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MACSA CALENDAR

- Sunday, April 7 MACSA General Meeting 2pm Pres House basement
731 State St.
- April 22 - 28 African Cultural Festival (see enclosed flyer)
- Tuesday, April 23 Two African films (on Senegal and Guinea-Bissau)
4 pm, 7:30 pm, and 9:30 pm, Pres House, 731 State St.
- April 26 - 27 Liberian Studies Conference
- Monday, May 6 MACSA newsletter assembly work session
7:30 pm, Pres House basement
- Sunday, May 12 MACSA General Meeting, 2 pm, Pres House basement

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ZIMBABWE FUND
AS OF
MARCH 21, 1974

I. ZIMBABWE FUNDS (UNDESIGNATED)

1973 TOTAL: 225.00
1974 TOTAL: 26.00

TOTAL UNDESIGNATED 251.00

II. ZIMBABWE FUNDS (DESIGNATED)

A.) ZIMBABWE WELFARE TRUST

1973 TOTAL: 127.50
1974 TOTAL: 0

TOTAL 127.50

B.) JOINT MILITARY COMMAND

1973 TOTAL: 88.00
1974 TOTAL: 58.00

TOTAL 146.00

TOTAL DESIGNATED 273.50

GRAND TOTAL 524.50

CAMPAIGN SET TO HALT CHROME IMPORTATION

SUPPORTERS OF LEGISLATION TO REPEAL THE BYRD AMENDMENT ARE MOBILIZING THEIR FORCES ON CAPITOL HILL.

CONGRESSMAN CHARLES C. DIGGS JR., D-MICH, HAS CALLED A BRIEFING FOR FEB. 27 TO BRING TOGETHER BLACK CITIZENS CONCERNED ABOUT ENDING AMERICA'S IMPORTATION OF RHODESIAN CHROME. THE BYRD AMENDMENT ALLOWS THE U.S. TO VIOLATE UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA ON THE PRETEXT THAT OTHERWISE THE U.S. WOULD BE DEPENDENT ON CHROME FROM RUSSIA.

THE BRIEFING WILL INCLUDE BLACK REPRESENTATIVES OF CIVIL RIGHTS, LABOR AND COMMUNITY GROUPS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THIS UNPRECEDENTED ACTION ON AN ISSUE INVOLVING AFRICA IS AIMED AT USING BLACK POLITICAL STRENGTH TO CONVINCE UNCOMMITTED CONGRESSMEN THAT THE REPEAL OF THE BYRD AMENDMENT IS OF SERIOUS CONCERN TO BLACK AMERICANS.

"THE PURPOSE OF THE BRIEFING IS TO SHOW THAT BLACK AMERICANS DO CARE ABOUT AFRICAN ISSUES," SAID MRS. SOLER BUTCHER, GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICA, WHICH IS CHAIRED BY CONGRESSMAN DIGGS. "BEFORE THE FIRST AFRICAN LIBERATION DAY MEETING TWO YEARS AGO, MANY CONGRESSMEN FELT THAT AFRICA WAS NOT A POLITICAL ISSUE FOR BLACKS."

OVER 100 ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY HAVE BEEN SENT LITERATURE WHICH THEY WILL DUPLICATE FOR THEIR AFFILIATED INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS.

- - - REPRINTED FROM AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPER, FEB. 16, 1974

THE SENATE VOTED TO REPEAL THE BYRD AMENDMENT 54-37, AND THE HOUSE WILL BE CONSIDERING THE MEASURE SOON. YOU ARE URGED TO WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMAN A SHORT TO-TO-POINT LETTER URGING SUPPORT FOR THE APPEAL. LONG LETTERS ARE NOT READ AND TELEGRAMS ARE FREQUENTLY IGNORED. TAKE TIME TO WRITE A TWO OR THREE PARAGRAPH ONE PAGE NOTE AND URGE SUPPORT FOR HR 8005, THE BILL TO REPEAL THE BYRD AMENDMENT.

WEEK OF AFRICAN CULTURE
- APRIL 22-28 -



Monday, April 22

- 3:30 pm - Opening Panel of Week of African Culture - African Students Assn. Wisconsin Center, Room 210
- 8:00 pm - "Berber Folk Architecture and Life in the High Atlas Mountains" - Mr. David Hicks, architect, University of Manchester, and specialist on Berber life, culture, and architecture. He will exhibit slides of Berber culture, Berber music, and artifacts of Berber society. Wisconsin Center, Room 210.

