



STOP U.S. MOVES TO LIFT RHODESIAN EMBARGO!

VICTORY TO ZIMBABWE'S PATRIOTIC FRONT!

At this moment there is a dangerous move in Washington DC to formally break the thirteen-year-old UN-imposed embargo on arms and trade with racist Rhodesia. Lifting the embargo means open US recognition for Ian Smith and the three African puppets who joined his colonialist government last spring. It would drastically increase the flow of arms, oil and mercenaries to Rhodesia and pave the way for open full-scale US military intervention. **THIS WILL LIKELY HAPPEN JUST AFTER RHODESIA'S APRIL 20th SHAM ELECTIONS IF WE DON'T ACT NOW!** But why now are we seeing this move to lift the embargo and rescue Ian Smith's brutal white settler regime?

ZIMBABWE'S PEOPLE'S WAR IS WINNING

The people of Zimbabwe have been fighting to regain their independence ever since their homeland was conquered by European invaders 82 years ago. This colonial occupation reduced the Zimbabwean people to the condition of slaves in their own land—the men toiling in foreign-owned mines, factories, and farms; women and children largely confined to barren reservations where one-third of all children die before the age of five. But today a people's war led by the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU), part of the internationally-recognized Patriotic Front, is at the very eve of victory. 85% of the country is under Patriotic Front control, with Smith's racist troops encircled in the few big towns. The foreign exploiters' stranglehold over Zimbabwe's land, resources and people is almost broken—mines and factories owned by US and European corporations are closing daily, and 10,000 white settlers fled their racist "paradise" last month alone. Fully half the rural population now lives in liberated areas where a new sovereign and non-exploitative Zimbabwe is already being built.

THE U.S. STRATEGY: NEO-COLONIALISM FOR ZIMBABWE

Lifting the embargo and recognizing Smith's internationally-condemned "internal settlement" puppet regime is a desperate effort to hold off the victory of the Zimbabwean people. The goal is to salvage the West's vast economic, military and political stakes in Zimbabwe and Southern Africa. With the system of colonial power shattered by the war for genuine independence, the response of the US and its Western allies is to find African puppets to preside over a sham "majority rule" government, providing a camouflage for continued imperialist domination. But to make this neo-colonialist solution work, the US must try to crush ZANU and all Zimbabwean patriots, terrorizing the people into abandoning their just war for total control of their homeland. Behind all of Carter and Young's pious talk of commitment to "peaceful transition to majority rule" is:

THE UNDECLARED U.S. WAR AGAINST ZIMBABWE

Unknown to most of us, US rifles, napalm, anti-personnel bombs, Huey helicopters and jets today rain death on the Zimbabwean people. Captured weapons and other documentation prove that these arms are secretly channeled from the US government to the Rhodesian army through South Africa, NATO, Israel, and subsidiaries of US multi-national corporations. Mobil and other US oil companies flout the international and US embargo to supply 2/3 of Rhodesia's oil. And most seriously, roughly 2/3 of Smith's white troops are mercenaries, thousands of them recruited, armed and trained by the US through the CIA

and the US Army Special Forces. These mercenaries have committed countless atrocities—reports confirm they have piloted jets and led ground assaults in hundreds of raids on villages and refugee camps, killing and maiming thousands of civilians in Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Zambia and Angola.

RHODESIA'S SHAM "ELECTIONS"

On April 20, Smith's government is holding "democratic elections" to give the tottering regime a thin new cover of legitimacy. Having openly acknowledged that Rhodesia cannot win the war without a flood of new aid, this is Smith's bid to get the West to recognize his outlaw regime and lift the embargo. The Patriotic Front is leading all patriotic Zimbabweans in boycotting these "elections" which have been condemned by virtually the entire world community as a total sham. The "elections" are designed to maintain white settler privilege and control—out of 100 parliament seats, 28 are reserved for whites, giving the dwindling 3% minority effective veto power. Whites will retain full control of the military, police, courts, education and the economy. But more fundamentally, there can be no fair elections under the gun of the fascist colonial invaders who have enslaved Zimbabwe for nearly a century! Because the mercenary-filled army has lost effective control over the countryside, Rhodesia has found it necessary to enormously increase the burning and sacking of African villages. This stepped-up terrorism is designed to punish the people for their support of the Patriotic Front and to "create the right atmosphere for people to be able to vote." (Lt. Col. Peter Walls, head of Rhodesian anti-guerrilla operations.)

