

The Manchester Connection

BLACK THE SHARES

By investing in British firms operating in Southern Africa this University is giving economic support to Apartheid. Acceptance of racist rewards requires acceptance of responsibility. A verbal stand against Apartheid means nothing IF the University continues to reap the dividends of companies operating Apartheid policies.

Two thirds of the black African labour force earns less than the subsistence rate set by the South African Chamber of Commerce.

The University says that it cannot compromise itself by taking a moral or political stand in its investment policy. By continuing to invest in companies with South African connections it is providing capital for the continued expansion of an economy based on white supremacy, thus reinforcing the racist status quo.

Four million whites govern thirty five million coloureds and blacks in Southern Africa.

If University Council do nothing about withdrawing these investments on Feb. 14th, their very inactivity aids the active suppression of a whole race by these settler governments.

WHY WITHDRAW

The importance of withdrawing these investments is not to undermine the Southern African economy (as capital will always flow to where it reaps the greatest profit, hence other investors will replace the University). It is rather to increase the political



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isolation of these reactionary regimes and provide a concrete gesture of solidarity with the African peoples. It is the duty of people who oppose Apartheid to bring more and more institutions and organisations to an anti-racist and anti-colonialist position. **MORE →**

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Withdrawal of the shares meets the request of the African Liberation movements and is a gesture of real solidarity. But solidarity does not put food in empty stomachs nor provide books to help overcome the terrible rate of illiteracy. This is why the motion for the G.M. on Wednesday asks that the excess profits which accrue on Apartheid shares in the interval between the University's decision to sell the shares and their actual sale should go to a fund to finance the printing by Manchester University Press of text books to be used in the liberated areas of Southern Africa.

The Portuguese colonies of Angola and Mozambique have the highest rate of illiteracy in the world. Only in the liberated territories of these countries is any real effort being made to educate the people. Already the Finnish students have successfully carried out a campaign of this kind. Students Unions around the country are pressing the University administrations on this issue. But it is Manchester which leads this campaign - we must demonstrate that it can be effective.

COME TO THE G.M ON WEDNESDAY AND PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT.

SUPPORT FLOODS IN

Daily we receive pledges of support from organisations in the Town. The Secretary of the Manchester Trades Council was one of the first, then a flood of inquiries and letters from local constituency Liberal and Labour parties followed, and individual trades unions, Churches, black community representatives etc. offered their full support. Delegates from these organisations will go to University Council on February 14th and request the withdrawal of the Apartheid shares.

STAFF SUPPORT GROWS

Several professors and many members of staff are signing the staff petition calling for an end to the Manchester connection with Apartheid. Donations are also being collected by staff of the Sociology Department to give to the Amilcar Cabral Memorial Fund at a meeting to commemorate his death. This meeting is on Feb. 28th at 8.00 p.m. in the West Indian Centre, Carmoor Rd.

G M MOTION WEDENS DAY

"This G.M. notes the G.M. Motion of Friday, 27th October, 1972 which condemned... 'The Southern African Governments... and British Companies with subsidiaries in Southern Africa for their support and involvement in the racist regimes.' This G.M. further notes that subject to the previous G.M.'s Mandate, Manchester University Union has withdrawn all its shares in such companies (with subsidiaries and associates in Southern Africa.) However, this G.M. notes that two meetings with the University authorities have failed in pressing for withdrawal of the University's shares and that the final decision rest with University Council, meeting today at 2.00 p.m.

This G.M. demands that University Council agree to withdraw stocks and shares in British companies with subsidiaries or associates in Southern Africa. This G.M. mandates Union representatives to demand that any excess profits made from these investments during the period of their withdrawal be used to finance the printing by Manchester University Press of educational texts for use in schools in the liberated areas of Southern Africa.

This G.M. notes the meeting of University Council at 2.00 p.m. this afternoon and calls for a mass lobby of that meeting.

T.U.C. SELLS SHARES

AS REPORTED IN ANTI-APARTHEID NEWS
FEB. 1 :

The TUC has sold shares worth £106,325 in six companies with South African interests as a first step towards implementing a resolution passed at the 1972 Trades Union Congress in Brighton. The resolution instructed the TUC General Council to withdraw all investments in firms with South African subsidiaries.

The companies in which the TUC has sold its holdings are Barclays Bank, Distillers, Great Universal Stores, ICI, Thorn Electric and Unilever.

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