

Educators Against Racism and Apartheid

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U.S. Government Recognizes Angola - Finally!



The Clinton Administration recently recognized the democratically elected government of Angola. In 1990, the Angolan government, despite its suspicions that UNITA leader Jonas Savimbi would never stop short of absolute power, conceded to the demand for elections. They also believed that elections could only be genuinely free of intimidation if they were preceded by formation of a non-partisan national army. Savimbi's troops immediately withdrew from the formally united national army once the election results seemed to be going against him. U.S. officials seemed dismayed by Savimbi's violent rejection of the election results, which were accepted as generally free and fair by the United Nations and almost all other observers. Since September, 1992, it is estimated that 30,000 people have died in renewed fighting between the MPLA government and UNITA. What a tragedy so many people have died as a result of the Cold War policies of the United States and the apartheid policy of South Africa that created and financed UNITA.

Educators Against Racism and Apartheid applauds the recent recognition of the Angolan government by the United States. We hope this will signal the re-examination of Southern Africa policies which financed tyrants and murderers and destroyed the lives of millions of people. The fighting continues in Angola.



Angolan Children injured by U. S.
supplied landmines. Photo Dorothy Thomas

EARA urges you to take time to write to President Clinton today. Congratulate him for recognizing the government of Angola. Urge him to take a strong stand at the peace talks in support of the democratically elected government in Angola. It is urgent that UNITA be cut off from all sources of funding and military supplies. Encourage the President to provide funds for reconstruction of war-torn Angola. Every letter or phone call to the President counts. Each day more innocent Angolans are being murdered by UNITA forces. Speak out! Let your opinion be heard today.

Mozambique: Another Angola????



In 1975, Mozambique gained independence from colonial Portugal after 13 years of armed struggle. The struggle was led by FRELIMO, the Mozambique Liberation Front, which became the Mozambican government upon independence.

By 1977, the Mozambique National Resistance, or RENAMO, was created by the Rhodesian Central Intelligence Organization to maintain white minority rule and weaken the liberation movement in colonial Rhodesia. After Zimbabwe gained independence from Rhodesia in 1980, South Africa took over logistical support and training of RENAMO, joined by some right-wing U.S. political and religious groups and individuals.

The ensuing war against the civilians of Mozambique (population approximately 15 million) killed over one million people, displaced two million people within the country and one and a half million in neighboring countries, and left 250,000 children orphaned!

After 16 years of this "brutal" holocaust," the Mozambique government and RENAMO signed a peace accord on Oct. 4, 1992. The U.N. Security Council agreed on Dec. 16 to mount a peacekeeping mission with a force of 8,000 armed soldiers. In addition, 354 unarmed observers were to be sent to monitor the demobilization assembly points. However, as of March only half of the unarmed observers had arrived when U.N. Special Representative Aldo Ajello temporarily halted their arrival.

Activities For You and Your Class

1. Write to the Clinton Administration to increase reconstruction aid to Mozambique and Angola.
2. Write to Senator Paul Simon (D-IL), Chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on African Affairs, and Congressman Harry Johnston (D-FL) Chair of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa. Support their calls for greater funding of UN peacekeeping in Africa.
3. Urge the U.S. government to investigate the illegal role of U.S. citizens in facilitating the years of war that took place in Mozambique.
4. There are 3 million unexploded mines in Mozambique and Angola. U.S. companies manufactured and sent many of these mines. Help pressure your elected representatives to investigate the U.S. role in the mining of Mozambique and Angola. For more info about this call The Mozambique Embassy (202) 835-0245 or the Angolan Interest Section (202) 785-1156.

(This information about Angola and Mozambique is from the Mozambique Solidarity Office. 343 South Dearborn, Suite 300, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Tel: (312) 922-3915, Fax (312) 922-6988)



Gas Explosion Kills At Least 49 Miners

A methane explosion killed at least 49 coal miners in South Africa on May 13. The mine near Secunda, about 60 miles southeast of Johannesburg, was honored Monday as one of the country's safest. But the Chemical Workers Industrial Union accused Sasol, the company that owns the mine, of sacrificing safety by pushing for higher production while cutting staff. It said it would work with international groups to pressure the government to introduce "civilized health and safety regulations for miners."

