

BALTIMORE DOCKERS REFUSE TO UNLOAD THE "AFRICAN DAWN"

Wednesday morning, July 24, Baltimore longshoremen with the support of the Coalition to Stop Rhodesian Imports, successfully blocked the unloading of the African Dawn. The African Dawn is a Farrel Lines Ship, the major shipper of Rhodesian goods. It is due to arrive in the port of Philadelphia today, Friday, July 26.

The African Dawn is carrying a Rhodesian cargo of 39,000 lbs. of nickel cathodes, loaded in sixty crates, and 5,600 lbs. of iron castings.

WORDS OR ACTION BY THE ILA LEADERSHIP?

The official ILA resolution boycotting Rhodesian cargo is no more than a piece of paper unless it is enforced. The ILA leadership has dragged its feet and made little serious effort to insure that no Rhodesian cargo is unloaded in any port. Its been rank and file longshoremen that have taken the lead in the boycott of Rhodesian imports. ILA officials in Baltimore allowed 1,000 drums of processed ferro-chrome to be unloaded from the Dawn after receiving assurances that it was not from racist Rhodesia but from the Republic of South Africa. It is well known that Rhodesian cargo is being shipped with South African papers. But cargo from South Africa, like that of Rhodesia, is obtained through the same vicious system of apartheid and white supremacy. Does the ILA leadership condemn the racist regime of Rhodesia but ignore its main backer, the equally brutal white minority government of South Africa?

MINERS OPPOSE SOUTH AFRICAN COAL

Thousands of U.S. miners, mainly from the coalfields of Alabama, have taken a firm stand against the importation of South African coal because they understand that it is mined in racist, slave labor conditions. The coal obtained from the exploitation of the African miners is thus cheaper than U.S. coal. Its importation threatens the jobs and wages of U.S. miners. The only people who benefit from these slave labor imports of South African coal, Rhodesian chrome, nickel and asbestos are the owners of the international monopoly corporations.

The Alabama miners are now moving to form an alliance with Mobile longshoremen to stop the coal. These actions, along with the fight of East and Gulf coast longshoremen to halt Rhodesian imports, demonstrate the growing understanding on the part of U.S. workers that they have common interests with African workers in opposition to the multi-national corporations.

DON'T UNLOAD THE AFRICAN DAWN!

LEAVE THE RACIST CARGO IN THE HOLD!

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