

NOTTINGHAM ANTI-APARTHEID DRAFT CONSTITUTION

1. The Name of the Group shall be Nottingham and District Anti-Apartheid Group, hereinafter referred to as the Group.
2. The Aims and Objects of the Group shall be:
 - a) to inform the people of Nottingham and District about apartheid and what it means to the people of Southern Africa.
 - b) to campaign for local, national and international action to help bring the system of apartheid to an end.
 - c) to co-operate with and further the policies of the Anti-Apartheid Movement and to support Southern African organisations campaigning against apartheid.
3. Affiliation to the Anti-Apartheid Movement (AAM): the Group shall affiliate to the Anti-Apartheid Movement and shall conduct its activities in accordance with the AAM's Guidelines for Local Groups.

The Secretary of the Group shall be responsible for ensuring that proper records of the membership of the Group are kept and shall submit by June 30th each year the names and addresses of local individual members and local organisations locally affiliated to the AAM's Membership Secretary.

A special meeting shall be convened by the Committee to elect delegates from the Group to the AAM's AGM. Local individual members, local organisations locally affiliated, and national individual members shall be eligible to attend and vote. The Group shall be eligible to send such delegates as are defined in the AAM's Constitution. This business may be conducted at the Group's AGM.

The Group shall be entitled to send representative(s) to the AAM National Committee, and shall inform the AAM of the name(s) of such representative(s), in accordance with the AAM's Constitution.

4. Membership of the Group shall be open to:
 - a) any individual residing in Nottingham and District who supports the aims of the Group.
 - b) any local organisation situated in Nottingham and District which supports the aims of the Group.

The annual subscription rates for local individual members and local organisations locally affiliated shall be decided upon by the Annual General Meeting of the Group. National individual members of the AAM, and local organisations nationally affiliated, residing in or situated in Nottingham and District shall automatically be members of the Group.

5. The Committee shall be responsible for the day-to-day running of the Group and shall consist of:
 - a) The Chair
 - b) The Secretary
 - c) The Treasurer
 - d) 5 Ordinary Members

The Committee shall be empowered to co-opt not more than 2 members and shall allocate special responsibilities to members as deemed necessary.

6. An Annual General Meeting shall be held each year. Every fully-paid-up local individual member and national individual member, who was in membership at the time of notice being sent, shall be entitled to attend and vote at the AGM and stand for elections to the Committee. Each fully paid up local organisation locally affiliated and local organisation nationally affiliated shall be entitled to send 2 delegates to the AGM, provided that the organisation was in membership at the time of notice being sent. Such delegates shall be entitled to one vote each and shall not have additional votes even if they are also individual members.

Motions for discussion at the AGM may be submitted by the Committee by any organisation member (locally or nationally affiliated) or by a group of 2 individual members (local or national), not less than 2 weeks before the AGM.

Notification of the AGM shall be notified by post to all members (as defined in Clause 2) not less than 2 weeks before the AGM.

The AGM shall elect a Committee as defined in Clause 5 and shall receive a written report from the outgoing Committee including a statement of accounts. The AGM shall be the policy making body of the Group. The quorum for the AGM shall be 15% of the membership. The membership being defined in this instance as the total number of individual members and affiliated organisations.

7. Ordinary General Meetings shall be arranged by the Committee on a regular basis and shall be held not less than three times a year.

8. Special General Meetings: a Special General Meeting of the Group may be convened at any time either by the Committee or upon receipt by the Secretary of a written request by not less than 6 members. Notice of the meeting stating the business to be discussed shall be circulated to all members (as defined in Clause 2) not less than 2 weeks before the meeting. Attendance and voting rights at such meetings shall be similar to that defined in Clause 6.

9. Finance: The Group shall be financed by membership subscriptions and by special appeals and functions. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the proper keeping of the accounts and shall ensure that copies of the accounts are sent to the AAM.

10. Discipline: The Committee shall have the right by a two thirds majority to expel any local individual member or local organisation locally affiliated if it can be clearly shown that such a member or organisation was clearly working against the interests of the Group subject to a right of appeal to the Annual General Meeting of the Group. In matters concerning national individual members or local organisations nationally affiliated the matter shall be referred to the AAM Executive Committee.

