

SOUTH AFRICAN MINERS STRIKE...

SOUTH UNITES TO 'STOP THE COAL'

12,000 miners struck the South African gold mines in January; eight were killed and thousands went home (all miners are migrants, living in company dormitories) leaving the mines short of labor. The racist government's only answer to the just demands of the miners? More violence and murder.

On February 1 and 2, 200 people gathered in Atlanta to plan how to stop the importation of South African coal, and other South African and Rhodesian imports, produced by slave labor, into U.S. ports. Coal comes mainly to Boston and Mobile, but has been taken to other ports to avoid boycotts. Longshoremen from Philly, Baltimore, and New Orleans met to discuss working conditions and the boycott in their cities.

Mobile Dockers Shut It Down

When the UMW put up a picket line against South African coal last summer, the Mobile dockers closed down the Alabama State Docks for a full day, and said they would not cross a United Mineworkers picket line.

WHAT'S IT GOT TO DO WITH US?

The longshoremen in Baltimore, New Orleans, Mobile and Philadelphia who are leading this fight are also working hard to strengthen their own unions--to force the men in office to SERVE the rank and file or step aside; to make sure container money is collected and distributed to the rank and file; to make the docks a safer place to work.

We expect dockworkers in Philadelphia, Boston, and New Orleans to get the same rates and benefits, but only by bargaining and striking together....why not join with the dockers of Durban, East London, Lourenco Marques? The shipping companies make profits from American and African workers, but tell us our interest ends at our national borders. WHO DO YOU BELIEVE?



"I THOUGHT YOU SAID IF WE PUT THE PLANTS IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES THEY'D NEVER STRIKE AT THE SAME TIME!"