Several hundred workers are killed annually in South Africa's gold and coal mines, the world's deepest. Most of the victims were believed to be black miners.

Did you know that black miners in South Africa are forced by law to be migrant workers and to live in hostels, often very far from their families? Some miners are able to visit their families only 2 or 3 weeks per year? It sounds uncivilized. But that is apartheid. It is the hostel residents who are often used by the apartheid regime to foment violence against people in neighboring townships. Yes, apartheid is still alive and kicking.

Educators Against Racism and Apartheid urges you to take time this summer to help in the struggle to end apartheid. Write letters to President Clinton. Organize forums. Paint murals. Raise funds. (\$43 million is needed for the African National Congress' election campaign, the first democratic election in South Africa. Please make checks payable to the African National Congress-election campaign. Send to the Coalition For Democracy in South Africa. c/o 116 W. 111 Street. NYC, NY 10026. (212) 666-1288)

THE STORY OF ONE TELLS THE STRUGGLE OF ALL

'Benoni, Boksburg, Springs, Egoli,
we make you rich.
We hostel people make you rich.
You send us back home to die with empty
pockets,
empty dreams and dust in our lungs,
chopped-off hands and your machines
grinding in our brain.

Benoni, Boksburg, Springs, Egoli,
we workers make you rich.
Dayshift, nightshift, overalls and sweat
keep the foundries pumping steel,
casting steel and casting money.

Don't worry brother,
don't give us hope.
The sun shall rise for the workers.
Benoni, Boksburg, Springs, Egoli,
we shall make the people, all the people
rich.'

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Workers in a gold mine near Johannesburg, South Africa, 1985.
Photo: United Nations: Photo 155286. By Allan Tannenbaum

"Crimes Against Humanity

by Ward Churchill

If nifty little "pep" gestures like the "Indian Chant" and the "Tomahawk Chop" are just good clean fun, then let's spread the fun around, shall we?

During the past couple of seasons, there has been an increasing wave of controversy regarding the names of professional sports teams like the Atlanta "Braves," Cleveland "Indians," Washington "Redskins," and Kansas City "Chiefs." The issue extends to the names of college teams like Florida State University "Seminoles"..., and so on, right on down to high school outfits like the Lamar (Colorado) "Savages." Also involved have been team adoption of "mascots," replete with feathers, buckskins, beads, spears and "warpaint" (some fans have opted to adorn themselves in the same fashion), and nifty little "pep" gestures like the "Indian Chant" and the "Tomahawk Chop."

A substantial number of American Indians have protested that use of native names, images and symbols as sports team mascots and the like is, by definition, a virulently racist practice.. Russell Means has compared the practice to contemporary Germans naming their soccer teams the "Jews," "Hebrews," and "Yids," while adorning their uniforms with grotesque caricatures of Jewish faces taken from the Nazis' anti-semitic propaganda of the 1930s...

In response, a number of players - especially African Americans and other minority athletes - have been trotted out by professional team owners like Ted Turner, as well as university and public school officials, to announce that they mean not to insult but to honor native people...

If what they say is true, then isn't it time we spread such "inoffensiveness" and "good cheer" around among all groups so that everybody can participate equally in fostering the round of national laughs they call for? Sure it is - the country can't have too much fund or "intergroup involvement" - so the more, the merrier. Simple consistency demands that anyone who things the Tomahawk Chop is a swell pastime must be just as hearty in their endorsement of the following ideas - by logic used to defend the defamation of American Indians - should help us all really start yukking it up.

First, as a counterpart to the Redskins, we need an NFL team called "Niggers" to honor Afro-

Americans. Half-time festivities for fans might include a simulated stewing of the opposing coach in a large pot while players and cheerleaders dance around it, garbed in leopard skins and wearing fake bones in their noses. This concept obviously goes along with the kind of gaiety attending the Chop, but also with the actions of the Kansas City Chiefs, whose team members...lately appeared on a poster looking "fierce" and "savage" by way of wearing Indian regalia. Just a bit of harmless "morale boosting," says the Chiefs' front office. You bet.