Tuesday, April 23

- 4:30 pm - Opening of Contemporary African Art Show - Wisconsin Center Lounge (Langdon and Lake Streets). The show focuses on the work of Francis Msangi, Tanzanian artist, but will include other contemporary African art. The show will be open for exhibit all week.
- 7:30 pm - "The Transition of Culture: African Traditional and African Modern" - Prof. Robert F. Thompson, Yale University. Professor Thompson is associate professor of African Art History and Director of Undergraduate Studies and author of Black Gods and Kings. Wisconsin Center, Rm. 210.

Wednesday, April 24

- 12 noon - "The History of Northern Nigeria: The Case of Ningi" - lecture, Mr. Adell Patton, historian, will speak on his recent research in Northern Nigeria - Wisconsin Africanists. 1451 Van Hise.
- 3:30 pm - "Moroccan Culture in a Berber Language Course" - Prof. Jeanette Harries will demonstrate a sample lesson of synchronized slide and tape with Berber culture. 1451 Van Hise Hall.
- 8:00 pm - "Contemporary East African Art" - illustrated lecture, Mr. Francis Msangi, Tanzanian artist and lecturer at the University of Nairobi and visiting at California Arts and Crafts Institute. He will speak about his own art (on exhibit in Wisconsin Center) in the context of contemporary work in East Africa. Elvehjem Art Center, Rm. 140.

the african studies program

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Thursday, April 25

- 3:30 pm - "Justice and Injustice in South Africa" - lecture. Mr. Albie Sachs, South African lawyer and author of the new work Justice in South Africa (University of California Press, 1974). Wisconsin Center, Rm. 225.
- 8:00 pm - "Drama in Southern Africa" - lecture. Mr. Robert Leshoai is a prominent Lesotho dramatist and is a visiting professor in Maryland. Wisconsin Center, Rm. 225.

Friday, April 26

- 9:30 am - Opening of national annual meeting, Liberian Studies Association. Wisconsin State Historical Society - Hosted jointly by the Department of Afro-American Studies and the African Studies Program.
- 4:00 pm - Reception: Opening African Studies Program Instructional Materials Center (866 Van Hise Hall) and Liberian Studies Association Reception 19th floor, Van Hise Hall Lounge. Exhibits of instructional materials including video-tape, 16 mm films, slides, maps, overhead transparencies, etc. will be on demonstration in rooms 866 and 849.
- 8:00 pm - Dance Program - The Victor Clottey Dance Troupe of Ghana. Mr. Clottey exhibits a range of contemporary and traditional Ghanaian dance arts with a supporting troupe of six dancers. (Location to be announced)

Saturday, April 27

- 9:30 am - Liberian Studies Association Meeting, continuing, Wisconsin State Historical Society.
- 2:00 pm - Upper Midwest Africanist Association - Opening Panel - "Teaching About Africa: Books and Materials for the Secondary Level." This meeting is open to anyone interested in introducing Africa into the secondary and university undergraduate curriculum. 1418 Van Hise Hall.
- 7:00 pm - An Evening of African Films - several outstanding new African Films will be shown without charge, Wisconsin Center Auditorium.
- 9:00 pm - An African Party - African Students Association. Place to be Announced.

Sunday, April 28

- 9:30 am - Upper Midwest Africanist Panel: Teaching About Africa: Goals and Methods at the Undergraduate Level." 1418 Van Hise Hall.
- 2:00 pm - Films on Africa - A Preview of New Offerings. 115 Van Hise Hall.



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PORTUGUESE COLONISTS PANIC IN FACE OF ATTACKS

LONDON -- THE LATEST REPORTS FROM MOZAMBIQUE TELL OF PANIC AMONG THE PORTUGUESE WHITE SETTLERS AS THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT, FRELIMO, EXPANDS SOUTHWARD.

IN THE PORT OF BEIRA, BEGINNING ON JANUARY 18, THREE DAYS OF DESPERATE RIOTING OCCURRED BY THOUSANDS OF WHITE COLONISTS PROTESTING THAT THE PORTUGUESE ARMY WAS FAILING TO COPE WITH FRELIMO AND DEMANDING THAT STRONGER MEASURES BE USED.

PORTUGAL'S FASCIST REGIME HAS RUSHED THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF ITS ARMED FORCES, GENERAL FRANCISCO COSTA GOMES, TO MOZAMBIQUE TO TAKE COMMAND OF THE SITUATION. GOMES WAS FORMERLY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN THE PORTUGUESE COLONY OF ANGOLA, WHERE THE MAIN LIBERATION MOVEMENT, MPLA, HAS ALSO CONTINUED TO ADVANCE.

