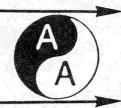
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Conference

Friday, 20th March 7·30-9·30pm Saturday, 21st March 10·00-5·00pm University of Strathclyde

Cathedral Street, Glasgow.

Co-sponsors:

UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Friday March 20

7.00pm - Registration and Coffee

7.30pm - The Struggle for Liberation in Southern Africa Chief E.C.Abyaoku, Deputy Secretary General,

U.N. Special Committee Against Apartheid.

10.00pm - Conference Social (Strathclyde Students' Union)

Saturday March 21

10.00am - Registration and Coffee

10,30am - South African Aggression Against The Front Line States

Margaret Ling, Vice- Chairperson, Anti-Apartheid Movement

Bob Hughes, MP, Chairperson, Anti Apartheid Movement.

Ambassador of the People's Republic of Angola

11.00am - Britain and Apartheid -- A Manifesto For Sanctions (1)

Mike Terry, Executive Secretary, Anti-Apartheid Movement.

11.30am - Manifesto For Sanctions (2)

Invited participants;

Labour Party

Alliance/Liberal

SNP

Conservative Party

Green Party

Communist Party

Workshops (1)

a. The South African War Machine

b. Namibia - Uranium Mining

c. Health and Welfare in Namibia's Struggle for

Independance

d. Trade Unions In South Africa

e. Women In South Africa

f. Political Prisoners and Repression in

Southern Africa

12.45 - 1.45 Lunch

1.45pm - People's Sanctions Against Apartheid Peter Heathfield, General Secretary, NUM. Catherine O'Reilly, Dunne's Strikers - Brian Filling, Chairperson, Scottish Committee Anti-Apartheid Movement

3.00pm - Trade Unions and Sanctions

Peter Heathfield

Harry Bygate, National Union of Seamen.

Aberdeen

Catherine O'Reilly

Campbell Christie, General Secretary, Scottish

Trade Union Congress,

Ron Press, Executive Committee, South African

Congress of Trade Unions

Jan Stockwell, International Department, National

Association of Local Government Officers

Workshops (2)

a. The Boycott

b. Solidarity with Namibian People

c. Solidarity with Front Line States

d. The Black Community and Aparthei

e. The Church and Apartheid

f. Local Authorities and Sanctions

g. Youth and Students

4.30pm - Conclusions Stanley Clinton Davis; Former Labour front bench spokeperson on Southern Africa - currently commissioner to the EEC. Speakers from UN Special Committee, Anti-Apartheid Movement, African National Congress South West African People's Organisation

The British Government's refusal to act on the issue of sanctions against aparthied South Africa has been condemned throughout the world; notably by the leaders of the oppressed people of Namibia and South Africa.

The Anti-Apartheid Movement is calling for the British people to impose their own sanctions; the People's Sanctions Against Apartheid.

This Conference has the aims of stepping up the campaign for mandatory sanctions against South Africa and of amplifying the call for the Scottish people and their organisations to take action themselves to isolate the apartheid regime.

Workshop Options

The Apartheid War Machine

Gavin Cawthra, who leads this discussion is himself a South African war resister who, like many of his age group has chosen to oppose conscription to the racist military machine.

He now lives in London and is the author of a major study of the "Apartheid War Machine".

Health and Welfare In Namibia's Struggle for Independance

The work of SWAPO's Women's Council will be outlined by one of its members. Namibia is occupied by 150,000 South African troops. Thousands of exiles in Angola and Zambia are cared for by SWAPO. The settlement at Kwanza Sul in Angola has the lowest infant mortality rate in Africa.

Uranium Mining in Namibia

Grant Collie works for the Scottish Campaign to Resist the Atomic Menace. Namibia's natural resources are protected by the UN Council for Namibia's Decree Number 1. Despite this Uranium is mined on a massive scale and exported by British multi-nationals.

Trade Unions in South Africa

Ron Press is a member of the Executive Committee of the South African Congress of Trade Unions (SACTU) and was a treason trialist in 1956. He will provide an expert analysis of the current state of trade union organisation inside South Africa and will bring news of workers' struggles against apartheid.

Women In South Africa

The women of South Africa have a long record of resistence to apartheid - from the anti-pass laws campaigns of the 40s and 50s to the stubborn resistance of the women of Crossroads in the face of the full might of the apartheid state. The Womens Section of the African National Congress, who will provide the background to this discussion, are part of this history.

