



Madison Area  
Committee on  
Southern Africa

731 State Street  
Madison, Wisconsin  
53703

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GIL FERNANDES TO SPEAK

Saturday December 9th 8 pm University United Methodist Church  
(corner Charter and University)  
10 pm informal discussion & refreshments  
Sunday December 10th 10:45 Worship Service at Pres House with  
Gil Fernandes as speaker  
11:45 informal discussion following service

Gil Fernandes is a leader in the PAIGC movement for the liberation of Guinea Bissau and Cape Verde. He is the PAIGC representative at the United Nations. He will be giving two lectures in Madison, and his coming will be the highlight of our fund drive for PAIGC. If you have not yet given, we urge you to do so. We will, hopefully, have over \$1000 by the time Mr. Fernandes comes. Fernandes' visit is co-sponsored by the MPED, WSA, International Club, and the Afro-American Community Services Center, along with MACSA.

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LSM CALENDAR AND GREETING CARDS AVAILABLE

The Liberation Support Movement recently received commendations from MPLA, FRELIMO, and PAIGC for their work on the new 1973 Liberation Calendar. LSM has also asked MACSA to support their efforts by promoting the sale of these worthwhile political and educational publications.

The calendar, attractively done in eight colors, on a 9" X 11" format, is filled with political quotes, poetry selections, photos, and original drawings. It is available, at \$3.00 per copy, from the following address:

Liberation Support Movement Information Center  
Box 338  
Richmond, B.C., CANADA

LSM CALENDAR AND CARDS CONT

Special bulk rates are available; see the LSM ad in the MACSA office.

LSM has also designed a pair of year-round "revolutionary Greeting Cards." Original drawings and the slogan "A vitoria E Certa!" are depicted on a selection of three differently colored 5½" X 4¼" folded cards. A packet of 10 cards with envelopes is available at a price of \$1.00 (plus 5%) from the same address. A special price of 10 packets for \$10.00 is offered.

Remember: "All proceeds go into continued support work for the liberation movements: FRELIMO, MPLA, and PAIGC."

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NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT

A general MACSA meeting was held November 12, at 731 State Street. Committees reported and a variety of topics of general interest to MACSA members were discussed.

The Fund-raising Committee reported that, at that time, a total of \$275. had been raised for PAIGC. The PAIGC campaign is slowly being completed. Another \$25 has been collected for general support of liberation movements. MACSA's major outstanding debts include \$65 in loans to be repaid and \$50 in literature bills to be paid. Undesignated cash on hand was less than \$10.

The upcoming visit of Gil Fernandes was discussed and it was announced that MPED, WSA, the International Club and the Afro-American Community Services Center will co-sponsor the event with MACSA. A coordinating committee was organized under Ruth Minter and Meg Skinner.

The Boycott Committee reported that so far IGA, Millers, Copps, and A & P and Kohls were among the local food stores contacted about MACSA's symbolic boycott of Southern African goods.

Finally, potential topics of future general interest for meetings were discussed. Studies of various corporate groups (oil, auto manufacturers, mining, IBM, ITT etc.) were proposed. Investigation into current university and state investment board stock holdings were also suggested. The MACSA Anti Corporate Campaign Committee was re-organized. Steve Smith (255-5506) agreed to be the committee convenor. He also presently serves as MACSA's liason with the Corporate Investigative Action group (C.I.A.), a local anti-corporate collective.  
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CONGRESSMAN DIGGS' COMMITTEE REPORT IS  
NOW AVAILABLE IN MACSA OFFICE

The Diggs Committee (U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa) report is available for use in the MACSA office. The two-volume document, entitled "hearings on U.S. Business Involvement in Southern Africa (May 4 - December 7, 1971)," contains a wealth of statistics, tables, federal reports, and corporate testimony.