11. Constitution: Amendments to the Constitution may only be made by a two thirds majority of those present and voting at the AGM of the Group. Notice of any proposed changes in the Constitution shall be circulated to all members (as defined in Clause 2) not less than 2 weeks before the meeting, and may be proposed by the Committee, by an organisation member or by a group of 6 individual members.

12. Dissolution: The Group may be dissolved by a two thirds majority of those present and voting at a Special General Meeting convened for that purpose. Any funds or assets remaining after liabilities have been met shall be transferred to the AAM.

CAMPAIGN DIARY

MONDAY SEPT. 24th: David Kitson and Solly Smith, speaking at the John Carroll Leisure Centre, Denman Street off Radford Boulevard, 7.30pm.

SATURDAY SEPT 29th: Apartheid and Education, NAME Dayschool, Teacher's Centre.

TUESDAY OCT. 2nd: Archbishop Huddleston giving the Peace Lecture at Nottingham University.

OCTOBER: Namibia Week of Action, 27th Oct. to 3rd Nov. including library exhibitions, public meetings (CND and SWAPO) and AAM stall at One World Week event in Victoria Leisure Centre - Saturday Oct. 27th.

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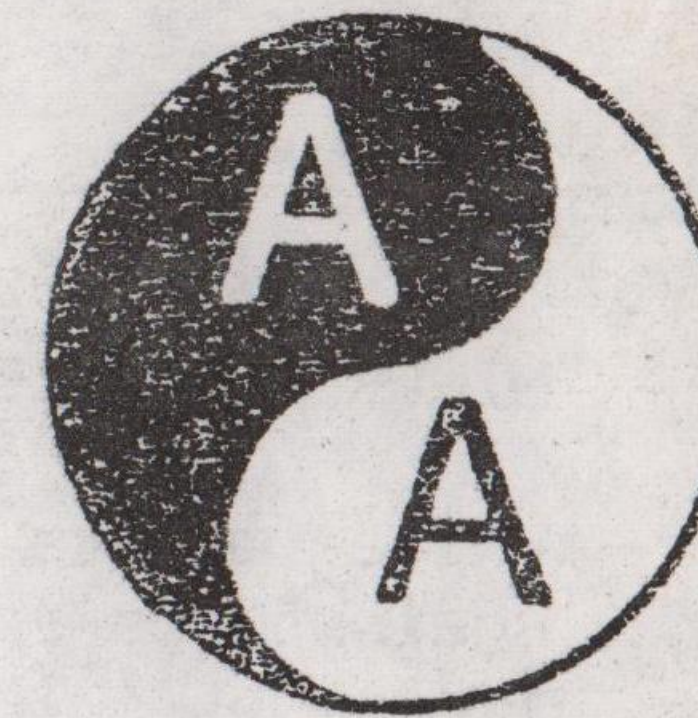
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ANTI-APARTHEID PRISONER RELEASED!

David Kitson - a life long anti-apartheid activist was released from goal in South Africa this year after completing a twenty year sentence. A national speaking tour has been arranged for him by AUEW-TASS and he is coming to Nottingham on Sept. 24th. There will be a public meeting at the John Carroll Leisure Centre in the evening (see the Diary for details). This will also provide the occasion for the City Council to name one of the sports halls in the Centre after Nelson Mandela. Solly Smith of the African National Congress will speak alongside David Kitson. The meeting starts at 7.30 pm.

AAM PRESIDENT HONOURED BY COUNTY COUNCIL.

The visit by Archbishop Trevor Huddleston is now finalised. He will attend a lunchtime reception at County Hall, on Monday Oct. 1st. Invitations to the reception are being sent to religious, ethnic minority and trade union organisations. In the evening, the Archbishop will be meeting with members of various churches to discuss the South African situation. On Tuesday, Oct. 2nd the Archbishop will give the Peace Lecture at Nottingham University.

MINER'S STRIKE '84.

While miners and their families have reacted against the shock decision by the Coal Board to implement large scale pit closures here in Britain, so too has the black NUM in South Africa reacted against a decision by a regional magistrate to fine a state-owned colliery near Durban a mere R350 for inadequate safety precautions. These "inadequate" safety precautions led to an explosion killing 68 miners last year. The general secretary of the black NUM said: "We just find this case unbelievable. The fine in no way acts as a deterrent to mine management." And as the world price of gold falls, and with gold making up 45% of South Africa's export earnings, the South African mine-owners are increasingly trying to make miners throughout South Africa bear the brunt of the apartheid regime's economic crisis.

