

Don't unload the "African Sun"

Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) is a country in southern Africa with a population of about 5.2 million people, of which over 95% are Black. The 5% white minority - led by racist prime minister Ian Smith - controls the country with an iron racist hand. The Zimbabwean people are nothing but slaves in their own country - denied all political, economic and human rights.

The Ian Smith racists have it good. They sit on top, exploiting the Africans, using their hard work to make millions upon millions every year. Africans work in their mines and in their factories for peanuts. Life for the African people is living hell. While white workers make a yearly income of about \$700, the Black people are lucky if they pull \$50 a year. In the entire history of the country only 94 Africans have ever graduated from high school. Africans pay 3 to 4 times more for food, clothes and other goods, get the worst land and worst housing, as well as the worst, dirtiest jobs.

Because of these racist actions, the United Nations has imposed a world-wide sanction against countries trading with the Ian Smith racists. Right now only 3 countries are openly violating that trade boycott - the USA, Portugal and South Africa. The USA has some 40 companies - like Union Carbide and Foote Mineral Co. - in Rhodesia at the present time.

The two major goods that US companies deal in are chrome ore and asbestos. A lot of publicity has been raised about chrome coming into the country from Rhodesia. There have been militant demonstrations in Louisiana, Baltimore and other cities by Black people and other concerned people. Black and white longshoremen have refused to unload shipments of chrome from Rhodesia.

The other major import is asbestos. All of the asbestos from Rhodesia comes through Philadelphia ports. This asbestos fiber is used for such things as fireproof police equipment, fireman equipment, wire insulation and other things.

That brings us to why we are here. This morning longshoremen refused to unload a large shipment of asbestos fiber which is aboard the ship "African Sun". By this action, Philadelphia longshoremen have shown that they will not be party to the murder and exploitation of the Zimbabwean people by the racist Ian Smith regime. The struggle of the Zimbabwean people is also our struggle. The same US companies that are killing and exploiting people in Africa are the same ones that exploit all working people and all poor people right here in the US. These shipments of goods from the racist Rhodesian government don't do a damn thing for us - it only helps to make the rich richer.

Join with us to let these US monopolies and rich businessmen know that they won't be getting by with trading with the racists in Rhodesia.

ALL SHIPMENTS FROM RHODESIA MUST BE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY!

NO RHODESIAN ASBESTOS WILL MOVE THROUGH THE PORT OF PHILADELPHIA!

For more information about Rhodesia, who we are, and what we can all do about these shipments, call:

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