

SOUTHERN AFRICA ANTI-MERCENARY COALITION

December 2, 1979

Dear Friends,

We are glad to send you the enclosed first issue of our Bulletin, as well as the flyer listing resources available. As you know, events in Zimbabwe and Southern Africa generally are changing rapidly, especially with the London Conference still meeting. By the time you receive this, the Conference may have ended. When it does, whether with a breakdown or an agreement, it will be necessary to analyze the changing situation closely. We plan to send out an update on the new developments following the end of the Conference.

In the meantime, this Bulletin describes the situation in Zimbabwe leading up to the Conference. We think it is especially helpful in exposing the secret role of the US in the war, at a time when the Carter administration is claiming to be not involved, and supporting a "peaceful" solution.

Although the Carter administration, like the previous ones, has never enforced the sanctions against Rhodesia, there is right now a very serious move to lift them entirely. (Carter has broadly hinted that he will lift sanctions at the conclusion of the London Conference, and Jesse Helms has introduced a resolution to have sanctions lifted immediately.) This would amount to effective recognition of the present neo-colonial government of Muzorewa and Smith, and it would greatly increase the flow of arms, oil and mercenaries coming from this country. At the same time, there is a parallel move to loosen the already minimal restrictions on military exports to South Africa. This would be a serious blow to the liberation movements, since South Africa is not only continuing its internal repression, but also stepping up its aggression throughout the region. During the period leading up to the London Conference, South African jets have bombed the main dam and agricultural valley in Mozambique, South Africa has invaded Angola, escalated its war in Namibia, and has admitted to the existence of battalions fighting in southern Zimbabwe.

We urge you to write the House Subcommittee on Africa (Chairman Stephen Solarz, Washington D.C.) with these demands:

1. Speak out against US moves to lift the UN embargo against Rhodesia. Insist that the US enforce the embargo on Rhodesia and do not lift restrictions on arms to South Africa; US stop blocking a total embargo against South Africa!
2. Convene an investigation to expose and shut down Soldier of Fortune mercenary magazine; demand that the Justice Department end its cover-up and prosecute Editor Lt. Col. Robert K. Brown and the other Army officers and CIA agents on the Soldier of Fortune staff.
3. Speak out against any support for the Muzorewa/Smith regime; recognize the Patriotic Front as the sole legitimate representative of the people of Zimbabwe.

There is also an urgent need for material aid. As the Muzorewa/Smith forces have lost control of most of the countryside, they have turned to a "scorched earth" policy of defoliating the forests and crops in the liberated areas under ZANU's administration. At the same time, ZANU has 90% of its forces inside Zimbabwe and has enormous responsibilities for feeding, sheltering, and healing millions of people. The uncertainties of negotiations and of any "transitional" period should not blind us to the urgency of ZANU's immediate material aid needs. Checks may be made to:

Zimbabwe Material Aid Campaign, PO BOX 11358, San Francisco, CA 94101.

Now is an extremely important time for us all to be increasing our ability for coordinated solidarity work. Let us hear from you! *Melinda + Vicki for Saamco*

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**Southern Africa
Anti-Mercenary Coalition
(SAAMCo)**

RESOURCES

**For building solidarity with the
Zimbabwean people's war for
national liberation**



**Stop the US
Government
Mercenary Machine!**
PROJECT OF SASO
**Victory to the
Patriotic Front!**

To contact SAAMCO write:
PO BOX 14333 Station G
San Francisco, CA 94114

The Southern Africa Anti-Mercenary Coalition (SAAMCO) builds political and material support for the Zimbabwe people's just war for genuine independence. We oppose all US attempts to impose neo-colonialism in Zimbabwe, demanding that the US recognize the Patriotic Front and maintain and enforce the Rhodesian embargo. An important aspect of our work is building a campaign to obstruct the recruitment of thousands of white mercenaries by the US government through the CIA and the US Army Special Forces.

RESOURCES

SAAMCO welcomes your ideas about how to get these resources circulated as widely as possible.