Recent pay claims by the black NUM designed to offset to some extent the enormous rises in the cost of living have met with threats of dismissal, bribes and the drafting in of extra police. But the miners continue to push for Trade Union recognition, for negotiaion rights and for a decent standard of living free from the daily violence that the apartheid system brings.

The connection between the miners' struggles both in South Africa and in Britain has taken on a concrete form recently as the National Coal Board seems determined to use South African coal to help offset the loss in production due to the dispute. The Coal Board seem not to care that South African coal is produced under some of the worst mining conditions in the world, nor that the South African workers themselves have repeatedly asked the international community to enforce sanctions against apartheid.

SEND A CHRISTMAS CARD!

For the second year running, Nottingham AA will be asking people to remember the families of victims of apartheid by sending a Christmas card to one or more families in South Africa and Namibia.

Previously, as well as many individuals taking names and addresses and sending off cards, groups and organisations have responded too. So if you are part of any group that you think might be interested in sending cards please contact the secretary who will pass on a list of names and addresses.

We will have cards, stamps, names and addresses on our regular fortnightly Saturday stall, starting in October. See us in St. Peter's Gate, City Centre.

APARTHEID and EDUCATION.

Nottingham Anti-Apartheid in conjunction with the Nottingham Association of Multi-cultural Education is organising a dayschool for teachers. The dayschool will primarily be orientated towards looking at how the issue of apartheid and South Africa is treated in the various subject areas. There will also be sessions on the apartheid education system and the experience of ILEA in devising suitable teaching materials on apartheid and racism. The dayschool is being held at the Teachers Centre on Saturday Sept. 29th. Although mainly aimed at teachers, others with an interest in this area are welcome to attend. For further details contact NAME at the Teachers Centre.

NAMIBIA - BACKGROUND and RECENT EVENTS.

The legal administering authority for Namibia has, for many years, been the United Nations Council for Namibia. The obligation on all members of the UN is to see to the implementation of UN Resolution 435, designed to bring genuine independence to Namibia culminating in a free and democratic election.

Free and democratic elections are something alien to the apartheid regime and recent activities by South Africa indicate that it is trying at all costs to undermine Resolution 435 and to impose a "regional" settlement with the twin aims of interfering with the sovereignty of Angola and of installing a puppet government in Namibia.

The Prime Minister of South Africa, (P.W. Botha) on his recent tour of Europe, seems to have been able to whip up support for his plan for a constellation of dependent states around South Africa. The US first introduced the extraneous idea of a withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola. And since then P.W. Botha has persuaded the British Government to take up this delaying tactic - in February they were rejecting the idea of "linkage" - but just three days after Botha's visit to Britain, Margaret Thatcher was telling Parliament that there would be no independence for Namibia without a Cuban withdrawal from Angola.

The South African agreement to withdraw its troops, currently illegally occupying parts of Angola, is now three months behind schedule and contrary to disinformation in the press, South Africa appears to be using this delay to infiltrate more UNITA mercenaries into Angola.

Meanwhile, South Africa's attempts to create a subservient "alternative" to SWAPO within Namibia have yet again collapsed. The first attempt involved the creation of the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance which was used to destroy the 1981 Geneva Conference. The present day equivalent is the Multi-Party Conference. But at a major conference in May, in Lusaka, Zambia, respect for the support SWAPO has in Namibia, meant that a major pillar of the MPC - the Damara Council - left the MPC to join the SWAPO delegation. They were followed by most of the SWANU leadership, the Namibian Christian Democratic Party, the Namibian Council of Churches and other smaller groupings.

Thus, though the apartheid regime's plans for Namibia appear to be in tatters, it does have the backing of both the US and of Britain - and as long as this remains so, genuine independence and a genuine peace for Namibia remain distant.

(See the Diary for details of the Autumn Week of Action on Namibia).

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The **BENEFIT** LOOKS LIKE BEING ON
FRIDAY, SEPT. 14th, 8.00 - 11.00

AT THE **ITALIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE**,

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TICKETS / ENTRY - £1.00 waged + 50p unwaged

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NAMIBIA WEEK of ACTION.

This year's Namibia Week of Action (Oct. 27th to Nov. 3rd) is of special significance as it coincides with the peace movement's activities around the Trident issue. The illegal use of Namibian uranium for Britain's civil nuclear programme is well documented. But there are indications now that Namibian uranium will be used in the Trident programme. We hope to explore this issue in conjunction with Nottingham CND, probably in the form of a public meeting around the time of the Week of Action.

