

# Hands Off Britain! Solidarity with Namibia! Swap! Swap!

International week of solidarity  
with the people of Namibia:  
October 27 to November 3 1982

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# BRITAIN – HANDS OFF NAMIBIA!

## SOLIDARITY WITH SWAPO!

This week has been declared by the United Nations as a special week of solidarity with the struggle of the people of Namibia who have been fighting for years for freedom from the illegal military occupation of their country by South Africa. There will be events and activities throughout the world. In Britain, the Anti-Apartheid Movement, in cooperation with the Namibia Support Committee, are organising a Week of Action to:

- focus attention, especially in the trade union and labour movement, on the situation in Namibia and to mobilise solidarity with SWAPO
- expose the rôle of British companies operating in Namibia in defiance of the will of the Namibian people, the UN and the International Court of Justice, and protest against these companies' activities in sustaining South Africa's occupation and its aggression against African front line states
- expose the role of Britain as a member of the Contact Group and its collusion with South Africa
- campaign for the total isolation of South Africa, and in particular for the imposition of UN sanctions against South Africa, which would compel it to quit Namibia, halt South Africa's aggression and isolate the apartheid economy and its war machine

### YOU CAN HELP

- Find out if there are any British companies in your area with operations in Namibia – or any other local link with Namibia.
- Order the AAM briefing document on the Week and other material on Namibia (see form on back).
- Ensure that there is action during the Week in your area.

### REMEMBER

- South Africa occupies Namibia with 100,000 troops, the equivalent per head of population of five million troops occupying Britain.
- British collaboration plays a crucial role in sustaining this military occupation. Britain is the major foreign investor in Namibia and is deeply involved, in particular, in plundering Namibia's mineral wealth. British companies have greatly enhanced South Africa's military capability in Namibia.
- As a member of the Contact Group (US, UK, France, Canada and West Germany), Britain has been involved in negotiations over Namibia and is actively supporting the US in its efforts to prevent genuine independence for the people of Namibia.

### THESE ARE THE COMPANIES

These are a few of the British-based companies with Namibian operations – a full list is available from AAM (address overleaf):

#### Mining:

Rio Tinto-Zinc Ltd, Charter Consolidated, Consolidated Goldfields, Alpine Holdings.

#### Karakul Fur:

Hudson's Bay & Annings, Eastwood & Holt

#### Trade:

Harrap Bros, A C Young & Co, Grand Metropolitan, Lonrho, Wood Hall Trust

#### Shipping, Freightage, Transport & Storage:

Clan Lines, Union Castle, Crosby House Group, Ellerman Lines, Reed International

#### Finance, Banking & Insurance:

Barclays Bank, Standard Chartered Bank, Hill Samuel Group, Lloyds, Norwich Union, Legal and General, Commercial Union, Eagle Star, General Accident, Edward Lumley Holdings, Guardian Royal Exchange, Aegis, Bowring, M & G, Minet Holdings, Sun Alliance, Provident, Anglo-African Services, Thomas Cook, Tozer Kemsley & Millbourne, Aurora Holdings, Crellon Holdings, Grovewood Securities, Securicor, Sedgewick-Forbes Holdings, Stenhouse Holdings

#### Fuel:

British Petroleum Ltd, Shell Transport and Trading

#### Construction:

Acrow Industries, Lead Industries Group, George Wimpey & Sons, Davy Corporation Ltd, 600 Group, Taylor Woodrow, Balfour Beatty, SGB

#### Engineering & Equipment:

APV, Associated Engineering, Airwork Services (British and Commonwealth Shipping), Chloride, GKN, Lucas Industries, Smiths Industries, William Bain (Trafalgar House), Delta Metal/McKechnie Bros, Babcock & Wilcox Ltd, Blackwood & Hodge Ltd, British Leyland, BOC International, Stewarts & Lloyds, Mitchell Cotts Group Ltd

#### Consumer & Office Products:

Distillers Corporation, Fisons, Gestetner Holdings, Glaxo Holdings, Rank Organisation, Rowntree-Mackintosh, Thorn-EMI, Willis Faber, Wittington Investments, Unilever Ltd

# what you can do

Action during the Week 27 October to 3 November

There are many ways you can support the campaign this week – and afterwards. Special priorities are:

- publicise the collaboration of British companies with South Africa's illegal occupation of Namibia – especially the illegal plunder of Namibia's mineral wealth – and campaign to end their involvement
- write to your local paper, or phone-in to your local radio
- press the government, and your MP, to take action to end the presence of British companies in Namibia and to support sanctions against South Africa
- urge your local authority, church, trade union and any other organisation you know to support the campaign and to sell any shares they have in companies in Namibia

If you know of any link with the illegal occupation of Namibia – and it's likely that a company near *you* will have interests there – make this the week to start the campaign against their involvement, and let us know about the action you have taken.

After the Week...

- publicise the situation in Namibia, especially if there is a particular link with your area. Invite SWAPO to send a speaker, or show a film
- raise funds for the Namibia Support Committee's Material Aid programme to assist SWAPO in caring for Namibian refugees. Buy a Medical Kit (£100). (Contact NSC, address below.)
- press for the release of Namibian political prisoners and detainees – SATIS (address below) has details of how you can help
- mobilise support for the AAM Week of Action 'Southern Africa – The Time to Choose' in March 1983
- make a donation so we can continue this campaigning work – the Week of Action, and this leaflet, cost money
- affiliate to the Anti-Apartheid Movement and get more details from these organisations:
  - \*Anti-Apartheid Movement, 89 Charlotte Street, London W1P 2DQ. Tel 01-580 5311
  - \*Namibia Support Committee, 53 Leverton Street, London NW5. Tel 01-267 1941/2
  - \*SATIS, c/o AAM, 89 Charlotte Street, London W1P 2DQ. Tel 01-580 5311
  - \*SWAPO, 96 Gillespie Road, London N5. Tel 01-359 9116/7
  - \*CANUC, c/o NSC, 53 Leverton Street, London NW5. Tel 01-267 1941/2– or write direct to the AAM using this tear-off form

Please send me a list of material on Namibia and the Week of Action briefing document, and tell me more about how I can support the struggle of the Namibian people. Also send me details about how to join the AAM.

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