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# NAMIBIA THE ELECTION IN DANGER

NAMIBIA'S DRIVE TOWARD INDEPENDENCE continues in spite of South Africa's attempt in April to thwart it by attacking SWAPO units awaiting contact with the United Nations Treaty Assistance Group (UNTAG). South Africa's characterization of the incident as an invasion of Namibia by SWAPO backfired, instead undermining South Africa's credibility. It soon became clear to the world that the attack was yet another atrocity committed by South Africa itself.

Since that tragedy, a number of SWAPO leaders have returned to Namibia from exile, and it is said SWAPO president Sam Nujoma will return in August. In June, S.A.'s Pieter Botha signed a proclamation granting amnesty to the Namibian guerrillas and repealing certain apartheid legislation in Namibia, paving the way for the return of over 40,000 refugees and political exiles.

THE ELECTION IN NOVEMBER will be for a constituent assembly that will draft a constitution, with actual

The new Bay Area coalition, **NAMIBIA INDEPENDENT WATCH**, is raising funds to send 10 observers to Namibia during its pre-election period. It is also planning outreach to the churches, unions and the community with educational material and appeals for financial aid to SWAPO's election campaign and beyond.

NIW meets every other week at **TECNICA's** office in Berkeley at 3454 Adeline St., P.O.B. 10172, 94109, ph. (415) 547-5533. Those interested to help are welcome to attend their next meeting, Aug. 6, 7 p.m.

SFAAC and other anti-apartheid organizations are joined with the Coalition.

independence to follow in 1990. It is generally thought that SWAPO will win a fair election by a large margin, but concern is widespread over South Africa's disruption of the election process.

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Already, three ways South Africa may subvert the elections can be seen. Namibians in exile or in the SWAPO army encounter problems on re-entry such as arrest by South Africa on various pretexts, intimidation, or denial of registration. Also, churches report that Angolans who are part of the UNITA contras are entering Namibia and being given Namibian identity cards; S.A. will probably register them as Namibian voters, and S.A. soldiers and police might also be "transformed" into Namibians. Finally, residents of Walvis Bay or Namibians born in Walvis Bay could be denied registration because South Africa claims that the area is not part of Namibia. (S.A. has been pouring arms into that port.)

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THERE ARE SEVERAL THINGS we can — and must — do to promote a free and independent Namibia: Maintain pressure on Congress to appropriate its share of funds for UNTAG without preconditions. We should insist on wide access to Namibia and protection for international press and observers; we can send material aid and money to help with repatriation of refugees in Namibia and also aid SWAPO in the election campaign. We should also express our outrage to the U.N. Secretary General for allowing South Africa to dominate the election process, and the U.N.'s responsibility to provide more troops and personnel to assure a fair election.

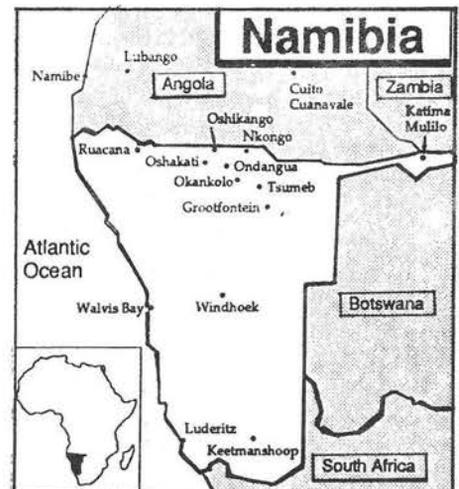
NAMIBIA WATCH, the national organization, has met with Bay Area activists, urging them to join the world campaign for aid to SWAPO.

—Arla Ertz



Credit: John Liebenberg/NCCT

Hundreds of bodies of Namibians, killed by South African forces, being dumped into mass grave. Forensic experts showed they were shot in the head at close range — not as if they were in battle.





## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### SENATE STALLS SANCTIONS BILL

CLAIMING THAT THE BUSH administration is not ready to give testimony, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee bottled up action on the Kennedy-Simon Comprehensive Sanctions Bill S.507. The Bill is a twin of the House Bill, H.R.21 (Dellums).

