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**SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF
SOUTHERN AFRICA**

SOUTHERN AFRICA IS IN CRISIS

Southern Africa is in the news. Hardly a day goes by without TV, radio or press reports. "Soweto riots", "Kissinger brings peace", "Geneva Talks Stalemate", "Rhodesian forces kill Guerrillas". But what is happening—why is there a crisis?

The answer is simple. White minority rule is on the way out. Majority rule is around the corner.

In Southern Africa white minority rule has always meant a good life for the whites: high living standards, power, privilege and leisure. But this white man's paradise has been built on the backs of the black majority. For them Southern Africa is a living hell: poverty, humiliation, unemployment and permanent inferiority. The African people are treated like foreigners in the land of their birth.

THE FACTS:

	South Africa		Zimbabwe/ Rhodesia		Namibia	
<i>Population</i>						
Africans	17,700,000	71%	5,900,000	95.5%	665,000	78.1%
Whites	4,200,000	16%	274,000	4.4%	99,000	11.6%
Coloureds & Asians	3,000,000	11%	29,800	0.1%	88,000	10.3%
<i>Land</i>						
Africans	13.7%		46.5%		40%	
Whites	86.3%		46.5%		43%	
<i>Annual expenditure per school pupil</i>						
Africans	£26		£22		not given	
Whites	£403		£249		not given	
<i>Average weekly wages</i>						
Africans	£8.30		£5.30		£5.60 (mining)	
Whites	£53.50		£57.68		£70.70 (mining)	
<i>Average weekly wage for African farm workers</i>						
	£2.80		£2.03		£1.90	

White domination, being unpopular and unjust, can only survive through the brutal enforcement of a wide range of repressive laws. Popular resistance always meets the same response—detention, imprisonment, torture, and even death. This year in South Africa alone hundreds of leaders in the churches, trade unions, women's organisations and universities have been detained without trial for opposing the Vorster regime.

Freedom is Coming

Today Southern Africa is changing. The people are struggling for their freedom with renewed determination and courage.

The former Portuguese colonies of Mozambique and Angola have won their independence. The Smith regime in Rhodesia does not know which way to turn. Rapidly losing its grip, it is trying to turn itself into a respectable ally of the United States and Britain in order to gain for itself a new lease of life. That is why, earlier this year, Smith "accepted" majority rule. But now his behaviour shows it was just a cynical manoeuvre—he is still not prepared to allow the establishment of a popularly acceptable government.

So Zimbabwe freedom fighters—like the resistance movements in occupied Europe during World War II—are carrying on the struggle. They would rather die in the fight for freedom than live as slaves in their own country.

Similarly in Namibia, a war of liberation is taking place. An estimated 50,000 South African occupying troops are based in northern Namibia in order to maintain white rule. Throughout the country the Namibian people are doing all they can, against heavy odds, to force the South Africans to leave their country.

In the heart of white supremacy — South Africa — the people are saying NO to apartheid. On 16 June 1976 the students of Soweto took to the streets in protest against apartheid in education and in all walks of life. The police opened fire and killed over 300 school children. Since June massive strikes, demonstrations and protests have spread throughout South Africa — challenging the whole apartheid system.



Britain—Accomplice in Apartheid

The white minority regimes in Southern Africa continue to survive thanks to the help of their traditional allies—the Western powers and Britain in particular. They provide the arms which make South Africa's defence forces the most powerful on the African continent. They provide the investment and loans which strengthen the apartheid economy. They are the major trading partners.

Indeed, without this collaboration white domination could not survive in Southern Africa.

Britain is the major collaborator. The British Government is publicly committed to an arms embargo and yet a wide range of British military equipment reaches South Africa. Of all foreign investment in South Africa, 60 per cent (£2,000 million) is British. We buy more from South Africa and sell more to South Africa than any other country. Over 50 per cent of white immigrants come from Britain. South Africa can always count on British support whenever effective action is proposed at an international level—three times Britain has joined France and the United States to veto action in the United Nations Security Council.

Why should Britain continue to be an accomplice of apartheid? The British people have repeatedly expressed their opposition to apartheid. Yet our Government argues that to isolate South Africa would damage our "national interests".

But tying our fortunes to the doomed and discredited system of racist rule in Southern Africa is only going to damage Britain's standing throughout the African continent and the rest of the world, and our long term interests in Southern Africa too. The pursuit of short term profits by business interests will cost Britain more than disengaging from apartheid and siding with the African people.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Plenty — and it's urgent.

Campaign for NO ARMS FOR APARTHEID

Campaign for NO INVESTMENT IN APARTHEID

BOYCOTT ALL PRODUCTS OF APARTHEID

Campaign AGAINST APARTHEID SPORT

Campaign for the TOTAL ISOLATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

SUPPORT THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Demand the RELEASE OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN POLITICAL PRISONERS

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