We have booked exhibition space at Hyson Green library, during October, and will display the new "Apartheid War" photographic exhibition. Exhibitions may also be shown at the Meadows and/or the Radford libraries. Nottingham AA will also participate in the finale of the One World Week. On Saturday Oct. 27th, there will be a variety of stalls, information etc. at the Victoria Leisure Centre, near the Sneinton Fruit Market. Nottingham AA will have a bookstall there and we hope to be showing various videos throughout the day. Our overall theme for the day will be "Women and Children". We intend to promote a public meeting in Nottingham on Namibia during this week. We will be inviting a SWAPO speaker to this meeting. Look out for further details.

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BECAUSE OF ALL THE ACTIVITY NOTTINGHAM AA HAS BEEN DOING AND INTENDS TO DO IN THE FUTURE, IT'S FUNDS ARE RUNNING AT AN ALL TIME LOW. THERE WILL BE A BENEFIT COMING UP SOON - PROBABLY IN SEPTEMBER, PLEASE KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR NEWS OF THIS AND DO COME ALONG AND SUPPORT IT IF YOU CAN

WATCH THAT LABEL!

The Anti-Apartheid Movement is relaunching its Consumer Boycott Campaign on the occasion of the AAM's 25th Anniversary. In this way, the AAM is reaffirming its support for the appeal made by Chief Albert Luthuli for the boycott of all products of apartheid. It further strengthens the campaign for the total isolation of South Africa and provides a practical way in which every individual and organisation can demonstrate their support for freedom and independence in Southern Africa.

The fresh and tinned food exports to Britain from South Africa are an important part of the economy of South Africa and a refusal to purchase these is as important now as it ever was. Over the last few years, however, the South African textile industry has increased its exports to Britain at an alarming rate. The items range right across the market, from quality to cheap products, from tights, socks and other hosiery to men's and women's clothing. So watch out for these as well.

We intend making a "Consumer Boycott Stall" to take the campaign to the general public, visiting the Nottingham Markets and perhaps setting up in Market Square as well. All offers of help and ideas for this are very welcome.

Nottingham, City Council is considering ways of publicising the Consumer Boycott campaign, having already decided itself not to purchase goods known to originate in South Africa or Namibia.

It is hoped to put a resolution to the local Cooperative Party at its AGM in the Autumn which calls for the implementation of a boycott of apartheid products by the GNCS.

CAMPAIGN DIARY

SATURDAY JUNE 2nd: NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION, LONDON: Protest at visit by P.M. Botha, Tickets from A.A. or Mushroom, Heathcoat St.

SAT. & SUN JUNE 23rd 24th: NATIONAL CONVENTION, LONDON: Book a place now, write to A.A.M., 13, Mandela St., London.

TUESDAY JUNE 26th: CONSUMER BOYCOTT RELAUNCH: Dont buy South African products, ask your friends not to.

SUNDAY JULY 8th: PEACE FESTIVAL: Nottingham, help with the Anti-Apartheid stall.

