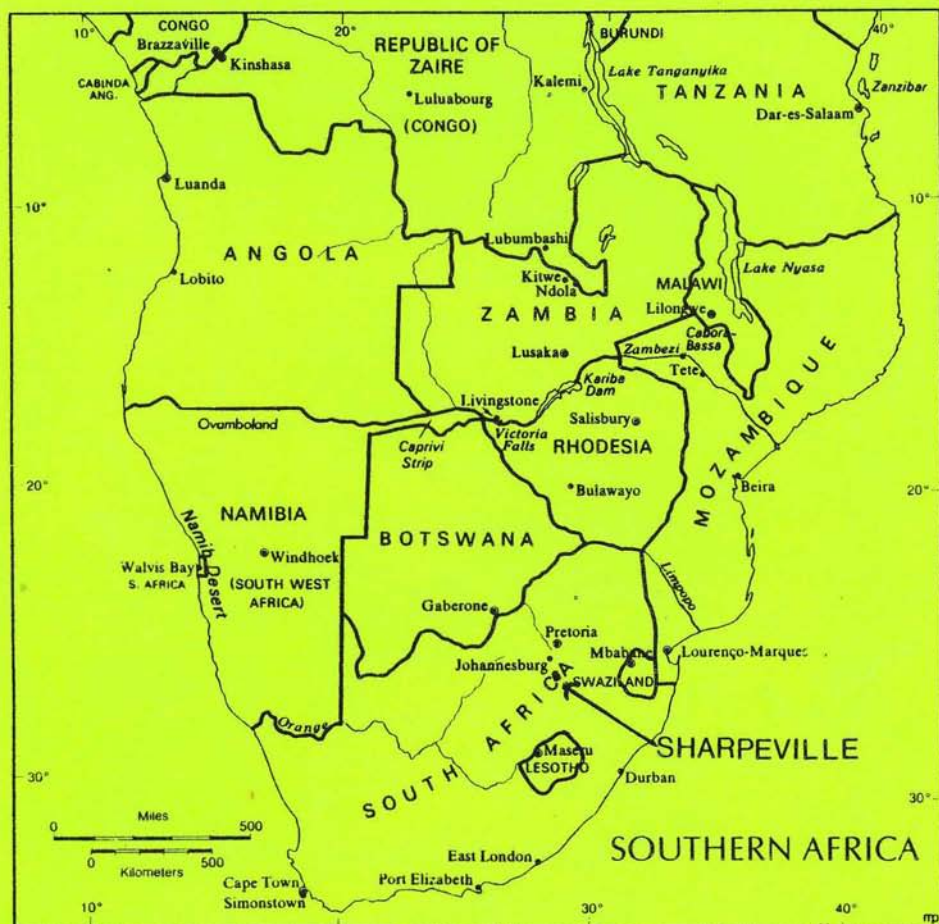


# SHARPEVILLE DAY



with our youth, elders,  
and Bro. Hulme Siwundhla

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NATIONAL BLACK UNITED FRONT

Sharpeville 25th Anniversary Program  
Randolph Carter Center  
Seattle, Washington

March 21, 1985

P R O G R A M

Welcome and Introduction to Program

- Sister Pam Morris  
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Black National Anthem

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South Africa/Sharpeville Presentations

- Presentations by Elders
- Presentations by Youth

Keynote Address

- Brother Hulme Siwundhla  
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Red Ribbon Campaign Culmination

Presentation Awards

From the Front -- NBUF '85

- Brother Khalfani Mwanba  
Chair, NBUF Seattle

In Remembrance of Sharpeville

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About NBUF...

The NATIONAL BLACK UNITED FRONT (NBUF) is a freedom-fighting organization working for the cultural development of Afrikan people. NBUF Seattle has been concentrating on tenant rights, youth support, and Pan-Afrikan organization through our Housing Committee, Junior Afrikan Movement (JAM), and Grenada and Sharpeville day community gatherings.

NBUF consistently works with Afrikan progressive movement forces including Afro-American Studies at UW, Delany Learning Center, the Nation of Islam, the Rainbow Coalition, and many other groups who are supporters of self-determination and justice.

\*\*\* FORWARD TOGETHER --- BACKWARD NEVER \*\*\*



# WHAT IS REALLY HAPPENING IN SOUTH AFRICA?



After enslaving African People for over 330 years, South Africa's racist, white, nazi-like government has recently escalated (stepped-up) its attacks on Black People....killing and wounding hundreds of African Men, Women & Children. Thousands more were arrested without justification, displaced, brutalized, tortured & terrorized, as close to 10,000 army troops and police stormed Black townships. The question on most people's minds is WHY?...and HOW!?

Because the racists south african government says:

- That Black People have no legal right to vote, no freedom of speech or assembly.
- That Black People must carry a passbook (government identification) at all times or be put in jail indefinitely.
- That 72% of the population (Our Brothers & Sisters) live on only 13% of the land (the worst land at that).
- That 16% of the Population (whites) occupy 87% of the land (the best of the land).
- That Black Women should have forced abortions to keep the Black Population down.

What is happening in south africa (Azania), as well as all over Africa is simple...the Struggle Is For Land, Independence and Self-Determination. It is also a struggle against a governmental system — APARTHEID (Separateness) — a brutal and inhumane system of racist white minority rule that dominates, regulates and controls the majority Black Population, and whose criminal acts are surpassed only by hitler's nazi germany. Even simpler, white minority control over the land is being violently maintained because it is profitable — South Africa (Azania) is rich in all of the minerals and raw materials necessary to build some of the worlds most technologically advanced products (from nuclear weaponry to aluminum foil).