WHITE SETTLER ALARM BEGAN WHEN FRELIMO GUERRILLAS BLEW UP TWO TRAINS ON THE RAILWAY NEAR THE RHODESIAN BORDER ON NEW YEAR'S EVE. SINCE THEN TWO OTHER ATTACKS ON THE RAILROAD HAVE OCCURRED, THE THIRD INCIDENT, THE BLOWING UP OF A TRAIN BY A LANDMINE ON JANUARY 22, TAKING PLACE WHILE MILITARY POLICE WERE FIRING MACHINE GUN VOLLEYS OVER THE HEADS OF WHITE DEMONSTRATORS IN BEIRA, TO QUELL THEM.

IN 1973 FRELIMO PROUDLY ANNOUNCED THAT HAVING CONSOLIDATED ITSELF IN THE PROVINCES OF CABO DELGADO, NIASSA AND TETE IT HAD OPENED AN NEW FRONT IN THE CENTRAL PROVINCE OF MANICA Y SOFALA, WHICH IS CROSSED BY THE BEIRA-RHODESIA RAILROAD. THOSE WHO UNDERSTAND GUERRILLA OPERATIONS AND WHO KNOW THAT MILITARY ATTACKS ARE NOT USUALLY MADE UNTIL MASS SUPPORT BASES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED (WHICH ENABLE GUERRILLA UNITS TO REMAIN HIDDEN WITHOUT BETRAYAL AND TO OBTAIN SUPPLIES) ARE NOW AWARE THAT THE FRELIMO ANNOUNCEMENT WAS NOT MERE PROPAGANDA. -----FROM AN ARTICLE BY WILLIAM J. POMEROY IN THE DAILY WORLD, FEBRUARY 15, 1974.

PORTUGAL OFFERS MILITARY BASE TO U.S.

PORTUGAL IS DANGLING THE CARROT OF A MILITARY BASE IN MOZAMBIQUE IN EXCHANGE FOR OPEN MORAL AND POLITICAL SUPPORT FROM THE UNITED STATES.

PORTUGAL, WHICH IS WAGING WAR AGAINST NATIONALIST GUERRILLAS IN MOZAMBIQUE, ANGOLA, PORTUGUESE GUINEA AND THE CAPE VERDE ISLANDS, IS THE GREATEST HOLDER OF COLONIAL POWER IN AFRICA.

THE U.S. ALREADY HAS A BASE IN THE AZORES, AN ISLAND CHAIN HELD BY PORTUGAL OFF WEST AFRICA, AND IS CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO NEGOTIATE A FIVE-YEAR RENEWAL OF ITS AGREEMENT THERE.

NOW PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR JUAO HALL THEMIDO HAS OFFERED THE U.S. A BASE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CONTINENT AS WELL, AT THE PORT OF NACALA, IN MOZAMBIQUE.

NACALA, THE AMBASSADOR POINTS OUT, IS LARGE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE THE ENTIRE U.S. 6TH FLEET. IT ALSO HAS ADEQUATE BASE AND FUEL FACILITIES AND IS SERVED BY A RAILROAD AND AIRPORTS.

WHAT THEMIDO DOES NOT POINT OUT IS THAT MOZAMBIQUE IS A DAILY BATTLEGROUND BETWEEN PORTUGUESE FORCES AND FRELIMO ARMY OF LIBERATION. OBVIOUSLY, AN AMERICAN BASE HERE WOULD CAUSE POLITICAL PROBLEMS FOR AMERICA BY IDENTIFYING THIS COUNTRY WITH PORTUGAL'S COLONIAL POLICIES.

REPORTS ARE, IN FACT, THAT THE U.S. HAS BEEN LESS THAN ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE PORTUGUESE PROPOSAL. THE AZORES ISLAND TREATY FOR MAINTENANCE OF A U.S. BASE AT LAJES EXPIRES THIS MONTH. THERE IS A SIX-MONTH GRACE PERIOD, UNTIL NEXT AUGUST, TO COMPLETE THE JOB OF NEGOTIATIONS.

