Anti-Apartheid Movement

DEMONSTRATION JUNE 16th COTOARAGIED Sanctions now!



Assemble: County Hall, York Rd, London 12-Ipm Rally: Trafalgar Square 3pm

The massacre at Langa, on the 25th anniversary of the Sharpeville massacre, was universally condemned. Yet killings like this have been taking place almost daily since September 1984. That was when the South African regime introduced its "new" apartheid constitution, which entrenches white power, and is intended to exclude permanently the African people (3/4 of the population) from democratic rights and even citizenship of their country. Attempts to co-opt sections of the Black community - the 'Coloureds' and Indians - into the white power structure, were met by a hugely successful boycott of the elections spearheaded by the United Democratic Front (UDF).

The response of the regime has been massive repression. UDF leaders have been arrested on charges of 'High Treason'. Hundreds have been detained. The South African police, and the army, have been sent into the townships in an attempt to crush the growing opposition to apartheid. They ride in British made landrovers, fuelled by British oil companies. British banks participate in loans to help sustain apartheid, and British companies continue to operate there. .

The South African people are paying a heavy price in their struggle for freedom and justice. Many have lost their lives, many are imprisoned. The UDF has said:

"Foreign investments do not benefit the oppressed and exploited people of South Africa, but bolster the apartheid government."

ANC leader Nelson Mandela, in his 23rd year of imprisonment has said.

" Every effort to isolate South Africa adds strength to our struggle."

Yet 25 years after Sharpeville the British Government still refuses to act against the apartheid regime, and arrogantly dismisses the call of the South African people for sanction

The Anti-Apartheid Movement now calls on the people of Britain to demonstrate that we will no longer tolerate our Government's pious condemnation of apartheid, that we demand sanctions against South Africa NOW!