

## OUTREACH

Unity in Action's core membership is drawn primarily from the working class African (Black) community of South Los Angeles, with some continental Africans and persons of European ethnic origin participating. Our broader support network also includes Latinos, West Indians, Asians, and Native Americans. Our membership reflects a cross-section of blue collar and professional workers, students, and the unemployed. The community we try most to involve and mobilize is the African community, although we are interested in informing the public-at large. We also seek to actively involve organized labor in our work.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS

- \* Come to our educational programs and bring a friend.
- \* Participate in demonstrations and leafletting
- \* Circulate petitions
- \* Support our fundraising efforts
- \* Write letters
- \* Assist in mass mailing and telephoning
- \* Join Unity in Action and work actively on a Task Force



## MORE INFORMATION/DONATIONS

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## OUR GOALS

In Unity in Action we seek to uphold the right of people in Africa and of other Third World populations to self-determination, i.e. to choose or create the political and economic alternatives which best meet human needs and fulfill aspirations toward establishing a just social order.

Our overall goal is to inform, arouse, mobilize, and organize a sizable and united constituency that actively supports pro-liberation governments and movements to resist U.S. imperialism in Africa and elsewhere.

We attempt to develop within our supporters the consciousness and skills which can enable them to confront injustice even as they encounter it in their daily lives. In addition, through our educational and outreach programs, we strive to provide information on and analysis of historical and political developments of liberation struggles as an alternative to U.S. propaganda and/or blackout of news.

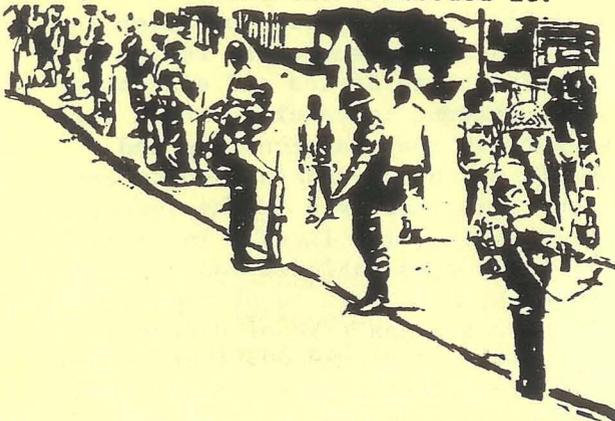
Our activities include demonstrations, picketing, sponsoring letter-writing campaigns, film screenings and discussions, commemorative events, and radio broadcasts.

## OUR HISTORY

Our local organization was an outgrowth of Unity in Action Network, formed on United Nations Day, October 24, 1982. We who formed the L.A. coalition united out of recognition that there is strength in numbers and coordinated, collective work.

In the beginning, our focus was on coordinating Africa-oriented organizations around an action program, principally on behalf of ANC (South Africa), SWAPO (Namibia), and FLNC (Congo/"Zaire"). We also sought to promote other anti-imperialist Third World movements and governments, including Grenada, Nicaragua, FMLN-FDR (El Salvador), and the Palestinian Revolution.

More recently, given the current situation in South Africa, we have concentrated primarily upon that struggle, organizing anti-apartheid demonstrations and mobilizing support to ANC. We are categorically opposed to the official U.S. policy of "constructive engagement" and that of "active engagement" which has succeeded it.



Specifically, we are working to enforce compliance with the United Nations cultural boycott which prohibits collaboration with the apartheid regime, and for divestment which will weaken Pretoria's capitalist base. Another priority has been the closure of the South African consulate in Beverly Hills. On the domestic front we have participated in activities such as the 20th commemoration of the Watts Rebellion and various actions against repressive government policies.

As part of our ongoing work, we will expand support to SWAPO and organize educational forums to benefit FMLN-FDR and the Nicaraguan Revolution. Whenever possible, we will continue to solicit donations for contribution directly to the liberation movements.

## ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Unity in Action is a coalition of groups and individuals. Monthly general meetings are open to the public. There are five active task force components: Cultural Boycott, Divestment, Namibia, Consulate, and Caribbean/Central America. Each task force is expected to meet between general meetings and develop proposals for action which are then submitted to the larger body for consideration. Decisions as to the adoption of priorities, proposals, strategies and tactics, and targets for protest are arrived at by consensus.

Organizations or individuals may become members after formally adopting our Principles of Unity and agreeing to work with one or more task forces.

## PRINCIPLES OF UNITY

1. The objective of the coalition is to coordinate international support work through community education. Our operating principle is "unity of action" rather than "unity of ideology".
2. The coalition will not be subordinate to the leadership or ideology of any member organization. Decisions and implementation of actions will be by consensus.
3. The principal activities of the coalition will be community based and directed toward international support work, with the African continent as a primary focus. Activities will be non-sectarian.
4. Organizations in the coalition will have the freedom to continue their independent work and the coalition's program will take such independent work into consideration.
5. Organizations in the coalition are free to work together on joint activities outside of the coalition, though not in the name of Unity in Action.