The Senate committee postponed hearings until the Fall. This could be a ruse to stall and bury the bill, as happened in last year's Senate session. It would also take some Senators off the hook and avoid their exposure.

The Senate committee and our California Senators, as well as President Bush must be bombarded for early action on the bill. Our postcard campaign to Wilson must be stepped up.

We cannot assume that all Democrats will support S.507. Charles Robb (VA) and Terry Sanford (NC) are in doubt at this time. These two need our attention.

The withdrawal of Mobil and Good-year sent the message to South Africa that it is not a good place to do business. Sending a similar message is the city of Dallas which has now divested. Also, the Coca-Cola boycott has led Tufts University, Hampshire and Mount Holyoke Colleges to remove coke from their campuses.

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The television news show *South Africa Now* reported on the activities of lobbyists such as John Sears, former Reagan campaign manager, who receives \$500,000 annually for his lobbying. Stuart Spencer, former aide to Dan Quayle, is also on the S.A. payroll.

Foreign Relations Comm. members :

(The \* denotes that the Senator is already co-sponsoring:)

Democrats: Pell (RI), Biden (DE), Sarbanes (MD), Cranston\* (CA), Dodd (CT), Kerry (MA), Simon\* (IL), Sanford (NC), Moynihan (NY), Robb (VA). Republicans: Lugar (IN), Helms (NC), Kassebaum (KS), Boschwitz (MN), Pressler (SD), Murkowski (AK), McConnell (KY), Humphrey (NH), Mack (FL).

—Rhoda Norman, Update



Unionists from AFT, AFSCME, MOLDERS and LONGSHORE & WAREHOUSE locals join Free South Africa Labor Committee and SFAAC in picketing Sen. Pete Wilson at his Embarcadero office. They are demanding his support of the Sanction Bill S.507. SFAAC's postcard campaign to Wilson continues. Phone or write for quantities of cards for your organization and friends. SFAAC: P.O.Box 5422, 94101-5422, (415) 661-9492.

### SANCTIONS HIT SA ECONOMY

"The actual scope of anti-apartheid actions (sanctions, ed.) as portrayed in the *DIRECTORY* is staggering. Never before has any single issue aroused such concerted action... South Africans must by now be fully aware that they have aroused a growing storm of protest that has placed them under siege." So writes *AFRICA TODAY's* George Shepherd, Jr. in reviewing the new *SOUTH AFRICAN SANCTIONS DIRECTORY*, issued by the Johannesburg South African Institute of International Affairs, 1988. (The director of the Institute, Dr. A. du Pisani, claimed the country was in an economic mess, that foreign reserves had fallen sharply and that "sanctions are hurting the economy from loss of capital investment, no new foreign fixed investment and no new job creation.")

Inflation hit 15% for the first quarter of '89 and some estimates are near 25% for the entire year. Five million are jobless in a country of 35 million population.

Long term debt keeps rising.

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Head of the S.A. Chamber of Mines, Tom Main, was crying for foreign countries to let up on sanctions and divestment legislation. Oil reserves have been down to save foreign currency. More and more leading businessmen voice criticism of apartheid as the barrier to expanding needed skills for the economy. They are overburdened by military spending for domestic suppression and abroad in Namibia and Mozambique. The bantustans are failing, and professionals continue leaving the coun-

try, while conscripts become ever more reluctant to serve.

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Not morality, but shrinking profits, is forcing U.S. corporations to abandon South Africa. As the time arrives for foreign bank loans to be repaid, Archbishop Tutu calls on these bankers to use their leverage to support political change. However, Citibank recently opted to extend its loans for 10 years with no preconditions.

Chris Stals, Director-General of Finances, admits S.A. can't pay its huge short term foreign bank debt of about \$8.5 billion. This is owed to 13 banks of five nations, including the U.S., due by July of 1990. John Lind of CANNICOR Research, based in S.F., is coordinating an international Christian church movement to pressure these banks against long term renewal of these loans.