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PRINTSHOP FOR MPLA - WORK OF LSM

The Liberation Support Movement/Bay Area has for over a year been working to meet a request by MPLA for a printing press and for a person trained in its use to come train MPLA cadres. At the annual NAAIC meeting in July, MACSA pledged to help raise necessary funds to complete this initial phase of the project which has now expanded to hopefully raise other equipment as well for an MPLA printshop. As of September, \$1000 was still needed to meet debts incurred in buying the press and sending the trained person to Africa. At the November 12th MACSA meeting it was agreed that all undesignated contributions to liberation movements on hand or received before January 15 would be sent to LSM for the LSM Printshop project. To date, this means a sum of \$76.68

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U.N. VOTE TO RECOGNIZE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS

November 13, the U.N. General Assembly's Fourth Committee (Political Committee) voted overwhelmingly to recognize the liberation movements of the Portuguese colonies in Africa as the authentic representatives of those people and called for the transfer of power to them. The vote was 103 to 5 with 11 abstentions. The United States, Brazil, Costa Rica, Spain and Britain cast negative votes. Abstentions came from Belgium, Bolivia, Colombia, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Honduras, Italy, Nicaragua, Uruguay, and Venezuela. Portugal and South Africa were boycotting the meeting. The committee's decision is subject to approval by the Assembly Plenary.

The resolution calls for negotiations between Portugal and the liberation movements of Guinea-Bissau, Angola, and Mozambique; called on Portugal to immediately cease its colonial wars, withdraw its armed forces, and end settlement of foreign immigrants; called for governments and UN specialized agencies to give moral and material assistance to liberated areas; and called on states, particularly members of NATO to withdraw any assistance to Portugal, notably supplies of arms and military equipment, and to discourage their nationals and corporations from operating in the African Portuguese colonies.

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PAIGC FUND TOPS \$900 by THANKSGIVING

As of November 27, the campaign for funds for the PAIGC medical and educational programs had received \$906.52. The stated goal is \$2000. We would hope to have most of the funds in hand when Gil Fernandes visits us on December 9th. Please send your contribution or bring it the 9th when he speaks, if you have not yet done so.

The largest contribution to the PAIGC campaign, about half the total on hand, came from a committed college sophomore who has been earning his own support, rather than coming from anyone with a substantial income. Likewise, in previous campaigns we have had one or two contributions of \$100 and more in the \$30 - \$60 range, usually from young workers or students. We do not have access to "Big Money" but if even one fourth of the readers of MACSA News committed themselves as these young people have to more than token contributions, our support of the liberation struggle in Africa would expand tremendously.

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MACSA AS PART OF NORTH AMERICAN ANTI-IMPERIALIST COALITION

A year ago the Madison Area Committee on Southern Africa joined the North American Anti-Imperialist Coalition. Our membership keeps us in contact with other groups involved with the struggle against white minority rule in Africa and also with groups involved with similar struggles in other parts of the world, keeping us conscious of the larger context into which the African struggle fits, and of our particular role as North Americans. The NAAIC Newsletter is available in the MACSA office for reading at any time. Individuals may subscribe to the NAAIC Newsletter for \$6 from NAAIC, 244 West 27th St, 5th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10001.

MACSA as a member, however, owes \$25 dues for 1972-73. At the November 12th General Meeting of MACSA it was decided to attempt to raise special contributions of \$2 each from active members to meet these dues rather than taking it from the general treasury. Please turn in your NAAIC membership contributions as soon as possible to the treasurer, Bill Minter (22 Sherman Terrace 241-1137)

GULF BOYCOTT COALITION CURRENT ACTION

Note to MACSA Readers \_\_ Madison itself has only a couple Gulf stations; so although MACSA supports the nationwide boycott, we are not a key target area. Many of you will be in other localities over the vacation; please take the initiative to contact the Gulf Boycott Coalition yourself for flyers and help spread the word during this holiday season to every location our readers visit. The plan of action sent to us by the Gulf Boycott Coalition follows:

This summer Gulf stations have out decals of state and U.S. flags to all customers, to put on their cars. Gulf called this their campaign of "How to Save America." One result of this campaign which Gulf had not anticipated is that it gives us an exciting avenue for reaching Gulf consumers. Anytime you see a car with one of these decals you know that car has been to a Gulf station.

Our plan of action is to leaflet cars with these decals, thus attempting to influence actual Gulf consumers. We have done some foot work on this idea and have evolved the following plan:

TARGET DATES: Thanksgiving to January 1st.

SITES: Parking lots, shopping centers, university parking areas, sports events, or any other place where large numbers of cars are assembled.

