THURSDAY 27th OCTOBER: LAUNCHING OF THE WEEK OF ACTION. THERE WILL BE MEETINGS AND EVENTS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. CONTACT THE ADDRESS BELOW FOR DETAILS OF LOCAL EVENTS.

SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER ’83

BRITISH COMPANIES OUT OF NAMIBIA

PROTEST MARCH

SOLIDARITY WITH SWAPO

March past headquarters of British companies operating illegally in Namibia

ASSEMBLE 1·30pm, Bressenden Place

London SW1 (opposite Victoria Station)

RALLY 3·30pm, Jubilee Gardens (next to County Hall)

Speakers: SWAPO, AAM, NSC

SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER: BENEFIT FOR SWAPO AT ISLINGTON TOWN HALL, UPPER STREET, LONDON N1, ORGANISED BY THE NAMIBIA SUPPORT COMMITTEE. THE REPUBLIC, KING BISCUIT DISC KIT AND SUPERCOMBO. STARTS 7.30pm. TICKETS £3.50 / £1.50 UB40.

MONDAY 31st OCTOBER: AAM WOMEN’S COMMITTEE & SWAPO WOMEN'S SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN JOINT ACTION AT THE CEGB HEADQUARTERS, NEWGATE ST., LONDON EC1 (NEAR ST. PAUL’s). PROTEST FROM 1 – 2pm AT THE PLUNDER OF NAMIBIA’S URANIUM AND THE NUCLEAR THREAT.

WEDNESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER: NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BARCLAYS BANK IN PROTEST AT ITS ROLE IN NAMIBIA AND ITS COLLABORATION WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENCE FORCE. CONTACT LOCAL ORGANISERS FOR DETAILS.

YOU CAN SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN IN OTHER WAYS:

* HELP RAISE MONEY FOR SWAPO MEDICAL KITS - VITALLY NEEDED IN SWAPO’S REFUGEE CAMPS

* SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE RELEASE OF THE KASSINGA DETAINNEES - ABducted FROM A REFUGEE CAMP IN ANGOLA IN 1978, BRUTALLY TORTURED, AND STILL HELD WITHOUT EVER HAVING BEEN CHARGED OR TRIED.

* WRITE TO YOUR LOCAL ELECTRICITY BOARD TO PROTEST ABOUT THE CENTRAL ELECTRICITY GENERATING BOARD’S USE OF STOLEN NAMIBIAN URANIUM

* INVITE SPEAKERS FROM SWAPO, AAM OR NSC TO YOUR TRADE UNION / POLITICAL PARTY / STUDENT UNION MEETINGS, OR TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS OF WHICH YOU ARE A MEMBER.

* WRITE TO YOUR MP OR MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE HER/HIM TO URGE A CHANGE IN BRITISH GOVERNMENT POLICY ON NAMIBIA.

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International Week of Action on Namibia

27th Oct.-2nd Nov. '83

On 27th October 1966 the United Nations declared South Africa's occupation of Namibia to be illegal. South Africa was granted a "sacred trust" by the League of Nations in 1919 to administer Namibia. South Africa abused this trust by:

* imposing its racist apartheid system onto the Namibian people.
* enforcing a labour system almost amounting to slavery.
* plundering Namibia's natural resources, such as uranium and diamonds.
* sending in an occupation army of at least 100,000.
* using Namibia as a base to attack neighbouring countries - especially Angola.

South Africa has tried to crush the Namibian people's resistance to the occupation. Hundreds of Namibians have been detained and imprisoned; hundreds more tortured and murdered. The occupation army has attacked and destroyed villages. They have even attacked refugee camps in Angola, slaughtering hundreds of Namibians trying to escape from their brutality.

HOW CAN THIS STILL BE HAPPENING? WHY HAVEN'T THE UNITED NATIONS ACTED TO END SOUTH AFRICA'S RULE?

The answer is simple. Britain and other major western powers, far from wanting Namibia to be independent, actively collaborate with South Africa's illegal occupation. And they use their power of veto in the United Nations to stop the UN from taking action.

* British weapons systems arm the occupation forces.
* British oil companies fuel the apartheid economy.
* British banks finance South Africa's illegal occupation.
* British based companies plunder Namibia's natural resources.

WHY?

Because those in power in our society want friendly relations with South Africa, and the super-profits from their investments there. In 1978 all the parties involved agreed to a United Nations settlement plan, but South Africa has refused to implement it. The apartheid regime is confident that Britain and the United States will go on using their power of veto in the UN to protect it. Now the United States are trying to interfere in yet another country - Angola. They support South Africa's demand that Cuban forces be withdrawn from Angola, before there is a settlement in Namibia. The Cubans are in Angola legally. Angola requested them because of continual attacks by South Africa.

The Namibian people have no choice but to step up their freedom struggle. SWAPO, their liberation movement, is fighting back against the apartheid forces, just as the French, Greeks and Yugoslavs resisted Nazi occupation.

People in Britain have a special reason to support SWAPO, because Britain is top of the list of collaborators with South Africa. Even some of your electricity is made from uranium stolen from Namibia!