

Your Representatives and Senators will be at home during the district work period, August 8 thru September 8, 1987. Please call or visit them while they are there to express your opinion on the issues outlined below. The more pressure they receive from constituents, the better. We need all the help we can get to turn back the tide of right-wing initiatives aimed at Africa and the Caribbean.

IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED:

1) Oppose Swindall and Burton Amendments attacking ANC and SWAPO

Express your opposition to the Swindall and Burton amendments of the State Department Authorization Act. The amendment sponsored by Congressman Swindall (D-GA) would prohibit ANC and SWAPO representatives from traveling beyond the immediate vicinity of their U.N. missions. The amendment authored by Congressman Dan Burton (R-IN) would reduce U.S. funding for U.N. projects "whose primary purpose is to benefit the ANC." Both amendments passed the House by voice votes. Urge your senators to oppose any comparable provisions which may be offered when the State Department Authorization reaches the Senate floor. Urge your congressmembers to support the deletion of both these amendments during the House-Senate conference on the bill.

2) Oppose Graham's Anti-Angola Amendment to Trade

Express your opposition to the amendment to the Trade bill which suspended Angola's "most favored nation" trading status. Offered by Senator Graham (D-FL), this amendment is part of the ongoing effort to destabilize the government of Angola. There is no counterpart to this measure in the House version of the Trade bill. Ask your member to strike this measure during the House-Senate conference on the Trade Bill.

3) Support Confirmation of New U.S. Ambassador to Mozambique

Urge your Senators to confirm the nomination of Melissa Wells as U.S. ambassador to Mozambique. Senators Dole and Helms have been leading the effort to prevent Senate consideration of her appointment and to galvanize support for the South African-sponsored RENAMO/MNR forces. Senators Dole and Helms have promised to filibuster the confirmation process unless the Reagan administration agrees to end its support of the Mozambican government and recognize RENAMO/MNR. In order to prevent such a filibuster, 60 Senators will have to invoke cloture--a procedural measure which limits debate to 100 hours. Tell your Senators to vote first in favor of cloture, and then in support of the Melissa Wells nomination.

4) Support More Aid to Africa

Express your concern about further reductions in aid to Africa. Congress will have only 13 working days to vote on next year's foreign assistance once they return from their district work period. Development Assistance to the continent should not be cut below the levels set by the Sub-Committee on Africa (\$475 million), and SADCC should receive a minimum of \$50 million. Be sure to voice your opposition to any amendments which may be offered to restrict aid to SADCC nations.

5) Support IDA Replenishment

Ask your Congressman to maintain or increase the U.S. contribution to the International Development Association (IDA). The Congress is currently discussing the eighth replenishment of IDA. This is the section of the World Bank that makes loans to the poorest African nations. The U.S. contribution was cut during the last replenishment and the Congress is considering a further reduction.

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UPDATE

1) Senator DeConcini offered an amendment to the Trade Bill which would have banned all trade with Angola. This amendment was derived from Senator Dole's bill (S.R. 1226) attacking Angola and Cuba. Fortunately, the amendment was defeated by a vote of 61 to 38.

2) The letters that you sent regarding the importation of uranium from South Africa and Namibia helped to influence the Treasury Department to rule in our favor. South African and Namibian uranium will no longer be allowed into the U.S. for the purpose of processing and re-export.

3) The 1987 Supplemental Appropriation Bill was passed during the last week in June. It provides \$50 million for southern Africa: \$37 million for SADCC projects and \$12.5 million for humanitarian assistance. However, the language of the Supplemental reflects our ongoing problems with U.S. policy toward southern Africa: SADCC projects in Angola and Mozambique were denied funding, and Senator DeConcini's amendment calling on the President to ban trade with Angola remains attached to the Supplemental. Fortunately, Larry Pressler's (R-SD) amendment to prevent U.S. aid from going to SADCC countries that had not condemned terrorism and the practice of necklacing was modified to some degree by the Conference Committee. As the language now reads, only countries which advocate necklacing and terrorism (none do) would be prevented from receiving funds. Remind your Congressmembers of your opposition to the inclusion of such language. Ask them to oppose any future efforts to restrict aid to SADCC nations.

COALITION WORK

* Senate hearings on the nomination of Robert Bork to the Supreme Court will begin in late September. We urge you to work closely with civil rights groups in your area to ensure his defeat.

* Congressional debate about renewed U.S. aid to the contras will begin in late September. Urge your Congressmembers to vote against aid to the contras. Remember that some members oppose aid to the contras, but support aid to the South African sponsored forces of UNITA. We must work to make sure elected officials understand that the Reagan administration's policies toward both Nicaragua and Angola are wrong.



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