

D B D C

Dennis Brutus Defense Committee

Co-Convenors:

Chauncy Bailey
Dir. Black Press Inst.
Dr. Jan Carew
Professor Northwestern U.
Rev. Al Sampson
Fernwood Utd. Meth. Church
Rep. Gus Savage
U.S. Congress

Endorsers:

John Bellamy
Coord. Biko Mem. Ctte.
Dr. Norman Bennett
Pres. African Studies Assn.
Joseph Bruchac III
Ed. GREENFIELD REVIEW
Norm Watkins
Clergy & Laity Concerned
Robert Chrisman
Publisher BLACK SCHOLAR
Jennifer Davis
Exec. Dir. American
Ctte. On Africa
Dr. John Domnise
Exec. Secy. ACCESS
Lorna Evans
Pres. Hawaii Literary
Arts Council
Dr. Thomas Hale
Pres. African Lit. Assn.
Dr. Richard Lapchick
Natl. Chairperson ACCESS
Lisel Mueller
Winner American Book
Award for Poetry
Robert Prince
V/Chair U.S. Peace Col.
Harold Quigley
Emeritus Eth. Humanist Socy.
Jean Sindab
Pres. Washington Office
On Africa
Dr. John A. Warfield
Dir. Afro & Af-Am Studies
Research-Ctr. U. of Texas
Rep. Harold Washington
U.S. Congress
Dr. Sarah Miles Woods
Pres. Natl. Assn. of
Black Professors
(in formation)
(organizations for
identification only)

PO Box 59364
Chicago, IL 60659
(312) 677-7416

August 21, 1982

PRESS RELEASE: DBDC CONDEMNS KILLING

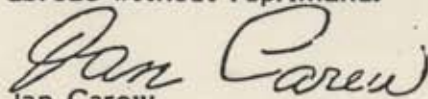
The Dennis Brutus Defense Committee wishes to express its profound shock at the assassination of yet another great South African patriot, Ruth First, who was killed by a parcel bomb bearing an English mailing address in Mozambique on August 18. Ms. First, distinguished journalist, editor, and author who came out of South Africa into exile in 1964 had been teaching in Mozambique at Eduardo Mondlane University.

Another patriot falls in the long list of South Africans who are being murdered by the Apartheid regime and its agents both inside and outside South Africa.

We express our sympathy and solidarity with her family and assure them that these killings will not be passed over in silence: someday those responsible will be brought to justice.

The Dennis Brutus Defense Committee wishes to draw attention to this tragic event because it has been one of our major claims that the deportation of Dennis Brutus to any country would place his life in jeopardy. It is therefore important that a speedy favorable decision on his application for political asylum should be issued by Elliott Abrams on behalf of the State Department. We call on all Dennis Brutus Defense Committees and supporters to write further letters to **Elliott Abrams, Assistant Secretary for Human Rights, Department of State, 2201 C. Street, Washington D.C. 20520** urging him to take note of this new development.

The Dennis Brutus Defense Committee feels that this tragic death is a further indication that the growing collaboration between the Apartheid Government and the Reagan Administration has given the pariah regime license to carry out acts of terrorism against its opponents both at home and abroad without reprimand.



Jan Carew
Co-Convenor: DBDC

**** copies of letters to Elliott Abrams should be sent to the DBDC at the address given above.**

For further information contact:

Dr. Dennis Brutus
Northwestern U.
English Dept.
Evanston, IL 60201
(312)492-7294/5120

Atty. Robert D. Baker
III W. St. John
Suite #512
San Jose, CA 95113
(408) 998-2834

Dr. Jan Carew
Northwestern U.
African-American
Studies Dept.
Evanston, IL 60201
328-5935, 492-5122

DBDC
P.O. Box 59364
Chicago, IL 60659
677-7416