STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The people of Africa have a right to freedom and to progress, a right to develop their rich culture and resources for their own enjoyment and use, and a right to revive centuries of history smothered by lies.

But for some 20-score years, these rights and others were denied to the many nations of Africa. And even today, 27 years after the United Nations designated 1960 as Africa Year in honor of the African peoples’ mass struggles for political independence, more than 25 million African men, women, and children live under colonial enslavement as brutal as the world has ever known.

Furthermore, in the independent countries in northern, eastern and western Africa, hundreds of millions of Africans of many hues, religions and languages are caught in a vise of poverty. Squeezed dry by foreign investors greedy for cheap labor and resources, more and more Africans are filing to work in plants that moved out of the United States where millions need jobs, plants that don’t make what the Africans need, but plants whose profits leave Africa.

Behind the $8 billion U.S. profiteers have invested in Africa (over $5 billion in Southern Africa) are billions more supporting the military power of South Africa and Rhodesia and traitors such as FNLA and UNITA in Angola. These expenditures are necessary because the many African liberation movements, veterans of years of political and military work, are fighting with unconquerable spirit. Heroes and heroines from Africa are known and praised throughout the world—but they are little known in the U.S. because information about them upsets the stereotype of the ignorant, submissive darkie who worships Dvana.

With the collapse of Portugal’s Africa empire, a new era has dawned on the whole of Africa. The forces for peace, justice and anti-imperialism are now stronger than the forces of reaction. This reality has forced the United States to openly accept the role of defending the apartheid regime of South Africa and to try and install neo-colonialist regimes in Zimbabwe and Namibia.
The purpose behind the Kissinger shuttle diplomacy to Africa was to protect U.S. investments and to try and stop the progressive national liberation movements.

This situation demands that we in the U.S. step up our work against the enemies of Africa in particular and the world in general. The Chicago Chapter of the National Anti-Imperialist Movement in Solidarity With African Liberation is dedicated to building a massive ongoing movement that will educate the U.S. public about the aggressive schemes against Africa, schemes that increase poverty and inflation here, as the Vietnam war did, while spreading poverty, war and hatred across the world.

The Chicago Chapter of NAIMSAL is based in the Black community but is opened to all peoples. NAIMSAL is not just a solidarity movement. NAIMSAL is about showing the connections between the loss of jobs, loss and misuse of U.S. tax dollars, and eventually the loss of U.S. lives to protect U.S. multi-national companies and white minority rule in Southern Africa. These companies operating in Southern Africa are directly participating and benefiting from the super-exploitation of the Black Southern Africa labor force and are therefore accomplices in the crime of apartheid. These companies deny the people of Southern Africa their own natural resources.

We establish NAIMSAL because we have no interests, no needs that conflict with the needs and interests of the people of Africa. We establish NAIMSAL because the force that oppresses Africa also oppresses Black, Spanish speaking, Native Americans, and white generally, in the United States. We establish NAIMSAL because, "The Liberation of Africa is Our Fight". We establish NAIMSAL because the struggle is one.
NAFSAAL'S purposes are:

1. To support the struggles in Southern Africa against the minority racist regimes of South Africa and Rhodesia (Zimbabwe).
2. To concretely oppose the continued investments and donations of the U. S. government and private institutions to the racist lynch-law regimes in South Africa and Rhodesia (Zimbabwe).
3. To inform all people about and actively carry out the United Nations resolutions declaring colonialism, racism and genocide as violations of international law.
4. To examine all political, economic and military relations between the U.S. government and African states to ensure that these relations are mutually beneficial to the people of Africa and the U.S.
5. To link our movement with the anti-apartheid and other African freedom movements; not only with organizational ties but with concrete actions -- petitions, marches, strikes, boycotts, etc.
6. To drastically cut the U.S. military budget and have the monies cut transferred to domestic spending where all U. S. citizens need them.
7. To fight for full employment in the U.S.
8. To fight racism, sexism, and discrimination in the U.S.
9. To correct the many falsehoods about Africa's history past and present that appear routinely in the U.S. media, textbooks, public lectures, cultural works and so on.
10. To take all other measures necessary and proper to build understanding, friendship, peace and respect between us and the citizens of African states.
BY-LAWS AND STRUCTURE

1. The Chicago Chapter of NAIMSAL is a member chapter of the National Anti-Imperialist Movement in Solidarity With African Liberation. The national office is in New York.

2. The Chicago chapter of NAIMSAL pays membership dues to the national office to help support the work of the national office.

3. The Chicago chapter is pledged to work on the programs agreed on at the national meetings of NAIMSAL.

4. The Chicago Chapter of NAIMSAL is an individual membership organization. The membership is $5.00 per year due Jan. of each year.

5. Membership is open to all people regardless to race, sex, or religion. Membership classifications are active and supportive members. Active members accept the statement of purpose and the by-laws and work on the various programs of NAIMSAL. Supportive members contribute financially and may or may not work on programs.

6. Meetings shall be held the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Meetings will start at 2:00 pm, and end at 4:00 pm.

7. Officers will consist of Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Education Director, and Special Projects Director.

Officers shall be elected to a one-year term at the annual meeting in January.

DUTIES

Chairperson—shall preside at all meetings of the chapter; shall be ex-officio member of all committees, shall be empowered to initiate programs decided upon by the chapter.

Vice-chairperson—shall preside in the absence of the chairperson. Shall be head of the membership committee.

Treasurer—shall collect and bank funds of the chapter, shall pay all duly authorized bills, keep an account of all receipts and expenditures, shall prepare a financial statement for the annual meeting.

Secretary—shall keep minutes of all meetings, send out notices and be custodian to all correspondence.

Educational Director—shall prepare reading materials for internal education, shall prepare public forums and educations, shall lead educational at each meeting.

Special Project Director—organize annual dinner, organize Sharpville program and organize fund raisers.

8. Decisions will be made by majority vote with each member having one vote.

9. Visitors from other organizations or individual persons will be encouraged to attend NAIMSAL meetings but will not have a vote.