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CLOTHING DRIVE!



To SUPPORT THE PEOPLE

OF SOUTH AFRICA

APRIL 24TH - 28TH (1978?) 3-4 pm
GM PARKING LOTS (No. & So.)

Sponsored by:

"AUTO WORKERS AGAINST
APARTHEID" - LOCAL 422-

IDEA OF HOW TO GIVE SUPPORT

Recently some rank and file members of our Framingham plant began to develop a plan to give support to the people struggling in South Africa against the brutal system of Apartheid. We made up a proposal which consisted of three main parts and submitted the proposal to our local leadership. We proposed:

- 1) a clothing drive for a period of 1 week between the first and second shifts;
- 2) use of the local newsletter (Conveyor) to write articles on Apartheid and events that were taking place 3-5 articles
- 3) that our union officials take a position on Apartheid which reflects the sentiments of the rank and file to be published in the local newsletter and a copy sent to the international UWA.

A Dozen of the Largest United States Companies in South Africa

Company	Employees	Sales	Assets
Ford	4,731	\$220	\$170
General Motors	3,800	\$250	\$160
Coca-Cola	3,800	N.A.	N.A.
Mobil	2,889	\$500	\$333
Goodyear	2,590	\$44	\$58
Firestone	2,500	N.A.	N.A.
Caltex	2,200	\$400	\$200
Carnation	1,587	N.A.	N.A.
General Electric	1,587	\$80	\$60
Otis Elevator	1,500	\$28	\$15
Del Monte	1,492	\$16	\$8
IBM	1,478	\$163	\$89

*includes 1,332 seasonal workers
Source: Investor Responsibility Research Center Inc
in millions of dollars. N.A.-Not available

WHAT IS APARTHEID?

Apartheid is the political, economic and physical oppression and exploitation of South Africa's non-white population. Black people make up 84% of the population while white people make up 16%; only whites are allowed the right to vote; the average income for a household on a monthly basis is \$711 for whites and \$83 for blacks; the government spends \$517 a year for every white student and \$46 for every black student; black people are not allowed to move through out their country without the use of the ID pass book system-these passbooks are issued to the blacks and must be carried at all times, telling who they are where they are coming from and where they are going; blacks are not allowed to live in the cities but on reservations called Bantustans; over the past year over 25 blacks have died while under government detention.

AUTO WORKERS RALLY TO SUPPORT!!

Auto workers have a long history of struggle. From the historic Flint Auto Strike in 1937 to supporting the striking miners in 1978. Where ever there have been acts of support Auto workers were and still are on the front lines. We have learned that General Motors has an auto plant in South Africa where they pay the black workers there 52¢ an hour. We feel this type of policy on the part of GM is a flagrant violation of the continued fight for human rights on the parts of black South African workers as well as a denial to provide more jobs for US workers. To support the Black South African is to support ourselves!



FORWARD TO ALD!

Since 1972 people have come together to celebrate African Liberation Day. This year Saturday May 20th in Washington D.C. ALD will take place. Because we here at the Framingham plant are sponsoring a clothing drive to support the people in South Africa we should begin plans to rally all our forces to go to the anual African Liberation Day-thus showing our further support and continued education about what is going on in Southern Africa. FORWARD TO ALD!!