

STOP

US MILITARY AID TO SOUTH AFRICA AND UNITA SUPPORT H.R. 4759

Did you know that:

- South Africa regularly attacks its neighboring countries in an effort to control all of southern Africa?
- South Africa has illegally colonized Namibia for twenty years in defiance of the United Nations, the World Court, and international opinion?
- South Africa launches military raids into Angola and Zambia from Namibian territory?
- South Africa has occupied parts of independent Angola almost continuously since 1981?
- Since Angola achieved independence in 1975, South Africa has been financing a band of rebels, known as UNITA, in their efforts to overthrow the Angolan government?
- The Reagan administration has formed a military alliance with racist South Africa in Angola and is currently pouring millions of your tax dollars into helping South Africa and UNITA to kill the Angolan people and destroy their land?

In 1975, the US formed a secret military alliance with South Africa to help UNITA to overthrow the government of newly-independent Angola. When Congress discovered this, it passed a law to stop the President and the CIA from intervening in Angola, in hopes of avoiding another Vietnam. However, US and South African involvement had already triggered a bloody civil war in Angola. Over the past decade, that war, fueled by continued South African aid to UNITA, has devastated Angola.



In July 1985, Congress removed the restrictions on US aid to UNITA. President Reagan soon renewed a US **covert alliance** with South Africa by sending roughly \$15 million to UNITA, **without any formal Congressional approval**. UNITA has been attacking US business installations in Angola and will continue to do so **using the more accurate and powerful arms and ammunition now being supplied by the US**.

The US gains nothing by joining forces with UNITA and South Africa. Instead, we:

- absorb some of the financial burden of South Africa's war in Angola, allowing Pretoria to divert money and troops into its war against Black people in South Africa;
- prolong Angola's suffering and aggravate the famine caused by years of warfare;
- alienate independent African nations, which have stated clearly that they view US aid to UNITA as a hostile act against all of Africa;
- waste millions of your tax dollars on an ill-advised and unwinnable foreign war.

YOU CAN HELP STOP US SUPPORT FOR UNITA AND SOUTH AFRICA! Legislation is now pending in the US House of Representatives which would prohibit US aid to UNITA without explicit Congressional approval. Please write to your Representatives and Senators **today**. Ask them to **oppose all US aid to UNITA**. Ask your Representative to support the restrictions on UNITA aid in H.R. 4759.

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