-----FROM THE AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPER, WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5-9, 1974

THE CRUCIAL NATURE OF THE LAJES AIR BASE IN US-ISRAELI RELATIONS, AS EXEMPLIFIED BY ITS HEAVY USE AS A REFULING STOP BY AMERICAN PLANES IN THE RE-SUPPLY AIRLIFT TO ISRAEL DURING THE OCTOBER 1973 WAR, SHOULD NOT OBSCURE THE CONNECTIONS AMONG THIS BASE OFFER, US BASE-BUILDING ON DIEGO GARCIA ISLAND IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, AND SOUTH AFRICA'S INCREASING CALLS FOR AN "ANTI-COMUNIST" SOUTH ATLANTIC - INDIAN OCEAN "DEFENSE" ORGANIZATION SIMILAR TO NARO.

FOUR BANKS SHUN SECRET LOAN DEALS WITH RACIST SOUTH AFRICA

THE RACIST WHITE CONTROLLED SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND ITS AGENCIES MUST DO WITHOUT THE FUNDS OF FOUR AMERICAN BANKS WHICH HAVE DECIDED TO WITHDRAW FROM THEIR SECRET LOAN COMMITMENTS TO THAT NATION.

THE BANKS, SOME OF WHICH WERE SAID TO HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED BY GOOP PRESSURE, INCLUDED MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST CO., INDIANAPOLIS; WACHOVIA BANK AND TRUST IN NORTH CAROLINA; CHICAGO'S CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK; AND CITY NATIONAL BANK OF DETROIT.

THE REV. DR. W. STERLING CARY, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (NCC), REPORTED THE WITHDRAWAL MOVE MADE BY THE FOUR BANKS.

A REPORT OBTAINED FROM CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS REVEALED SOUTH AFRICA'S INVOLVEMENT IN \$210 MILLION WORTH OF LOAN TRANSACTIONS FROM AMERICAN, CANADIAN AND EUROPEAN BANKS.

ASIDE FROM THE FOUR BANKS ALREADY MENTIONED, OTHER AMERICAN BANKS REPORTEDLY INVOLVED WITH SOUTH AFRICA INCLUDE UNITED VIRGINIA BANK OF RICHMOND; MARYLAND NATIONAL BANK; BALTIMORE; FIRST NATIONAL BANK, LOUISVILLE, AND REPUBLIC NATIONAL BANK, DALLAS.

ROBERT LOGAN, PRESIDENT OF CHICAGO'S CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK, ALSO ANNOUNCED HIS BANK'S INTENTION TO REFRAIN FROM GIVING FUTURE LOANS TO SOUTH AFRICA, REV. CARY REPORTED -----REPRINTED FROM THE AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPER, WEEK OF JANUARY 1-5, 1974

CHURCHES MOVE TO STOP BUSINESS SUPPORT OF COLONIAL AFRICA

A COALITION OF TEN NATIONAL RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS HAVE ANNOUNCED THEY ARE FILING UNPRECEDENTED 22 STOCKHOLDER RESOLUTIONS WITH AN EQUAL NUMBER OF MAJOR AMERICAN CORPORATIONS INVESTING IN WHITE-RULED AFRICA.

REPRESENTED IN THE CHURCH PROJECT ON U.S. INVESTMENTS IN SOUTHER AFRICA ARE BOARDS OF EIGHT PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS, A ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIESTS' ORDER AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

THE DENOMINATIONS INCLUDE THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, THE AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES, THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) AND THE REFORMED CHURCH OF AMERICA.

ALSO PARTICIPATING ARE THE UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ATONEMENT FRIARS. THE TEN ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PROJECT REPRESENT STOCK PORTFOLIOS VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$700 MILLION. THE VALUE OF THE STOCK HELD IN THE 22 COMPANIES BY THE CHURCHES WHICH FILED THESE RESOLUTIONS IS OVER \$17 MILLION.

SPEAKING FOR THE COALITION AT A PRESS CONFERENCE DR. STERLING CARY, THE FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, SAID THAT SIX OF THE CHURCHES, REPRESENTING APPROXIMATELY \$7.3 MILLION WORTH OF STOCK IN THE COMPANY, ARE REQUESTING EXXON TO WITHDRAW FROM EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES OFFSHORE GUINEA-BISSAU ON AFRICA'S WEST COAST.

GUINEA-BISSAU IS AFRICA'S NEWEST INDEPENDENT STATE, RECOGNIZED SO FAR BY 71 NATIONS AROUND THE WORLD (NOT INCLUDING THE U.S.). EXXON CONTINUES TO HOLD A CONCESSION FOR OIL EXPLORATION THERE WITH PORTUGAL. DR. CARY LIKENED GUINEA-BISSAU'S DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE TO THAT OF AMERICAN NATION IN 1776.