San Francisco's JOHN LIND seeks cut in loans to apartheid.

# AFRICANS TALK IN BAY AREA

Two anti-apartheid activists visited the Bay Area during June and spoke about conditions in South Africa and Namibia.

Johnny De Lange is national secretary of the National Ass'n for Democratic Lawyers (NADEL), a non-racial organization of attorneys in South Africa formed in 1987. De Lange discussed at length the importance of strengthened sanctions legislation by Congress. He stated that all of the democratic organizations in South Africa strongly endorse sanctions, and ridiculed recent "public opinion polls" on the subject.

De Lange noted that South Africa is in the midst of very difficult economic times, in part because sanctions have made Western technology increasingly unavailable; The rand is at a very low level, and 36 gold mines have experienced large losses of closed operations.

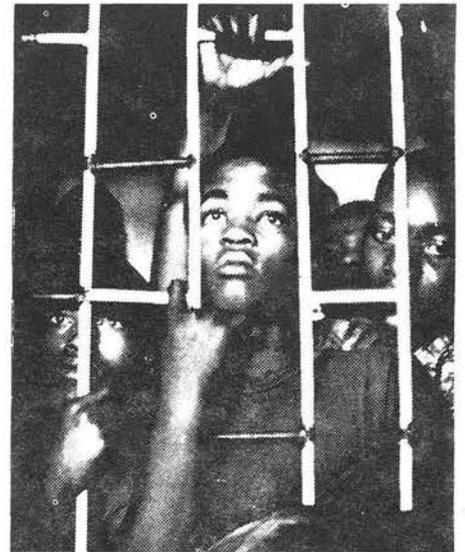
De Lange's group is also working to focus national and international attention on the increasing use of the death penalty to punish political offenses, and

to place pressure on judges and lawyers in South Africa on this issue. In this country, Amnesty International and the Lawyers Guild Anti-apartheid Subcommittee are both embarking on letter writing campaigns to these judges; for more information, call Cliff Rechteschaffen (759-8524).

Kuiri Tjipangadjara is a SWAPO representative from New York who provided an update on the Namibian independence process. Kuiri emphasized that numerous obstacles remain to insuring that a free and fair election occurs in November, not the least of which is that the South African government is essentially administering the election process.

A priority for SWAPO is to have as many international observers as possible come to Namibia between now and November to observe the elections process and minimize voter intimidation. Kuiri urged Bay Area activists to come as observers for periods of two to three weeks.

—Karen Kramer



Children detained without trial

## Africa Exchange — "People to people"

Another important new institution, AFRICA EXCHANGE, has taken root in the Bay Area — dedicated to forming links between North Americans and Africans. Its co-founders are Dr. Kevin Danaher and Medea Benjamin.

Dr. Danaher has been a researcher and frequent traveler to Southern Africa for many years. His writings have appeared in many publications. His most recent book, "South Africa: A New U.S. Policy for the 1990's," has received favorable national comment. Medea Benjamin is well known in the Bay Area as an economist and nutritionist.

EXCHANGE seeks to aid in developing sister cities, sister schools, sister churches, alternative trade partnerships, technical aid, citizen exchanges and educational tours. Their soon-to-be-printed Instructional Packet details these efforts. A Speakers' Bureau is available. Also coming is a radio series on development issues by Walter Turner of Africa Resource Center.

AE cooperates with other groups in similar objectives and is currently assisting the Bay Area Campaign for Aid to Namibia.

In March of next year they will conduct a 16-day tour to Mozambique and Zimbabwe. The group will meet with trade unions, peasant associations, government ministers, etc. Interested persons and organizations may inquire at AFRICA EXCHANGE, located at 2940 - 16th Street, Room 307, San Francisco. Phone: (415) 255-7296.

## BOOK REVIEW

### Frontline Southern Africa: Destructive Engagement

edited by Phyllis Johnson and  
David Martin  
Four Walls Eight Windows,  
439 pp., \$14.95.

If readers of this book come away with nothing else, they should at least understand the staggering cost of the Apartheid regime for all of the independent countries in southern Africa.

