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# SOUTH AFRICA

## **DANGER!**

Why when the minds of our fellow-citizens are occupied with dramatic and possibly ominous events in Berlin and Cuba do we point to South Africa and cry **Danger?**

The southern part of Africa is the scene of violence now as the names of Congo, Katanga, Angola, Mozambique, Southern Rhodesia, and South Africa itself suggest. The crisis which sets off world conflict may in fact develop there.

In this whole region the liberation movement which has brought self-government and independence to the greater part of Africa from

Algeria to Tanganyika has now come up against the bastion of reaction, neo-colonialism and racism which is the Republic of South Africa.

The Reverend Michael Scott for 16 years has represented the Herrero and Nama Chiefs of Southwest Africa. The Verwoerd regime refuses to give up control of this region in spite of repeated U.N. actions. Scott declares:

**"South Africa today is a nation modelled on the Nuremburg Laws of Nazi Germany—a whole state system of legislation based on the false axiom of white supremacy and black inferiority. The difference is that in South Africa these laws discriminate against four-fifths of the population, the original inhabitants of the country, and that actual mass extermination has not yet begun. The channels of constitutional change have been stopped up. Africans have been deprived of all forms of representation in Parliament. All their chosen leaders, such as Chief Luthuli, recent Nobel Prize Winner, have been placed in detention. Recently additional repressive legislation has been enacted by these white racial fanatics which includes the death penalty for sabotage, made applicable even to juveniles!**

**"The South African government has for sixteen years defied every conciliatory effort of the UN and numerous other agencies to bring about a modification of its genocidal and suicidal tendencies. Meanwhile it has grown steadily in economic power and has engaged in vast military build-up. This has been made possible by the governments and/or financial interests in such nations as the United Kingdom, France and the United States itself. None of these nations has acted vigorously to oppose or withdraw effective support from the Apartheid regime."**

To the north of the South African bastion are the Central African Federation, the Portuguese dictatorships of Angola and Mozambique and the two rich copper mining territories of Northern Rhodesia and Katanga. As the urge for liberation and independence rises in the peoples of these regions it encounters the might of South Africa, where the Apartheid regime could not endure for long surrounded by independent and democratic African states.

Involved in the struggle which is developing steadily and inexorably are powerful Western industrial and financial combines and trusts, such as Anglo-American Corporation; Tanganyika Concessions (not owned or controlled by any one in Tanganyika), Union Miniere (largely Belgian), Rhodesian Selection Trust, American Metals Climax, and a large number of South African gold mining concerns and the world diamond monopoly of De Beers. More than five billion dollars of investments are represented here and it is not subject to the control of any anti-trust legislation.

The United Nations is not only being directly defied by South Africa, but many fear it is being slowly bled to death by efforts to police and control conflicts which develop between Africans seeking freedom and political and economic reactionary forces. These elements receive military and financial assistance from states which are themselves U.N. members such as Great Britain, France, Belgium and through NATO the United States.

The World Peace Brigade is based on the Gandhian concept of Nonviolence. It has established the beginning of a Training Center in Nonviolence in Dar es Salaam, capital of Tanganyika, situated on the very edges of the region which is the scene of this momentous conflict.

The brutal suppression of freedom, the immobilization of nonviolent leaders such as Chief Luthuli, the terror against any form of political opposition, have caused multitudes of Africans in these regions to despair of nonviolent means to achieve freedom.

**The least we can do and the first thing we must do is to** focus the attention of our fellow-citizens on the facts of the struggle in all of southern Africa, the peril in which the United Nations finds itself, the need to withdraw American and Western support from racist regimes and from

the economic and political forces which undergird them.

Our AIM is to create an informed Public Opinion in this country so that individuals, labor, business and civic organizations, and the U.S. government

- .... Support the U.N. Resolution calling on South Africa to end political persecution in Southwest Africa and open the way for free elections and preparation for immediate independence**
- .... Demand the immediate release of Chief Luthuli and other political prisoners**

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For further information about the critical situation in Southwest Africa, The Rhodesias, Katanga, Angola, Mozambique consult:

**American Committee on Africa, 801 2nd Ave. / MU 6-7263**

**Congress of Racial Equality, 38 Park Row / CO 7-6270**

**Negro American Labor Committee, 217 West 125th Street  
UN 5-8710**

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