A delegation from the AMERICAN LEGION has just completed a two-week tour of South Africa, Zimbabwe-Rhodesia and Namibia. The Namibian and South African press identify 5 members: J. Alvis Carver of the Legion's foreign relations commission; Miss Judy B. Rowntree, 'with the American Maritime Service Headquarters'; Dr Robert J. Billings, 'executive director of the Moral Majority and President of the Christian School Action (THE WINDHOEK ADVERTISER says he heads a t.v. network with 3.25 million viewers and "is a strong opponent to the World Council of Churches. He has also been very active in promoting investment in SA by the US."); Jack W. Flint, 'on the board of directors of a number of companies'. Also, according to THE ADVERTISER 'At present he is a candidate for the position of National Commander of the American Legion. Mr Flint is also chairman of the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army.'; and James Zimmerman, 'executive member' of the Legion and 'wealthy real estate developer of Florida'. The American Legion at its September convention resolved it would 'help promote a pro-South African investment campaign in the US'.

Carver, a US Navy vet, told THE RAND DAILY MAIL that the Legion favored joint USA-RSA naval training exercises working out of South Africa's Simonstown base. 'We are pressing for something similar to the NATO naval training programme'. The right wing CITIZEN quotes Zimmerman extensively: 'I regard myself as the bearer of good news for you people in South Africa and Zimbabwe Rhodesia. Many millions of Americans are deeply distressed by the doings of the Carter administration - and particularly the way it is giving over everything to Marxism on a silver platter. We are awakening to the reality that our Government has been allowed - very much through our apathy and complacency - to get into the hands of insiders who are working, through Wall Street, for a single World Socialist Government...... What they are aiming for is a scientific "aesthetic Socialist World Government" as part of a satanic plan to pave the way for total power over the world...We feel that if South Africa and ZR go, it will be the end of the White man and Christianity on the continent of Africa...We have already got rid of Richard Clark, the Iowa senator who was probably your biggest enemy. More - including 10 senators who come up for re-election next year - are on our short list.'

A delegation from the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE visited South Africa and Zimbabwe-Rhodesia in late November. THE WASHINGTON POST says its members were 'given top-level briefings and tours of military facilities' in South Africa. Chairman Melvin Price (D-IL) told THE POST 'he thought South Africa was important to US strategic interests'.

THE CITIZEN writes that after meeting with Foreign Minister Roelof Botha and Chief of the Defence Force General Magnus Malan, chairman Price 'said that the information it had received so far about South Africa and especially from Mr Botha, "has never been given to them by the United States Government. We never heard the real facts about South and Southern Africa before"'. Senior Republic party member of the Committee Bob Wilson is quoted: 'The facts that we are being presented with by our government in the US Congress are totally different from those we are getting from you....There is great friendship in the USA for South Africa despite the official position of the US Government. South Africa has the ear of a number of Members of the Arms Committee.' THE CITIZEN continues: 'Mr Botha said that despite the institution of majority governments in Zimbabwe Rhodesia and SWA, the United States was still not willing to come to closer identification with the position and dilemma and difficulties of the moderate peoples of Southern Africa.'