

MADISON AREA COMMITTEE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA
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Dear friend of Africa,

The situation in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) has altered drastically in the past months. The rural people in the northeast of Rhodesia have begun active protest against the white Smith-regime. Increased numbers of refugees are fleeing to Zambia, escaping the presence of white troops. South African troops in large numbers have joined the white Rhodesians to fight both in Mozambique and in Rhodesia against the liberation movements. The small white population (the size of greater Madison) is increasingly restive at the ever tighter bite of economic sanctions, the increasing size of "defense spending," and the danger from liberation movement attacks.

As the U.S. Congress possibly moves to re-install support of UN sanctions this session, we appeal to you for support of the Zimbabwean peoples of Rhodesia. They have immediate need for shoes, clothing, medicines, and welfare/refugee funds for those who flee to Zambia from the Smith regime's military attacks - through the Zimbabwe Welfare Trust Fund in Zambia, and through the work of the Zimbabwe African National Union and the Zimbabwe African Peoples Union.

As Americans, we have been deeply involved in Rhodesia. Americans were in the original pioneer invasion of the country in the 1890's. American companies own major portions of Rhodesian mining. American trade, in violation of UN sanctions, has given the regime \$13 million in foreign exchange over the past two years - while the African people of Zambia spent millions in scarce development funds to abide by UN sanctions! And Wisconsin corporations have traded regularly with Rhodesia.

So will you join us for the semester's campaign to support the aspirations of the African peoples of Zimbabwe with a check.

Financial aid is needed desperately by these hidden movements of human liberation. Please add your token of support to their struggle.

Sincerely yours,

Madison Area Committee on
Southern Africa



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