...And why stop there. There are plenty of other groups to include. "Hispanics?" They can be "represented" by the Galveston "Greasers" and San Diego "Spics," at least until the Wisconsin "Wetbacks" and Baltimore "Beaners" get off the ground....

Let's get just a little bit real here. The notion of "fun" embodied in rituals like the Tomahawk Chop must be understood for what it is. There's not a single non-Indian example used above which can be considered socially acceptable in even the most marginal sense. The reasons are obvious enough. So why is it different where American Indians are concerned?...

Fortunately, there are some glimmers of hope. A few teams hand their fans have gotten the message and have responded appropriately. Stanford University, which opted to drop the name "Indians" from Stanford, has experience no resulting drop-off in attendance. Meanwhile, the local newspaper in Portland, Oregon recently decided its long-standing editorial policy prohibiting use of racial epithets should include derogatory team names. The Redskins, for instance, are now referred to as "the Washington teams," and will continue to be described in this way until the franchise adopts an inoffensive moniker (newspaper sales in Portland have suffered no decline as a result).

Such examples are to be applauded and encouraged. They stand as figurative beacons in the night, proving beyond all doubt that it is quite possible to indulge in the pleasure of athletics without accepting blatant racism into the bargain." (Excerpted from *Z Magazine*, March, 1993. p.43,44)

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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Land O'Lakes Dairy Foods

April 6, 1993

Mr. Sanford Berman
4400 Morningside Road
Edina, MN 55416

Dear Mr. Berman:

Thank you for contacting us concerning our Indian Maiden symbol. We appreciate hearing from consumers. Be assured that your comments will be forwarded to the appropriate staff members.

We value your opinion as a Land O'Lakes consumer. Please let us know if we can be of service in the future.

Sincerely,

Shelley Colvin
Specialist



Activities For Your Class

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| Critical thinking: | Discuss the article on the previous page. What is racism? Is the use of the "Indian" mascot or team name racist or a way to honor native people? Is the use of "Indian" symbols in advertising racist or just the use of a positive image? |
| Writing/ action: | Students may want to write to Land O'Lakes, Inc. to protest the use of an "Indian" mascot to sell their product. Please send copies of your letters and Land O'Lakes responses to this newsletter so that we can share them. |
| Research: | Take a trip to a local supermarket. Look for Land O'Lakes butter, corn meal, corn starch, and other products which use "Indian" symbols for advertising. Write to these companies. Make a display of the products in the hallway for other students to see. Encourage students to continue this project during the summer - bringing their findings to your or to their next teacher in September. |
| Action: | Write to Indian Treaty Rights Committee for more information about this issue. 4554 N. Broadway, #258. Chicago, IL 60640. Perhaps students can join local protests at sports events during the summer. |

RESOURCES

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The Africa Fund has an extensive catalog of resource materials about Southern Africa. They also have materials for the STOP THE VIOLENCE campaign.

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NYC, NY 19938
(212) 962-1210

Organizer

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A Post-Cold War Balance Sheet

This is a very important document for understanding the impact of Bush's policies in Southern Africa.

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Apartheid Is Wrong: A Curriculum For Young People,
by Paula Rogovin Bower is available at The American
University - Campus Store, 4400 Massachusetts Ave.
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Educators Against Racism and Apartheid is dedicated to education and action to end apartheid in South Africa and racism in the United States.

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Commemorate the Struggle For Freedom of African Peoples - U.S. to South Africa - at a Soweto Day Outdoor Event!

***Saturday, June 19, 4-7pm
Riverside Park at 122nd Street
(near Grant's Tomb)***



This will be a fund raising event for the African National Congress, with music, food, and news updates. For more information call the Immobilize Apartheid Coalition (718) 857-2107.

This event has been endorsed by all of the New York City area anti-apartheid organizations and by a number of community and religious organizations.

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End apartheid's reign of terror in Southern Africa!