## 20 Men Digging a Ditch

## NOTHING UNUSUAL BUT ......

Two of them are capable fitters. One is a motor mechanic. Others are experienced brickies, carpenters, and welders.

They're not digging the ditch for fun. They're doing it for £5 a week. They'r black, and they live in South Africa under apartheid. Apartheid keeps their wages low, while white men, with no better qualifications, earn five or ten, even fifteen times as much. Apartheid forces them to live apart from their families. Their children are lucky to go to school. The government and the employers do not recognise their trade unions. The government has outlawed their political organisations, banned their newspapers, imprisoned, tortured, exiled and killed their leaders. But still they fight back.

There are over thirteen millions of them and another  $2\frac{1}{2}$  million non-whites who also suffer racial discrimination. Only the whites (19%) enjoy the fruits of sunny South Africa. They control 87% of the land, the whites-only Parliament, the army, police force, courts and prisons. Nearly half a million blacks go to prison every year.

But the whites cannot do it all on their own. They need money and friends. Friends who will play rugby and cricket with them, take holidays on the whites-only beaches, take jobs reserved for whites when there aren't enough whites to go round. Friends who will sell them arms, and buy their Outspan oranges, Cape grapes, diamonds, wool and gold.

White South Africa's best friends are British. Seventy per cent of the largest British companies have invested their profits in South Africa, a vast total of over £1,500 million bringing in fat returns to British bosses. Cyril Lord, GEC-AEI, Plessey and others have been piling up their stake in South Africa while laying off workers in Britain.

British support for apartheid is against the interest of the British people. South Africa's present rulers sided with Hitler in World War II. They are racists. The price of appeasing them will be racial conflict and bloodshed throughout Southern Africa, with Britain on the wrong side. The time to stop British support for apartheid is NOW!

Boycott South African goods.

Stop the sale of arms to Vorster.

Any of your mates thinking of emigrating to South Africa? Tell them why not.

Support the African liberation struggle—the Anti-Apartheid Movement will tell you how.

Join the Anti-Apartheid Movement-use form below.

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N.B. Trade union branches, Trades Councils, SSCs, etc. can join the AAM for £2 a year.

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