Political Prisoners and Repression in South Africa (SATIS)

"Southern Africa - The Imprisoned Society" is a part of the Anti-Apartheid Movement which organises campaigns on all aspects of repression in South Africa and Namibia.

Martial law has been enforced in Namibia since 1972, while 26,000 people have been detained in South Africa since June 1986 and 21 South Africans are currently on death row in Pretoria.

Clive Nelson is a full-time worker at the Anti-Apartheid Movement headquarters with responsibility for SATIS Campaigns.

Workshops 2

The Boycott Campaign

The consumer boycott; sport; culture; Barclays Bank; Shell out of Namibia and South Africa. Mike Terry of the Anti-Apartheid Movement will lead the discussion.

Solidarity with the Namibian People

The Namibian People have an independent and inalienable right to self-determination. New campaigns to win solidarity are being planned by the Scottish Namibia Committee. Ann Campbell is the Committee's Secretary.

Solidarity with the Front Line States

All of the countries in the front line have called for sanctions despite the continual threat from South Africa. Support for these states is essential to strengthen the sanctions campaigns. Margaret Ling is a director of Anti-Apartheid Enterprises which promotes trade with the front line states.

Local Authorities and Sanctions

The crucial area of Local Authorities' solidarity work lies in their ability to control investments and pension funds. The government is keen to prevent this control. We will have a panel of prominent councillors to discuss this work.

The Church and Apartheid

A group of Church people will discuss the role of the church in opposing apartheid.

The Black Community and Apartheid

Suresh Kamath is a member of the Executive Committee of the Anti-Apartheid Movement. He is an active campaigner in London's black community.

Youth and Students against Apartheid

A new impetus to bring young people into solidarity work by the launch of a Youth Steering Committee in the Anti-Apartheid Movement.

A MANIFESTO FOR SANCTIONS

In the run up to the General Election the Anti-Apartheid Movement is putting a "Manifesto For Sanctions" before all candidates and asking each of them to endorse it.

The aim of the campaign is to increase the pressure, which is already considerable, on the next British Government, whatever its complexion, to end Britain's support for the spartheid regime.

Britain is the major foreign investor in South Africa and the Botha regime's fourth largest trading partner. Britian's support is crucial to the survival of the racist regime in Pretoria.

Our aim is to stop Britain vetoing mandatory, comprehensive sanctions against South Africa in the U.N. Security Council. The imposition of mandatory and comprehensive sanctions would speed the end of the Apartheid regime. Without Botha's pillars of support the peoples of South Africa would quickly, and with much less bloodshed, overthrow the Apartheid regime and the Namibian people would gain their freedom and independence.

PEOPLE'S SANCTIONS

The courageous resistance of the peoples of South Africa and Namibia demands that we step up our pressure on the British Government to improve sanctions and that the question becomes a major issue in the General Election. But the thousands detained in South Africa and the millions starving in Mozambique cannot wait for this forever and so the Anti - Apartheid Movement is calling on the people of Britain to impose People's Sanctions.

We call on the people to boycott South African goods and trade; we call on trade unions and trade unionists to take action against Apartheid; we ask local authorities to break any remaining links they have with the racist regime; we are asking students, churchpeople, the black community to step up their actions. We are calling on the British People to impose People's Sanctions.

People's Sanctions will bring pressure to bear on the crisis-ridden South African economy, they will assist the campaign for mandatory comprehensive sanctions and they will give heart to the peoples of South Africa and Namibia in their just and heroic struggle.

TRADE UNION SANCTIONS

At the core of People's Sanctions are Trade Union Sanctions.

Already workers such as the Dunnes strikers, the Southampton dockers, the seamen on the P & O lines to Orkney and Shetland have taken action and shown the way. The TUC has adopted a policy which calls for the trade union movement to work with the Anti-Apartheid Movement for the strengthening of the boycott campaign.

Trade Union action has to grow and intensify - going beyond the actions, important as they are, of small groups of trade union workers - to mass united action involving the whole of the trade union movement.

The Scottish Committee of the AAM intends this Conference to be geared to the discussion and planning of such action by all sections of the Scottish People. The Conference, meeting on the anniversary of Sharpsville and Langa, will be the launching pad for the development of People's Sanctions to the level required, indeed demanded, by the oppressed people of Namibia and South Africa.

Creche - Southern African Food - Videos

Liberation Social with James Phillips (ANC) and the SWAPO Singers Registration Fees - £3.00 (£2.00 Unwaged) - full Conference £1.00 (50punwaged) - Friday only

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