GULF OIL RECEIVED A RESOLUTION REQUESTING A FULL DISCLOSURE OF THE FACTS BEHIND ITS "NEW KUWAIT IN ANGOLA" REPORTED LAST MONTH.

THREE, AND POSSIBLE FOUR, OIL COMPANIES INVOLVED IN EXPLORATION OFFSHORE NAMIBIA ARE BEING ASKED TO CEASE THOSE OPERATIONS IMMEDIATELY. NAMIBIA IS A COLONY ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED BY SOUTH AFRICA AN RULED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN RACIST APARTHEID SYSTEM. -----REPRINTED FROM THE AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPER, WEEK OF JANUARY 22-26, 1974.

WEST GERMAN FIRMS GUILTY

FOLLOWING THE EXPOSURE IN THE BRITISH PRESS, LAST YEAR, OF BRITISH COMPANIES OPERATING IN APARTHEID SOUTH AFRICA AND PAYING THEIR BLACK WORKERS APPALLINGLY LOW WAGES, THE QUESTION OF THE WEST GERMAN FIRMS WITH SUBSIDIARIES IN SOUTH AFRICA WAS RAISED BY A MEMBER OF THE BUNDESTAG.

LAST YEAR A GROUP OF SOCIOLOGISTS VISITED THE "REPUBLIC" AND THEIR REPORT SHOWS THAT TWENTY-FOUR SUBSIDIARIES OF WEST GERMAN MONOPOLIES IN SOUTH AFRICA DRAW EXTRA PROFIT BY PAYING THEIR BLACK EMPLOYEES STARVATION WAGES.

THE REPORT MENTIONS SUBSIDIARIES OF SUCH COMPANIES AS AEG, THE BADISCHE ANILIN AND SODA FABRIKEN (BASF), DAIMLER-BENZ, DEMAG, FARBERWERKE HOECHST, KRUPP, BAYER LEVERKUSEN, SIEMENS AND THE VOLKSWAGEN TRUST, AS BEING GUILTY OF SUCH PRACTICES.

THE REPORT SHOWS THAT THESE AND OTHER WEST GERMAN FIRMS PAY AFRICAN WORKERS AN AVERAGE WAGE OF R45 A MONTH. THE OFFICIAL SUBSISTENCE MINIMUM IS BETWEEN R78 AND R110.

THE SOCIOLOGISTS WHO SPENT FOUR MONTHS IN SOUTH AFRICA SAID THAT SUBSIDIARIES OF WEST GERMAN FIRMS, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, REFUSED TO GIVE THEM OFFICIAL FIGURES. THE EXPERTS THEREFORE HAD TO RELY ON INFORMATION THEY GOT FROM THE WORKERS THEMSELVES. -----FROM SECHABA MAGAZINE, OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICA, JANUARY 1974.

SOUTH AFRICAN SNEAKS INTO U.S. FOR TALKS

CLOAKED IN SECRECY, THE SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTER OF INFORMATION HAS JUST COMPLETED A TWO-WEEKS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES TO PUT THE CASE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S WHITE GOVERNMENT BEFORE AMERICAN POLICY MAKERS. SOUTH AFRICA IS CALLING IT THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE AND HIGHEST LEVEL TALKS BETWEEN AMERICANS AND SOUTH AFRICANS IN THREE DECADES.

THE CABINET MINISTER D. CONNIE MULDER LEFT SOUTH AFRICA QUIETLY, AND ONLY AFTER HE SAW VICE PRESIDENT FORD DID THE SOUTH AFRICANS LIFT THEIR OFFICIAL SILENCE.

RADIO SOUTH AFRICA, THE OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT BROADCASTER, IS TERMING THE TRIP "HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT" AND SAYS IT SYMBOLIZES "THE REFRESHING NEW OUTLOOK FOREIGN POLICY WHICH THE PRESENT U.S. ADMINISTRATION HAS ADOPTED."

THE RADIO REPORTS THAT THE TALK WITH FORD, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE, DISCUSSED HOW SOUTH AFRICA AND THE UNITED STATES CAN BE OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE TO EACH OTHER IN SUCH MATTERS AS THE ENERGY CRISIS. (SOUTH AFRICA HAS NO KNOWN OIL DEPOSITS AND IS COMPLETELY DEPENDENT UPON OUTSIDE SOURCES FOR PETROLEUM, PARTICULARLY. SHE IS, HOWEVER, OBTAINING OIL FROM COAL AT THE SASOL PLANT. A SIMILAR COAL-TO-OIL CONVERSION PLANT IS IN THE PLANNING STAGES FOR RHODESIA.)

