

# Illinois Labor Network Against Apartheid

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Les Kettledas  
Sector Secretary  
National Union of  
Metalworkers of South Africa

Dear Brothers and Sisters of NUMSA,

Greetings from union brothers and sisters in Chicago. In response to a request from UAW International Affairs Director Don Stillman, we sent a union delegation to the Maremont Corporation headquarters, located near Chicago.

We delivered the enclosed letter addressed to Mr. Byron Pond, CEO of Maremont, the parent company of Gabriel Shock Absorbers in South Africa.

Our delegation included reps from the UAW as well as several other unions. Our demand was simply: "Rehire all fired workers at Gabriel Shock Absorbers and negotiate with NUMSA."

We met with a company official, who indicated that Maremont would not intervene in the Gabriel Shock Absorbers dispute. We made it clear that we would, therefore, take additional steps on behalf of the workers at Gabriel.

Keep us informed, via the UAW, of any progress on this dispute. We hope our efforts in Chicago will help convince Gabriel Shock Absorbers to rehire all fired workers and to negotiate with NUMSA.

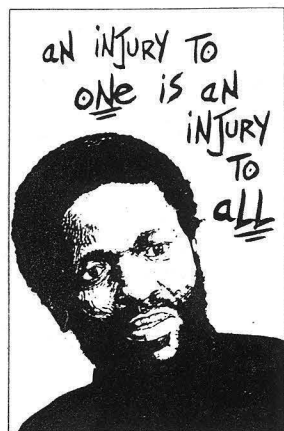
Viva NUMSA! Viva international solidarity!

*Kathy Devine*

Kathy Devine  
Coordinator, Illinois Labor  
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cc: Bill Stewart, Director, UAW Region 4

Steering Committee (in formation): John Agrela, Business Manager, Local 571, Sheet Metal Workers; Charles Barton, Secy-Treas., Local 500P, UFCW; Emma Beck, Retired, Local 500P, UFCW; Joe Costigan, Education Dept., ACTWU; Bob Dahlke, President/Bus. Mgr., Local 165, Int. Brotherhood of Elec. Workers; Mike Flores, Int. Rep., Coordinator Civil Rights Council, Reg. 4, UAW; Michael I. Handley, Assistant to Vice-President, District 4, Communications Workers of America; Fred Harris, President, United Workers Association/U.E. Local 1154; Barbara (B.J.) Jones, President, Chicago/A. Philip Randolph Institute; Bessie Lee, Secy-Treas., Chicago Joint Board, Retail, Wholesale & Dept. Store Union; Max Liberles, President, Local 2000, AFSCME; Ronald F. Luesmann, President, Local 1550, UFCW; Ron Martin, Region 1, AFL-CIO; Andrew Mason, Executive Asst. to Regional Director, UFCW; Arthur L. Mitcham, Exec. Board, Local 81, Int. Fed. of Professional & Tech. Engineers; John O'Gara, President, Local 1, Hotel & Restaurant Employees; Rick Olesen, President, Local 145, UAW; Ronald Powell, President, Local 881, UFCW; Alfonso Richardson, Business Rep., Local 881, UFCW; Frank Rosen, Director, District 11, United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers; Rachel Rubin, Chair, Chicago Committee in Solidarity with Southern Africa; Carl Shier, President, Retired Workers Chapter, Local 6, UAW; Tom Suhrbur, Illinois Education Association Staff Organization; Carole Travis, President, Local 719, UAW; Mitch Vogel, President, Local 4100, AFT; Cleveland Ware, President, Chicago Area Civil Rts. Council, UAW; Jarvis Williams, President, Local 46, SEIU; Cole Wright, President, Local 500P, UFCW; Richard Ziebell, President, Local 477, UAW.



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## AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MAREMONT CORPORATION

August 27, 1990

Mr. Byron Pond  
CEO, Maremont Corporation  
250 East Kehoe Blvd.  
Carol Stream, IL 60180

Dear Mr. Pond:

Gabriel Shock Absorbers in South Africa, a subsidiary of Maremont Corporation, has unjustly fired 244 workers.

This action demonstrates contempt for the workers in South Africa. It is an expression of what apartheid is all about--the denial of democratic rights to black workers.

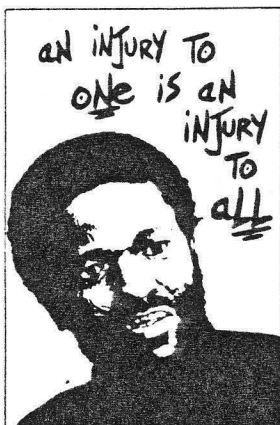
We urge your company to immediately rehire all workers and to negotiate with the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa.

Those U.S. companies that remain in South Africa are the focus of increasingly adverse public attention. The dispute at Gabriel Shock Absorbers, should it continue, will have a negative effect on the Maremont Corporation and on Arvin Industries as your company's conduct in South Africa becomes known.

We urge you to intervene in order to get the 244 workers rehired and to negotiate in good faith and without delay.

Terri Davis  
Field Organizer,  
United Electrical  
Workers International  
Union

Richard Ziebell  
President, Local 477, and  
Chairman, Chicago Area  
Civil Rights Committee,  
United Auto Workers



## **MAREMONT CORPORATION FIRES SOUTH AFRICAN WORKERS**

**Please read the letter on the other side. This letter was delivered by a group of local Union representatives to a Vice President of this Company, at the request of the South African workers at Gabriel Shock Absorbers. He told us that what the Company did was legal under South Africa's apartheid government.**

**We want Maremont employees to know what this Company is doing in South Africa. Please urge the Company to rehire the fired workers and negotiate right away with the Union.**

**For more information on the Illinois Labor Network Against Apartheid, call (312)583-6661.**