

# DBDC DENNIS BRUTUS DEFENSE COMMITTEE

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## NEWS RELEASE

On Tuesday, November 10, 1981, Dennis Brutus appeared before the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Chicago for a hearing held before Immigration Judge Irving Schwartz concerning a previously issued deportation order.

~~After hearing,~~ <sup>The</sup> Judge Schwartz expressed the opinion that he would be inclined to uphold the District Director's order of deportation; however, he adjourned the hearing, <sup>for 30 days</sup> agreeing to review further evidence or alternatives concerning political assylum, discretionary relief or voluntary departure.

At the hearing, at which Dennis Brutus testified, the judge noted that he had never before witnessed so many supporters at an immigration hearing. Outside INS headquarters, about three-hundred supporters held a rally.

Prior to yesterday's hearing, thousands of signatures and many letters had been sent to INS from supporters, including a letter from Amherst College President Julian Gibbs, urging that the Immigration and Naturalization Service allow Professor Brutus, who is currently a visiting professor at Amherst College, <sup>to</sup> remain in the United States.

At the hearing, Brutus' attorney, Nasif Mahmoud emphasized the danger Professor Brutus would face if he were to be deported from the South African Secret Police.

whose agents have infiltrated many free nations in Southern Africa. A recently released book entitled "Inside Boss" published in England and written by a defected South African Boss agent revealed that Dennis Brutus is considered by the South African regime as one of the most effective opponents of the apartheid system, and one of the most dangerous to the present regime. In July of this year, Joe Cqabi, Zimbabwe representative of the African National Congress, was assassinated in Salisbury, ostensibly by South African agents.

No new date has yet been set for the further hearing. If the Immigration and Naturalization Service fails to allow Professor Brutus to remain in the United States, then an appeal will be sought in the United States District Court.

The Dennis Brutus Defense Committee will continue its activities, seeking further letters of support, petitions, and funds to defray the mounting legal expenses.

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