE WORLD—

SAME ENEMY, SAME FIGHT!

Support the Southwide Coalition to Stop South African Coal. Mobilize union and caucus members, students, community members, organizations and churches around the demands in this pamphlet and fight against imports from South Africa and Rhodesia.

For more information, write to the Southwide Coalition to Stop South African Coal, P.O.Box 11432, Atlanta, GA 30308.

SUPPORT THE SOUTHWIDE COALITION TO STOP SOUTH AFRICAN COAL:

1. Get the Coalition’s petition to Southern Company signed.
2. Send in the Coalition’s postcards to the UN and Southern Company.
3. Distribute this leaflet.
4. Join the consumer boycott of all goods from South Africa and Rhodesia—check out the Coalition’s list of products that come into the South from South Africa.