

NAMIBIA MUST BE FREE

SOUTH AFRICA'S RULE

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NAMIBIANS



SOUTH AFRICA ILLEGALLY OCCUPIES NAMIBIA -- SOUTHWEST AFRICA

In defiance of the decision of the International Court of Justice and a United Nations General Assembly decree, South Africa continues to maintain its stranglehold on the Namibian people and economy.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE PEOPLE?

- The system of apartheid reigns.
- Blacks, 86% of the population, have been forced to move into the poorest 25% of the land -- desert.
- These "Homelands" are surrounded by barbed wire and no one can enter or exit without a pass.
- The land can't support the people, so thousands must leave their families behind to work in White owned businesses and submit to wages as low as \$6 a month.
- Average White wages are about 14 times that of average Black wages -- \$133 a month per White worker; \$9.80 a month per Black worker.
- \$340 a year is spent on educating a White child; \$30 a year on a Black child.
- Namibians live under the constant threat of harassment, beatings, and imprisonment.
- The principal Namibian political party, SWAPO, is outlawed and members are imprisoned and tortured.
- One half of the children born in Black areas die before they are five years old.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE ECONOMY?

- If Namibians had control of their own resources they would be one of the richest countries in the world.
- Namibia's resources include diamonds, copper, uranium, karakul ("Persian lamb" for coats), cattle and fish.
- The largest investors in Namibia are South Africa and the United States.
- In defiance of the decree from the United Nations Council for Namibia which prohibits the use or exportation of any resource without the consent of the Council, corporations continue to reap the benefits of cheap labor and abundant natural resources.

HOW IS THE U.S. INVOLVED?

In addition to its position as the second largest investor in Namibia, to the tune of \$50 million, the U.S. lends support to the White government of South Africa in order to obtain and maintain strategic military bases.

U.S. firms involved in Namibia include:

American Metal Climax	Chevron Regent	*ITT	*Westinghouse
Newmont Mining Corporation	Getty Oil	*Ford	*Chrysler
Bethlehem Steel	Del Monte	*3M	*Firestone
Phillips Petroleum		*IBM	*Canada Dry
* Operate through South Africa			

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- Reject canned fish and pet foods with fish meal from S.W. Africa (or South Africa)
- Reject Del Monte sardines; boycott "South African" rock lobsters (usually Namibian)
- Protest to U.S. companies re their Namibian operations
- Don't contract with travel companies including Namibia or South Africa in their tours
- Do you really want a diamond when you consider where it came from? And how?
- Demand of President Ford, your senators & the U.S. Ambassador to the U.N.:
 - * Diplomatic relations and bilateral treaties with South Africa must not extend to Namibia
 - * No export credits or guarantees for U.S. companies doing business in occupied Namibia
 - * Titles or claims relating to Namibia directly or indirectly derived from South Africa (court awards, documents of title, deeds, etc.) cannot be honored

OPERATION NAMIBIA -- is a transnational nonviolent direct action campaign to support the struggle for freedom in Namibia. Many similar demonstrations are being held today elsewhere in the U.S., in Europe, and Australia. This is the first of several actions to take place in the U.S. and abroad. Operation Namibia is a project of Movement for a New Society.

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