

# Why Should I Care About Apartheid?

The jobs of UMWA members are directly threatened by the apartheid slave labor system in South Africa—a system that depends on supplies provided by Royal Dutch/Shell (Shell Oil's parent company).

Here's why:

- **South Africa exports coal to the United States.** Between now and 1990, nearly 5 million tons of South African coal will be entering the U.S., taking away our jobs.

- **South Africa is selling more and more coal to countries that normally buy U.S. coal.** Royal Dutch/Shell co-owns the major coal export terminal in South Africa, which was built in the 1970s for the specific purpose of increasing South Africa's share of the world coal market.

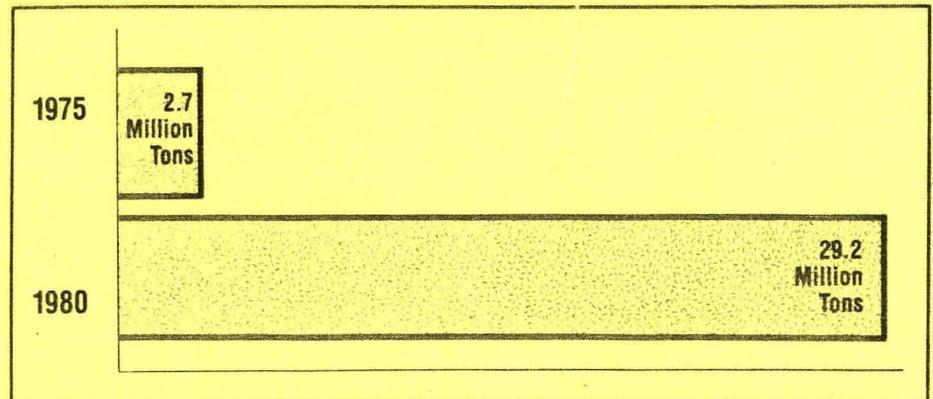
Because of that terminal, South Africa now exports **more than 10 times** more coal to potential U.S. customers in Europe and Asia than it did in 1975.

Royal Dutch/Shell itself co-owns a mine in South Africa which exports 6 million tons per year to compete with U.S. coal.

- **American companies have invested in apartheid instead of in American jobs.** For example, American banks which are major owners of Royal Dutch/Shell have loaned money to the South African government's steel corporation. Now, South African steel imports into the United States are 50 times greater than in 1975.

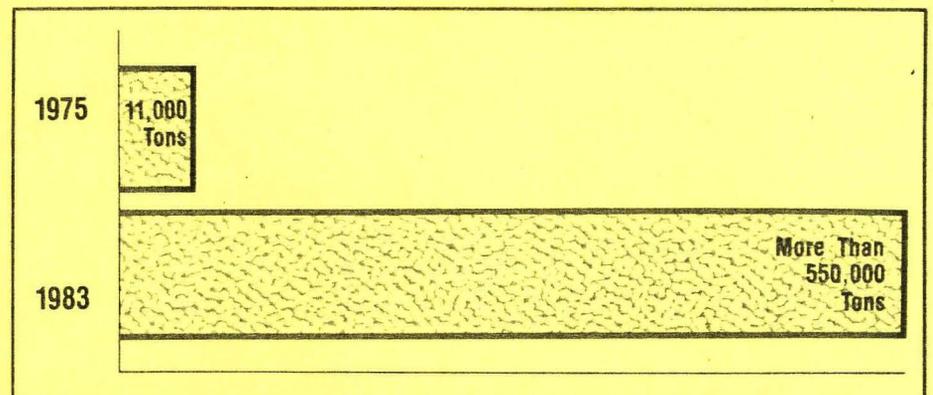
- **Profits made in South Africa can finance corporate attacks on UMWA miners.** One reason that a company like Royal Dutch/Shell, co-owner of A.T. Massey Coal Co., can afford to put UMWA members on strike and out of work for a year and a half is the high profits it makes from its oil, coal and chemical operations in South Africa.

### South African Coal Sales To Potential U.S. Customers



After Royal Dutch/Shell financed a new coal terminal for South Africa, South African coal exports to potential U.S. customers jumped 1000 percent in just 5 years.

### South African Steel Exports To The U.S.



U.S. banks, including major owners of Royal Dutch/Shell invested in the South African steel industry. Today, South Africa exports 50 times more steel to the U.S. than it did in 1975.

### How We Can Protect Our Jobs

We have to help South African miners put an end to the apartheid system so they can improve their wages, benefits and working conditions.

Apartheid enables companies like Royal Dutch/Shell to force black South African miners to live and work under slave labor conditions.

They are forced to live inside military-style barracks without their families.

They are paid about \$200 per month.

They are killed on the job at a rate 12 times greater per ton of coal mined than U.S. miners.

Unless we want our way of life to be brought down to that level, we have to put pressure on the multinational corporations like Shell that prop up apartheid.

**Boycott Shell —  
It Could Save Your Job!**