

# STOP SOUTH AFRICAN COAL

Southern Company—the holding company which owns Georgia Power, Alabama Power, Mississippi Power and Gulf Power—has signed a contract to import coal from South Africa—500,000 tons in 1974 and 750,000 tons in 1975. The first shipments are due in Mobile at the end of May. From there, the coal will be shipped to Pensacola and Panama City, where Gulf will burn it to generate electricity. This electricity will be used by all the Southern system companies, particularly Georgia Power.

## SUPPORT AMERICAN MINERS!

Southern currently gets its coal for these plants from northern Alabama and western Kentucky. About 375 miners will be thrown out of work. There is enough coal in America—not only has Southern said so, but 300,000 tons of coal are shipped out of Mobile every month. This contract comes just when the United Mine Workers of America are organizing for better wages and working conditions. Southern is a model for other electric companies to follow in breaking the Mine Workers and a blow to all American workers.

## SUPPORT CLEAN AIR!

Southern and other electric companies oppose sulfure emission control devices, even though the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says they are currently available. Low-sulfur South African coal means Southern does not have to install them—so long as the coal keeps coming. If South Africa cuts off the supply for any reason, there will be a power shortage—and Southern will blame it on 'environmentalists'! Southern refuses to invest in pollution control equipment because it might temporarily keep Southern's profits from skyrocketing.

Mr. Vogtle:

It has come to my attention that the Southern Company and its subsidiary, Gulf Power, are importing coal from South Africa. This coal is mined under slave labor conditions, and its purchase supports the apartheid policies of the South African government, in direct violation of United Nations resolutions. This action can only be construed as an attempt to destroy organized labor in the United States and to evade necessary pollution control measures. I demand that you cancel this purchase immediately.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Dear President Gleason,

The Southern Company and its subsidiary, Gulf Power, have contracted to import large quantities of South African coal through the port of Mobile. This contract strikes a blow at the Mine Workers and all organized labor, as sufficient coal is available from union mines. The South African coal is mined under hazardous, slave-labor conditions. The importation supports the apartheid policies of the South African government in violation of United Nations resolutions. It is an attempt to evade American pollution control requirements. Remembering your support for the victims of the Rhodesian government, I urge you to order a boycott of this coal by members of your union.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

To the Georgia Power Project:

I have sent in the above postcards and I support efforts to prevent the importation of coal from South Africa.

- ( ) Please send me more information about the coal.  
( ) Enclosed is a donation to support your efforts.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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### **SUPPORT AFRICAN WORKERS!**

Southern can profitably import coal from 9,000 miles away only because black South African workers are required by law to work at low pay and without safety regulations. Three-quarters of South Africa's workers are black; the whites are almost entirely supervisors. The average black worker makes less than \$66 per month; in mining, whites make 20 times more than blacks.

Black South Africans must carry pass-books. If they become unemployed, they are deported to a "homeland" which they may never have seen. Black workers may not refuse jobs which they are offered; in mining, they are often conscripted. Black unions cannot bargain with employers. Blacks cannot vote, and therefore cannot change labor or mine safety laws. Mine safety is administered by a trade association; in 1960, the worst coal mine disaster of modern times killed 437 South African miners. South Africa refuses to allow outsiders to inspect the mines.

### **NO SUPPORT FOR SOUTH AFRICA!**

The United Nations General Assembly has passed numerous resolutions since 1962 against the apartheid policies of South Africa. It has declared apartheid a crime against humanity; it has called apartheid a grave threat to world peace; it has condemned "the activities of those foreign financial interests which, through their economic collaboration with the Government of South Africa, are encouraging that Government to persist in its racial policies." It has determined that "universally applied mandatory economic sanctions are the only means of achieving a peaceful solution." Southern is thumbing its nose at the entire world!

### **BOYCOTT THE COAL!**

Only popular pressure will stop the coal, and nothing short of that will do. Use the attached postcards to tell the Southern Company you want the coal stopped; to ask the Longshoremen's Union, which must unload the coal, to support a boycott; to tell us we have your support. Do it today!