MULDER, WHO IS OFTEN MENTIONED AS A POSSIBLE FUTURE PRIME MINISTER OF SOUTH AFRICA, MET WITH TOP LEADERS DURING HIS STAY IN THE U.S. AMONG THE CONGRESSIONAL OFFICIALS HE SAW WERE SENATE MINORITY LEADER HUGH SCOTT, HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER TIP O'NEIL, CHAIRMAN THOMAS MORGAN OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, AND SENATE MINORITY WHIP ALBERT GRIFFIN. IN ADDITION, THE MINISTER TALKED WITH TWO PROMINENT CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICANS-- GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN OF CALIFORNIA AND SENATOR JOHN TOWER OF TEXAS. -----REPRINTED FROM MUHAMMAD SPEAKS NEWSPAPER, FEBRUARY 15, 1974.

BLACK CAUCUS URGES BAN ON TRADE WITH SO. AFRICA

THE MASSACHUSETTS BLACK CAUCUS ASKED THE LEGISLATURE YESTERDAY FOR LAWS TO BAN ANY COMMERCE WITH SOUTH AFRICA OR RHODESIA AS A SUPPORT FOR THE AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT. THEY ASKED FOR THE BAN SHORTLY AFTER GOV. FRANCIS W. SARGENT, SPEAKING AT CEREMONIES MARKING THE START OF AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORY WEEK, SAID: "THE HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY WOULD NOT BE COMPLETE WITHOUT INCLUDING THE MANY ACHIEVEMENTS OF AFRO-AMERICANS."

AT A STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING, STATE REP. MEL KING (D-SOUTH END) SAID THAT THE CAUCUS'S PACKAGE "WOULD HEIGHTEN THE AWARENESS OF PEOPLE HERE TO THE SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA."

"IN A HISTORICALLY FREEDOM-LOVING STATE LIKE MASSACHUSETTS," HE SAID, "BUSINESS SHOULD NOT BE DONE WITH COUNTRIES THAT PROHIBIT THE SAME KINDS OF FREEDOMS WE HAVE HERE."

THE BILLS WOULD PROHIBIT THE PURCHASE BY STATE AGENCIES OF GOODS FROM SOUTH AFRICA, RHODESIA AND PORTUGUESE COLONIES. THEY WOULD ALSO PROHIBIT UNLOADING OF CARGOES FROM THOSE COUNTRIES, THE PARTICIPATION OF THEIR ATHLETES IN STATE SPORTING EVENTS, PROVIDE FREE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO THEIR CITIZENS AND SET MARCH 21 AS AN OFFICIAL STATE HOLIDAY TO COMMEMORATE THE SHARPSVILLE MASSACRE IN SOUTH AFRICA IN 1960.

ONE OF THE BILLS WOULD PROHIBIT MASSACHUSETTS BASED FIRMS DEALING WITH SOUTH AFRICA -- SUCH AS POLAROID, GILLETTE, THE KENDALL CO. AND THE NORTON CO. -- FROM RECEIVING MASSACHUSETTS TAX BENEFITS. KING SAID THE AMOUNTED TO \$6.9 MILLION. "THESE COMPANIES DO AS THE ROMANS DO. THEY OPERATE UNDER THE LAWS OF THE COUNTRY AND THUS ARE EQUALLY GUILTY OF THE SAME KINDS OF BLACK OPPRESSION." -----REPRINTED FROM BOSTON GLOBE, NEWSPAPER FEBRUARY 12, 1974.

IN COMMEMORATION OF SHARPSVILLE

A meeting to commemorate the Sharpville Massacre was held at the home of the Kunene's on Thursday March 21. About twenty people attended the meeting which featured a report on current news of the liberation movements in Southern Africa. People were also encouraged to support the repeal of the Byrd amendment and a plea was made for more manpower for MACSA.

Brother from the west--

(How can we explain that you are our brother?)
the world does not end at the threshold of your house
nor at the stream which marks the border of your country
nor in the sea

in whose vastness you sometimes think
that you have discovered the meaning of the infinite.
Beyond your threshold, beyond the sea
the great struggle continues.

Men with warm eyes and hands hard as the earth
at night embrace their children
and depart before the dawn.

Many will not return.

What does it matter?

We are men tired of shackles. For us
freedom is worth more than life.

From you, brother, we expect
and to you we offer

not the hand of charity
which misleads and humiliates

but the hand of comradeship

committed, conscious.

How can you refuse, brother from the west?

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