

# YOU THOUGHT YOU'D GET AWAY

You thought you'd get away, didn't you? You thought that no one here would notice that you're flying to South Africa. Those of you from South Africa probably spent a good deal of your time and money here in the US trying to hide the fact that you were South African. Not that you're disgusted by what goes on there - because if you were, you wouldn't be going back, would you? But because you didn't want your trip spoiled by an awkward question or an impolite accusation. And those of you who are from the US probably don't want too many to know where you're going. But, we're not going to let you go without letting you know what we think about apartheid, its airline and your responsibility.

Apartheid survives as the monstrosity that it is because of white support. Without the soldiers on the front lines, without the police in the townships and the underlying attitudes of racial supremacy, apartheid would be dead. But, like a vulture, it lives. And then you try to pretend that everything's just fine and you go about the world wanting to be treated like everyone else. Your athletes lie to get into the Olympics; your politicians travel around the world selling meaningless reforms and your airline flies in and out of cities just like the other airlines.

But you can't fool all the people all the time. South African Airways is an integral part of the apartheid machine. It flies apartheid's soldiers into battle; it flies apartheid's politicians to other nations and it flies apartheid's supporters wherever their money can take them.

Well, we'd like to send a message back with you on this trip. Don't come back. You're not welcome here. And we hope that you won't be welcome anywhere else. It would suit us just fine if your airplane flew around forever without clearance to land. Those who support apartheid should be people without a world.