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## A SHORT HISTORY

In 1652 the Dutch (also called the Boers) arrived in the southern part of Africa and began setting up settlements. This intrusion by whites was met by Black resistance resulting in the deaths of millions of Africans and the enslavement of millions of others. In 1795 the British moved in and went to war with the Dutch over control of the land, the British won and pushed the Dutch inland. In 1885 the major European powers (the U.S. included) met in Berlin and divided Africa among themselves, (the Berlin Conference). Again, Britain and the Dutch went to war. In 1910 the British and the Dutch joined together to form the "Union of South Africa" (USA) and become a member of the British Commonwealth. In 1961 the "Union of South Africa" "official" ties with the British Commonwealth and became the "Republic of South Africa".

### The Sharpeville Massacre

On March 21, 1960 the people organized to challenge the repressive pass laws which required Black people to carry passbook. After Mangaliso Robert Sobukwe and his aids had been arrested, thousands of unarmed Africans gathered at the police station in Sharpeville. The white police fired on the defenseless men, women and children. 69 Africans were killed on the spot, and 178 wounded. More than 80% were shot in the back as they fled.

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## The Soweto Uprising

The city of Soweto is Azania's largest city with over one million people, which exists mainly to supply Johannesburg with cheap Black labor. There is little or no work in the city and in the "housing" that does exist, there is no running water or electricity. On June 16, 1976, school children refused to attend classes to protest the forcing of Black students to use the white language in the schools. The response to the peaceful demonstration was prompt and brutal. About 1000 Black school children were killed and thousands more maimed and wounded.

## Armed Struggle

After the Sharpsville Massacre, an event that pointed to the ineffectiveness of trying to embarrass the south african government through peaceful demonstrations, the armed wing of the African National Congress (ANC) was launched. Called Umkhonto We Sizwe (Spear of the Nation), this grouping began the business of winning freedom and independence by way of armed struggle.

## Who Pays For This?

Direct U.S. Investment .....	\$2.51 Billion
Bank Loans (your money) .....	\$3.88 Billion
Stock Holdings .....	\$7.6 Billion
<b>Total U.S. Involvement .....</b>	<b>\$14 Billion</b>

It is our tax dollars that are being used to help the racist south african government oppress and destroy Our Brothers & Sisters in south africa (Azania — the name given to south africa by the Pan-Africanist Congress (P.A.C.)). We also know that money taken out of the hands of the Black & minority poor in the form of reagan's racist cutbacks has shifted food out of our children's mouths and bullets into the guns of racist south africa. Which would you rather support? LIFE or . . . . . DEATH???

## AN URGENT CALL FOR SUPPORT!!!

Remember the Azanian people must free themselves. But it is our duty and responsibility, and most of all in our interest, to fight our common enemy. It is the same beast that kills our people in Azania that is killing our people in Amerikkka.

1. Become a part of any group and/or organization (like the Black United Front) that is doing something to organize and fight for African/Black people.
2. Join the "Ribbon Campaign," wear a red ribbon to symbolize your support and solidarity with our Brothers/Sisters in Azania.
3. Join the "Petition Drive" to get 100,000 signatures to present to the City Council and Congressman Walter Fauntroy to bring pressure on the U.S. government to stop supporting South Africa.
4. Support the "Cultural Boycott" of entertainers and athletes who go to South Africa.
5. Pass out literature, hold discussion groups, forums, teach-ins, Educate all those you come in contact with about what's happening in Azania and how they can get involved.
6. Give material support, i.e. money, equipment, supplies, etc.

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## HOW & WHO TO CONTACT

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## WANTED!!!

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### SERIOUS BLACK PEOPLE TO HELP BUILD THE

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**Forward Together — Backward Never!!!**

BLACK NATIONAL ANTHEM

LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING TILL EARTH AND HEAVEN RING  
RING WITH THE HARMONY OF LIBERTY  
LET OUR REJOICING RISE HIGH AS THE LIST'NING SKIES  
LET IT RESOUND LOUD AS THE ROLLING SEA

SING A SONG FULL OF THE FAITH THAT THE DARK PAST HAS TAUGHT US  
SING A SONG FULL OF THE HOPE THAT THE PRESENT HAS BROUGHT US  
FACING THE RISING SUN OF THE NEW DAY BEGUN  
LET US MARCH ON TILL VICTORY IS WON

STONY THE ROAD WE TROD, BITTER THE CHASTNING ROD  
FELT IN THE DAYS WHEN HOPE UNBORN HAD DIED  
YET WITH A STEADY BEAT HAVE NOT OUR WEARY FEET  
COME TO THE PLACE FOR WHICH OUR FATHERS SIGHED

WE HAVE COME OVER A WAY THAT WITH TEARS HAS BEEN WATERED  
WE HAVE COME TREADING OUR PATH THRU THE BLOOD OF THE SLAUGHTERED  
OUT FROM THE GLOOMY PAST ILL NOW WE STAND AT LAST  
WHERE THE WHITE GLEAM OF OUR BRIGHT STAR IS CAST

GOD O FOUR WEARY YEARS, GOD OF OUR SILENT TEARS  
THOU WHO HAS BROUGHT US THUS FAR ON THE WAY  
THOU WHO HAST BY THY MIGHT LED US INTO THE LIGHT  
KEEP US FOREVER IN THE PATH, WE PRAY

LEST OUR FEET STRAY FROM THE PLACES OUR GOD WHERE WE MET THEE  
LEST OUR HEARTS, DRUNK WITH THE WINE OF THE WORLD WE FORGET THEE  
SHADOWED BENEATH THY HAND, MAY WE FOREVER STAND  
TRUE TO OUR GOD, TRUE TO OUR NATIVE LAND