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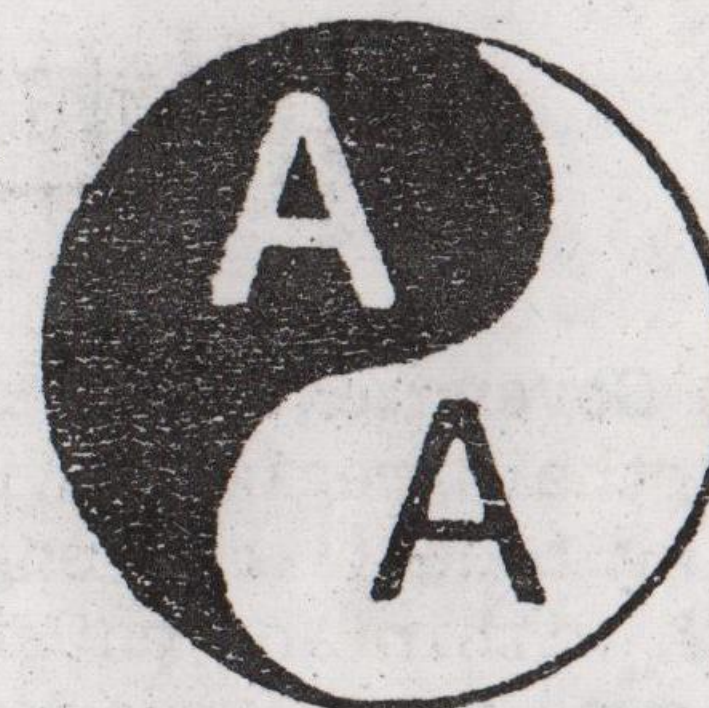
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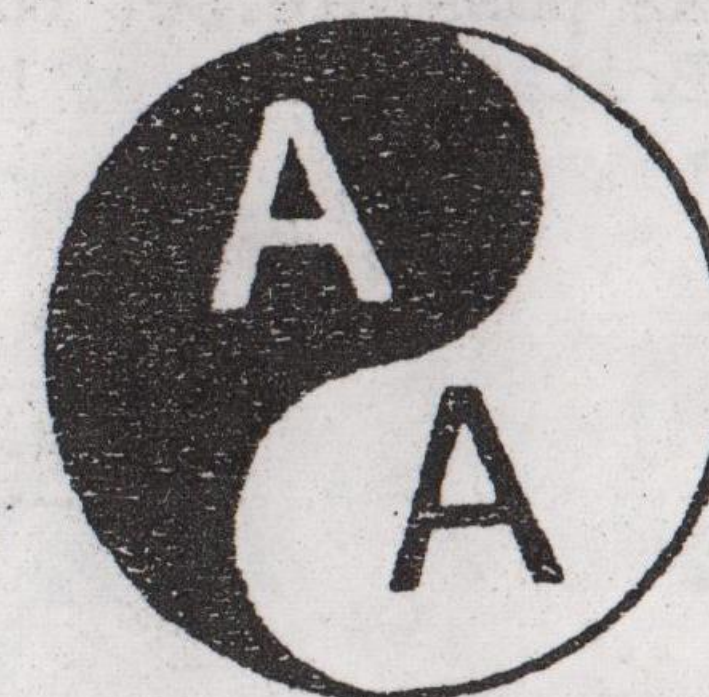
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SATURDAY JUNE 2ND

LONDON

DETAILS INSIDE

TICKETS FROM MUSHROOM BOOKSHOP

NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION

The Government have seen fit to invite the leader of the apartheid regime to Britain at a time when the regime is going to extreme lengths in order to silence opposition both within and outside it's borders. His visit cannot be allowed to go unmarked. A coach has been organised to take people down to London for a National Demostration. This will be on SATURDAY, JUNE, 2nd, tickets at £3.50 (waged) and £2.00 (unwaged), setting off from the Salutation Inn, Maid Marion Way at 8.00 am. Please buy your coach ticket as soon as possible. Let Botha know exactly what the people of Britain think of his visit!!

CONSUMER BOYCOTT - RELAUNCHED

South African trade with Western Countries, especially Britain plays an important part in bolstering apartheid.

In response to calls from the people of South Africa a national campaign to boycott South African goods is being relaunched this summer. This is a campaign that ranges from individual action to raising the question with major consumers such as local authorities and trade unions.

Nottingham Anti-Apartheid will be working to publicise the fact that a growing number of South African goods are found on the British market, and we will be urging consumers to buy alternatives.

STOP THE TOUR IN '84

Earlier this year, the English Rugby Union decided once again to break the sporting boycott of South Africa. Not suprisingly this raised a storm of protest, coming from all political parties, religious groups, trade unions, many sporting organisations and many individuals. This occurred in Britain and throughout the world. Predictably, the E.F.U. have so far remained impervious to pressure on them to cancel the tour - though one or two players have pulled out on what appear to be reasons of conscience.

NOTTINGHAM PLAYER PICKED

When the names of the players in the squad was announced, it turned out that Gary Rees, who plays for Nottingham Rugby Football Club, was on the list. He along with all the others in the squad received a letter from Archbishop Trevor Huddleston pleading with him not to go. The Anti-Apartheid group followed this up with a similar letter. It would help a great deal more if received other letters as well - pointing out the sham of the "reforms" in apartheid sport, the support his collaboration will give to the apartheid regime, the shame he brings to Britain and the hostility created internationally. He can be written to c/o Nottingham Rugby Football Club, Ireland Ave., Beeston.