As Rok Ajulu and Diana Cammack, two of the eleven contributors, say: "As long as there is apartheid, there will be destabilization. . . for all of the independent black-ruled states of southern Africa. They are caught in apartheid's cross fire and, until the shooting stops in the republic, they will be victims of the whims and excesses of the last colonial bastion of white supremacy."

The authors show how the Apartheid government sabotages the economies and creates puppet "freedom fighters" to harass the governments and murder the populations of its independent neighbors, then plants disinformation worldwide to cover its tracks. The United States, Israel, Britain and

France, among others, aid South Africa in this program. Despite the massive resources that the South African Apartheid regime has put into destabilizing Angola, Mozambique and Zimbabwe, and ruling Namibia illegally, the government is stretched beyond its limit by rebellion at home and determined resistance abroad.

Twenty-five years of UN-mandated arms embargoes, often circumvented by the Western powers, are crippling the South African Defense Forces. As Abdul S. Minty, in the section on South Africa's military buildup, points out: "The future is also dependent on the nature and degree of support that (the South African government) is able to enlist from its major Western allies."

After reading *Frontline Southern Africa*, it is more clear than ever that the anti-apartheid forces within the Western countries must exert every possible pressure to stop that support.

This book is banned by the South African government.

—Terry Tricomi



# WHAT IS THE TRUTH WORTH?

The news we get from South Africa in our daily newspapers is what the apartheid government wants us to hear. Since the recent extension of the State of Emergency, it has gotten even worse.

SFAAC has been publishing **ALERT** for the last four years in an effort to inform people about what is really happening in south Africa, international anti-apartheid activities, and what we are doing in the U.S. We get news from ANC's **WEEKLY NEWSBRIEFING** and its monthly magazine, **SECHABA**, as well as from many other sources.

We know that people who get **ALERT** appreciate the news. We get letters like: "Thank you. Most informative."

"Thanks. Keep up the good work."

"We really appreciate what you are doing."

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"Enclosed is a contribution — I moved to Massachusetts and want to continue receiving **ALERT**."

These letters sustain us and we hope they keep coming. Though we're trying to get foundation funding by the end of the year, we are out of money after this issue. While our staff is entirely voluntary and unpaid, costs have gone up. It now costs us \$600 to print 1500 copies and to mail 1000 copies to clergy, labor unions and key community activists.

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With the ongoing Sanction campaign, the campaign to help SWAPO in Namibia's November elections, and the

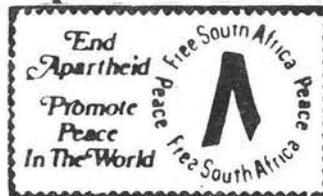


## BLACK AND WHITE

Black and white make a contrast. Black stands out clearly on white, White is sharp and visible on black. White on white is bland to invisibility, Black on black merges into infinity. Black needs white, white needs black, To write a song, or right a wrong, To make a pointer, or point to our maker. And if they merge into subtle shades of grey? Or find an identity in being differently the same? Then they will have found their place and role in this earth, this life, Which needs both night and day.

D J Gynes

## Anti-Apartheid Peace Seals



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necessity to continue reporting the truth about what's happening in Southern Africa, we need the **ALERT** more than ever. Thank you for your support.

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**FRIDAY NITES — SOUTH AFRICA NOW** program. TV Ch. 32, 8:30pm Current reports on Southern Africa. Good updates. Sponsors: S.A. Now and Africa Fund.

Aug. 17-30: **MAPANTZULA** film, York Theater, see Alert review.

Aug. 19 — **MAPANTZULA** — two benefit shows, 7:15 and 9:15 for **TECNICA** and for S.A. refugees. York Theater.

Sept. 2-3: **Western Addition Cultural Center Reggae Explosion**, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. at Fort Mason.

Sept. 16 — **SFAAC meeting on Namibia update** at Western Addition Cultural Center, 762 Fulton Street, 3rd fl., 5 to 7 p.m. (Parking free on premises.) Program and refreshments. Adm. Free.

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