

WHY SHUT DOWN SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS?

This racist airline flies tourists and businessmen to and from South Africa. It flies apartheid's public relations men around the world. It transports troops into the African townships, into occupied Namibia, into Angola. "Air Apartheid" shares air traffic control facilities with South Africa's air force, which has murdered hundreds of people in raids on Angola, Mozambique and Namibia. Most African countries will not allow South African Airways landing privileges or air space. So why should we allow it office space in San Francisco?

What do they do in this office adorned with pictures of zebras as if South Africa has only animals -- no people living there, no racism, no struggle? "Air Apartheid" flies five flights a week out of the US -- one from Houston, four from New York, NONE from San Francisco. Yet, SAA has an office with five rooms, five employees, nine telephones. This is clearly more than just a ticket office. It is racist South Africa's "unofficial" replacement for the former consulate. Its business is apartheid's business which has NO BUSINESS IN SAN FRANCISCO!

WHAT WE CAN DO . . .

- 1) Call South African Airlines at 956-4120 or 392-2653 and tell them they have no legitimate business in San Francisco.
- 2) Write letters to the editors of local papers.
- 3) Demand that the city government force SAA out of San Francisco.
- 4) Demonstrate at SAA at 360 Post, S.F. the second Wednesday of every month at 4:00 p.m.
- 5) Join with us to build the CAMPAIGN TO SHUT DOWN SAA! Contact the Campaign at:

FREEDOM RISING! Africa Solidarity Committee

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San Francisco, CA
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DEMONSTRATE!

SHUT DOWN



SAA 
SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS

360 Post
(NEAR UNION SQ.) SAN FRANCISCO

4 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
MARCH 13

CLIP: THE WINGS OF APARTHEID!

Thousands of African people poured into the streets of South Africa's Black townships in late 1984, pitting their stones against the live ammunition of the police and army, courageously rejecting the new apartheid constitution.

Across the U.S. people are demanding an end to U.S. support for racist South Africa. Hundreds have been arrested, thousands have been in the streets.

In the Bay area, dockworkers from the ILWU Local 10 have refused to unload South African cargo. Students demand their universities cut all ties with the apartheid regime; the Oakland City Council debates divestment; San Francisco voters by a 2-1 margin insist that the city divest from corporations doing business in South Africa.

Five years ago a militant campaign forced South Africa to move its consulate to Los Angeles. But the South African government still has an office here! On Union Square in San Francisco they quietly maintain an "unofficial consulate," South African Airways (SAA) -- we call it "Air Apartheid."

We urge all people who hate racism to join the country-wide movement to SHUT DOWN ALL SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICES, including consulates and SAA offices!

STOP ALL U.S. SUPPORT FOR RACIST SOUTH AFRICA!

The United Nations has declared apartheid a crime against humanity. One half of all African children in South Africa die of malnutrition and diseases nonexistent in the developed world, before they reach the age of five. African people in South Africa -- which they call Azania -- have no political rights whatsoever, no control over their lives in the land of their birth.

Although the South African regime is entrenched and belligerent, it could not hold back the force of African resistance if it weren't for the economic and military support from the imperialist powers, especially the U.S. The racist regime depends on the West for all its oil, 75% of its computers, and large quantities of electronic devices.

Before the surge of demonstrations across the U.S. in late 1984 forced the issue to center stage, there was a deafening silence from the Reagan administration on the evils of apartheid. Reagan claimed that quiet diplomacy ("constructive engagement") would push South Africa to change. But the so-called "constitutional reforms" in

South Africa stand exposed as a fraud. They did not bring an end to Apartheid. Far from it! In 1984, the racists deported even more Black people to barren strips of land called bantustans.

Reagan's real policy goal is not to bring an end to apartheid, but to hold onto the immense profits and power of continuing white supremacy. The White American Resistance, a Ku Klux Klan front group active in the Bay Area, is distributing a disgusting leaflet defending South Africa as the last bastion of white civilization. The Klan endorsed Reagan as the candidate most devoted to white interests. The right-wing sees common interest with the racist South African regime because they know that the Black Liberation Movement here is just as threatening to white supremacy as the Azanian national liberation struggle. We who fight against apartheid must also support the Black struggle here and resist the rise of KKK terror.

Organized resistance is growing and strengthening in Azania. A 90% effective general strike brought out a million workers in the Johannesburg area, for the first time linking economic demands to the demand for Black political power. Hundreds of Azanians were killed by police and thousands jailed in 1984 for demonstrating their determination to be free. The liberation movements (African National Congress and Pan Africanist Congress) and many mass organizations are organizing to defeat the white supremacist system once and for all. They will win, and our support for their struggle will hasten the day of liberation.

**Support
the
Liberation
Movements**