U.S. MOVES TO LEGITIMIZE "ELECTIONS" AND LIFT THE EMBARGO

Meanwhile in Congress, California Senator Hayakawa spearheads the growing move to legitimize the phony elections through sending observers, leading to the recognition of Smith's internal settlement government and the lifting of the embargo. Jimmy ("Human Rights") Carter publicly condemns the April 20 elections, realizing that the transparently racist internal settlement regime does not provide a viable neo-colonial solution. But as the Patriotic Front advances and US options shrink, pressure builds to lift the embargo to prevent the utter collapse of imperialist domination in Zimbabwe.

The maneuvers of President Carter and Congress cannot prevent the people of Zimbabwe from reclaiming their independence on the battlefields of their country. But the US government's undeclared war *can* delay their victory over colonialism and make the Zimbabwean people's sacrifices much more costly. Lifting the embargo would vastly broaden the possibilities for further US military intervention, opening up options ranging from vastly expanded heavy arms supplies, to a CIA-coordinated South African invasion as happened in Angola, or even possible direct US troop invasion as in Viet Nam. We in the US have an urgent responsibility to make it politically impossible for the US government to escalate its secret war against Zimbabwe!

**NOW IS THE TIME FOR US TO STAND WITH THE
FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHOSE DETERMINATION
AND SACRIFICES HAVE BROUGHT ZIMBABWE
SO CLOSE TO FREEDOM!**

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UPDATE

In the wake of Rhodesia's April elections a massive media campaign is grinding out reports that the sham elections are "a step in the right direction" toward majority rule and peace in Zimbabwe. But in fact the "elections" were carried out under the guns of 100,000 Rhodesian troops who forced people to the polls by the bus-load. Some districts reported a turn-out as high as 110%!

The leadership of Zimbabwe's freedom struggle, ZANU, stated: "The elections which were held in Rhodesia will not bring freedom to the oppressed people of Zimbabwe.... Nothing has changed. It is only a substitution of heads. The Organization of African Unity has denounced the elections, along with the security council of the UN. The US, Britain and France abstained in this vote.

Ian Smith was most explicit that the purpose of the election charade was "the removal of sanctions, that's the objective." Faced with the loss of Zimbabwe's land and labor, both liberals and conservatives are scrambling to use the elections as a pretext to lift sanctions, recognize the new neo-colonial puppet regime, and pump in a massive injection of aid. Helms has introduced a bill to lift the embargo; Rep. Ashbrook has proposed to set up a US embassy in Salisbury; and so-called liberal Javits states that: "The question is: shall the US stand by the government that results from this election by giving it the necessary arms..? This is the whole concept". Carter is conferring with the pro-Smith "election observers" who went to rubberstamp the elections, and a commander of the Twelfth Special Forces has openly advocated using US troops against the Patriotic Front. These moves to lift the embargo are the signals of an escalating war by the US in Southern Africa!

The Patriotic Front is intensifying the war for true liberation of Zimbabwe. This period when the US is maneuvering to lift the embargo and rescue Rhodesia is a critical time for us to support the people of Zimbabwe. VICTORY TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT!

MANY ORGANIZATIONS ARE MOBILIZING THIS SPRING IN SOLIDARITY WITH ZIMBABWE AGAINST THE U.S. THREAT TO LIFT THE RHODESIAN EMBARGO. HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Boycott! Call or visit these stores to protest the sale of Soldier of Fortune mercenary magazine

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De Lauer's 1310 Broadway, Oakland 451-6157
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Harold's 484 Geary SF 474-2937
George's 27-7th St SF 861-3250
Benedetti's 1644 Haight SF 861-0503
San-Gil Corp. East Bay Terminal SF 543-4843

Support the Material Aid Campaign! Material solidarity is an important part of how we can support the liberation struggle. ZANU is leading the Zimbabwe Material Aid Campaign to raise food, medicines and clothing for Zimbabwe. ZANU now has the responsibility for the welfare of thousands of its fighters in Zimbabwe, as well as over two million people in the liberated areas and refugee camps. To help, write ZMAC, PO Box 11358. SF, 94101

Come to a benefit at the Starry Plough. An evening of Irish Music in Solidarity with Zimbabwe. Put on by the Irish Republican Club, featuring Trip to the Cottage, and Claddage. Shattuck at Prince on Sunday, May 20th. Dinner at 7:00 Program at 8:30.

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