

# HELP STOP THE DEPORTATION OF DENNIS BRUTUS

"Think of them, the people who are not free  
who would give their lives to be free."

- Dennis Brutus

DENNIS BRUTUS is a poet exiled from South Africa. He is now a visiting professor at Amherst College and has lived in the U.S. for 10 years. In November, 1981, Brutus appeared before the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to show cause why he should not be deported. The result of the hearing was that Brutus was determined "deportable."

If deported, Brutus' life would be in danger. Brutus has been cited as an effective opponent of the apartheid regime, a system that denies 80 percent of the population the right to vote and ruthlessly oppresses them. Past opponents of apartheid have been killed by the South African Secret Police. Thus, **BECAUSE OF HIS POLITICAL BELIEFS, BRUTUS' FREEDOM TO SPEAK AND LIVE ARE BEING THREATENED.**

The Harassment by the INS has further stifled Brutus' voice of justice. It is no coincidence that the U.S. would choose to deport Brutus. Over 300 U.S. corporations are active in South Africa with 6.5 billion dollars invested in apartheid. In the name of those oppressed under the regime, **THE DEPORTATION OF DENNIS BRUTUS MUST BE STOPPED.**

The Dennis Brutus Defense Committee (DBDC) needs your help. Letters of support to both the INS and congresspeople are urgently needed. Senator Paul Tsongas has already endorsed Brutus' request to stay in the U.S. As of December, 1981, 10,000 signatures have been collected. This effort continues as well as a fundraising campaign to defray legal expenses.

The results of a Jan. 14 INS hearing were that Brutus would apply for political asylum in the U.S. Letters are needed to be sent to the Sec. of Human Rights urging him to approve Brutus' application.

Write to:

Elliot Abrams  
Asst. Sec. for Human Rights  
Dept. of State  
2201 C St.  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Continue to write your congressperson and senators for support.

If you can help or want more  
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