**Slideshow:
ZIMBABWE, THE WAR FOR
INDEPENDENCE:
Defeating the US
Mercenary Strategy**

This is a 40 minute slideshow with cassette soundtrack, available for showing to classes, organizations, or groups of people in your home. The slideshow is a graphic and powerful presentation on the development of the brutal colonial system in Zimbabwe, the US neo-colonial strategy for Zimbabwe, and the US government mercenary recruitment network. It discusses the role of **ZANU (Zimbabwe African National Union)** in leading the armed struggle for national liberation. The slideshow also exposes the links between the mercenary machine and the police and right-wing organizations in the US, which act as occupying armies in Black and Third World communities.



Arrangements:

If you are in the San Francisco Bay Area, SAAMCO would be happy to send a representative to lead a discussion of the slideshow and current developments in Zimbabwe. RENTALS for colleges, universities, student groups and funded agencies is \$30 plus postage and handling; purchase price \$120. Community groups may rent for \$15 plus postage and handling, and may purchase at cost (inquire). For benefit events where all proceeds go for material aid to ZANU, the slideshow can be borrowed for postage and handling only.

Scheduling:

Please schedule at least a month in advance, indicating several possible dates. In order to make the slideshow widely available, it is important to reduce "turn-around time." Please return the slide show in good order on the day after showing, and notify us immediately of any delays.

THE SAAMCO BULLETIN

This is a brief analysis of the US political and military strategy in Southern Africa, with emphasis on the role of mercenaries; discusses our responsibility to oppose this strategy and support the freedom fighters. Free, please send self-addressed stamped envelope.

GUNS FOR HIRE

This is a very helpful 40-page booklet which exposes in detail the direct role of the US government in recruiting mercenaries to fight with the Rhodesian Army. The cost is \$1 plus .50 postage, prepaid.; send 10% postage for orders of 10 or more.

MIKE SPIKE, DOOMED US GOVERNMENT MERCENARY

This is a twenty minute street theatre with music. Focusing on the US government neo-colonial strategy in Zimbabwe, the skit starts in the offices of the Pentagon and ends on the battlefields of Zimbabwe, in between detailing the recruitment and training of Mike Spike. In the San Francisco Bay Area, contact SAAMCO to arrange a performance at your event, rally, or street fair. Or write for a script \$1.



LIBERATION MOVEMENTS

Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU)

The Chief Representative

ZANU Mission

211 E. 42nd St. Rm. 902

NY, NY 10017

ZANU

1668 B Page St.

San Francisco, CA 94117

ZANU is the leading force within Zimbabwe's Patriotic Front, and is currently administering vast liberated areas. **Zimbabwe News** is the official organ of ZANU, and contains the fullest and clearest analysis of developments in the liberation struggle. Cost: \$3.50.

South West African People's Organization: SWAPO of Namibia

UN Observer Mission

801 2nd Ave, Rm 1401

NY, NY 10017

Namibia, located between Angola and South Africa, is fighting against South African colonialism and US-led imperialism. SWAPO is leading the armed struggle in Namibia for the freedom and independence of their people. As part of support for the regional struggle against imperialism and settler colonialism, it is important that we build solidarity with SWAPO.



Solidarity Activities and Resources

ZIMBABWE MATERIAL AID CAMPAIGN (ZMAC)

Box 11358
San Francisco, CA 94101

Formed under the leadership of ZANU to raise food, medical supplies, clothing, and money for the refugees and the two and a half million people in the liberated areas, and to build political support for the liberation struggle.

SOUTHERN AFRICA SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE (SASC)

P.O. BOX 14462
San Francisco, CA 94114

Anti-imperialist solidarity work with the liberation struggles in Namibia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Eritrea and the US Black Liberation Movement. Namibia slideshow on the struggle for liberation led by SWAPO exposes US strategy for Namibia and Southern Africa.

THE SWAPO PRINTSHOP PROJECT c/o LIBERATION SUPPORT MOVEMENT (LSM)

Box 2077
Oakland, CA 94604

A joint project of SWAPO and LSM to provide a complete printshop and train SWAPO comrades to operate it so that SWAPO can put out its own publicity.

SOUTHERN AFRICA MAGAZINE

156 Fifth Ave Rm. 707
NY, NY 10010

Gives comprehensive coverage of the liberation struggles and the solidarity movement, especially see the November 1978 issue on mercenaries.