PLAN: Two or more people drive up and down the rows of parked cars at the selected site, looking for cars with the decals. One person drives while the other puts leaflets on the windshield of the car with the decal. You know that you are getting the message to a potential Gulf boycotter. We covered one large shopping center on a busy day in 25 minutes. We found that most cars put the decals on the rear bumper. Because of Christmas consumption, shopping center lots will be full during our target dates. We suggest you try to cover the area once a week during the target dates.

MATERIALS: Statue of Liberty flyer. Please let us know how many you need

Gulf Boycott Coalition  
Box 123  
D.V. Station  
Dayton, Ohio, 45406 (phone 513-276-4077)

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YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM-FRANKSTERS AGAINST LIBERATION FORCES IN  
SOUTHERN AFRICA

Buttons with the inscriptions "Anything but McGovern", "Discover Capitalism", were worn by the two men who petitioned the W.S.A. Senate (10-24-72) to grant funds to a spurious group they called the "Southern African Council". The funds, they said, would be used to aid the people affected by guerilla activity in southern Africa against the white regimes.

In case it should appear to the "Innocent" senators that they planned only to help the dependents of the South African and Rhodesian policemen or army men killed in military skirmishes with the guerillas, these advocates of humanitarianism and philanthropy made it clear that their concern was also with the African villages affected by their hostilities. They also drew the analogy that such an action by W.S.A. would be like the Medical Aid for Indochina campaign. The cynical attitude to W.S.A. politics was evident.

It has always been my conviction that the most conservative elements of  
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society know what the stakes are when the oppressed demand liberation. They are sometimes ahead of liberals and are always against the liberation of the oppressed.

MACSA's trouble-shooting committee got wind of the YAF plan. A contingent was sent to counter this attack on liberation sentiments in Madison. The W.S.A. Senate denounced and dismissed the petitioners as lacking concrete information on their concern for southern Africa. The petitioners seemed to be frivolous and uninformated. Worse still, they seemed to have taken a position against the liberation movements in southern Africa. One might be forgiven for thinking they were sympathetic to the racist and fascist regimes in southern Africa; South Africa, Rhodesia, Mozambique, Angola and Guinea (Bissau).

MACSA's October Newsletter reproduced McGovern's platform on Africa. The YAF, it seems, is against it. As for "Discovering Capitalism" it should be evident to MACSA members that multinational corporations and capitalism are part of the problem faced by liberation movements in southern Africa.

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AFRICA INFORMATION SERVICE

112 West 120th Street

New York, New York, 10027

The Africa Information Service (A.I.S.) is an organization of Africans and Black Americans who share a commitment to Third World and anti-imperialist struggles.

Upon the disbanding of the Africa Research Group (ARG) that organization's files and library were turned over to us with the understanding that some of our work would be a continuation of similar efforts by the ARG. We plan to prepare catalogue, and distribute information on African liberation movements and on the struggle to achieve economic independence, by the people in those parts of Africa which are recognized as independent political states. In addition, we plan to provide the people of Africa with information on various struggles being waged by Third World peoples in the Western Hemisphere.

Our primary responsibility is to distribute this information in such a way as to assist in the growth and development of a broadly based anti-imperialist movement within the United States. Africa will be our focal point, but we recognize that the African struggles do not exist in isolation. They are themselves part of a larger movement by Third World peoples. We expect to fulfill an informational responsibility which will reflect this reality.

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CALA AND MACSA SPONSOR VAN LIEROP FILM SHOWING

Two showings of Robert Van Lierop's film, "A Luta Continua" were held in early November. MACSA and the Community Action on Latin America organization sponsored the evening. It is our hope that more joint efforts such as this will be held in the future. Attendance was good at both showings. The film is a new one, based on VanLierop's experiences in Mozambique and on the struggle there waged by FRELIMO against the Portuguese.

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MADISON CHURCHES COMMITTEE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

A group of Madison churches have formed a committee on southern Africa. First Congregational Church has such a group, which could work in conjunction with three Presbyterian churches in mutual efforts to raise the question of U.S. involvement in Southern Africa. Covenant Presbyterian, Dale Heights Presbyterian and Westminster Presbyterian are interested. Contact Marylee Wiley 255-2484 for information, or call Ruth Minter 241-1137.

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