SUMMER BOOKSTALLS

Nottingham Anti-Apartheid will be having a bookstall at the various festivals over the summer. Two that are already booked are the Peace Festival (July 8th) and the Rock'n'Reggae Festival. Offers of help will be gratefully accepted.

NATIONAL CONVENTION BOOK PLACES NOW :

On June 26th 1959, the Anti-Apartheid Movement was founded in response to the appeal by Chief Albert Luthuli for an international boycott of apartheid South Africa. South Africa is pouring more and more resources into its military build-up and into its nuclear weapons programme. It continues its illegal occupation of Namibia. Its new constitution attempts to extend permanently white supremacy and take all citizenship rights away from the African majority.

To mark the 25th anniversary of A.A.M., a NATIONAL CONVENTION AGAINST APARTHEID has been called to assess the progress towards freedom in Southern Africa over the past 25 years, and to adopt a Declaration and Programme of Action against apartheid and for freedom in South Africa and Namibia.

This will be held on JUNE SAT. 24th and SUN 25th 1984, at CITY UNIVERSITY, LONDON.

Invited speakers include: Oliver Tambo, President of the African National Congress, Sam Nujoma, President of SWAPO, the Prime Minister of Tanzania, Neil Kinnock M.P., Barbara Castle M.E.P., and Trevor Huddleston. The weekend will include commissions on South Africa, Namibia, British and Western Policy towards Southern Africa, workshops on military and nuclear collaboration, economic links, sporting boycott and the consumer boycott etc. Discussion groups for women, trade unionists, black organisations, local groups and students will also be held.

On Saturday a Festival is being held with stalls, exhibitions, videos and much more.

Registration is £7.50 (£5.00 - unwaged) includes refreshments and two lunches - a creche is available as is access for the disabled.

SEND YOUR REGISTRATION FEE TO "CONVENTION", A.A.M., 13 MANDELA STREET LONDON NW1 ODW

REMEMBER SOWETO

"SOWETO WALKS" have been held every year since 1976 - firstly to commemorate the 1,000 young people killed on June 16th 1976 in Soweto and secondly to raise money both for the A.A.M.'s educational work and for the Freedom College in Tanzania run by the African National Congress. Last year Nottingham A.A. held a successful and very pleasant walk around Bradgate Country Park, in the process raising £100.00. We are repeating the event again this year and are hoping to double the amount of money raised. The walk is planned for Sunday June 17th. So contact Mick Cassidy (584722) or Geoff Morris to get your sponsor form and start raising money!!

COUNTY COUNCIL HONOUR A.A.M. PRESIDENT

Archbishop Trevor Huddleston, President of A.A.M., has been invited to Nottinghamshire by the County Council. They intend to organise a reception for him at County Hall in June. The "working lunch" will be attended by members of the churches, trade unions and ethnic minority organisations. They will hear and be able to discuss a major statement by the County Council on its policy to apartheid. It is hoped that Trevor Huddleston will be able to stay in Nottingham in order to speak at a public meeting to be held later that evening.

WHAT GOES ON

Anti-Apartheid works in political parties, trade unions, religious groups, colleges and among the public for an end to all collaboration with the apartheid regime, and for support for those fighting for freedom and independence. We publicise the facts about apartheid campaign for the total isolation of South Africa, expose British links and mobilise political, moral and material support for the liberation movements of South Africa and Namibia. We encourage organisations and groups to invite speakers, firstly to explain the posit-

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ion of black people in Southern Africa and secondly to put forward specific activities which they can participate in. Both the County and City Councils are looking at proposals from Anti-Apartheid. These suggest ways in which the councils can cut their links with South Africa (economic, sporting, cultural etc.), and ways to promote public understanding of the issue. Other activities include public meetings, day schools, film shows, fundraising events etc. We also hold regular fortnightly bookstalls down at St. Peters Gate in the City Centre.



JOIN

NOTTINGHAM ANTI-APARTHEID

The money from affiliations is vital to the work of the A.A. group, helping fund public meetings, provide books and leaflets and run various campaigns. Activity is planned and coordinated at the monthly "planning" meetings - open to all interested members. These alternate with more informal "discussion" meetings, at which a particular topic is introduced and discussed - open to all who are interested. Affiliation is £5.00 p.a. for organisations and £1.00 p.a. for individuals. A regular mailing is sent to all members containing dates of meetings, general information and details of particular events coming up.

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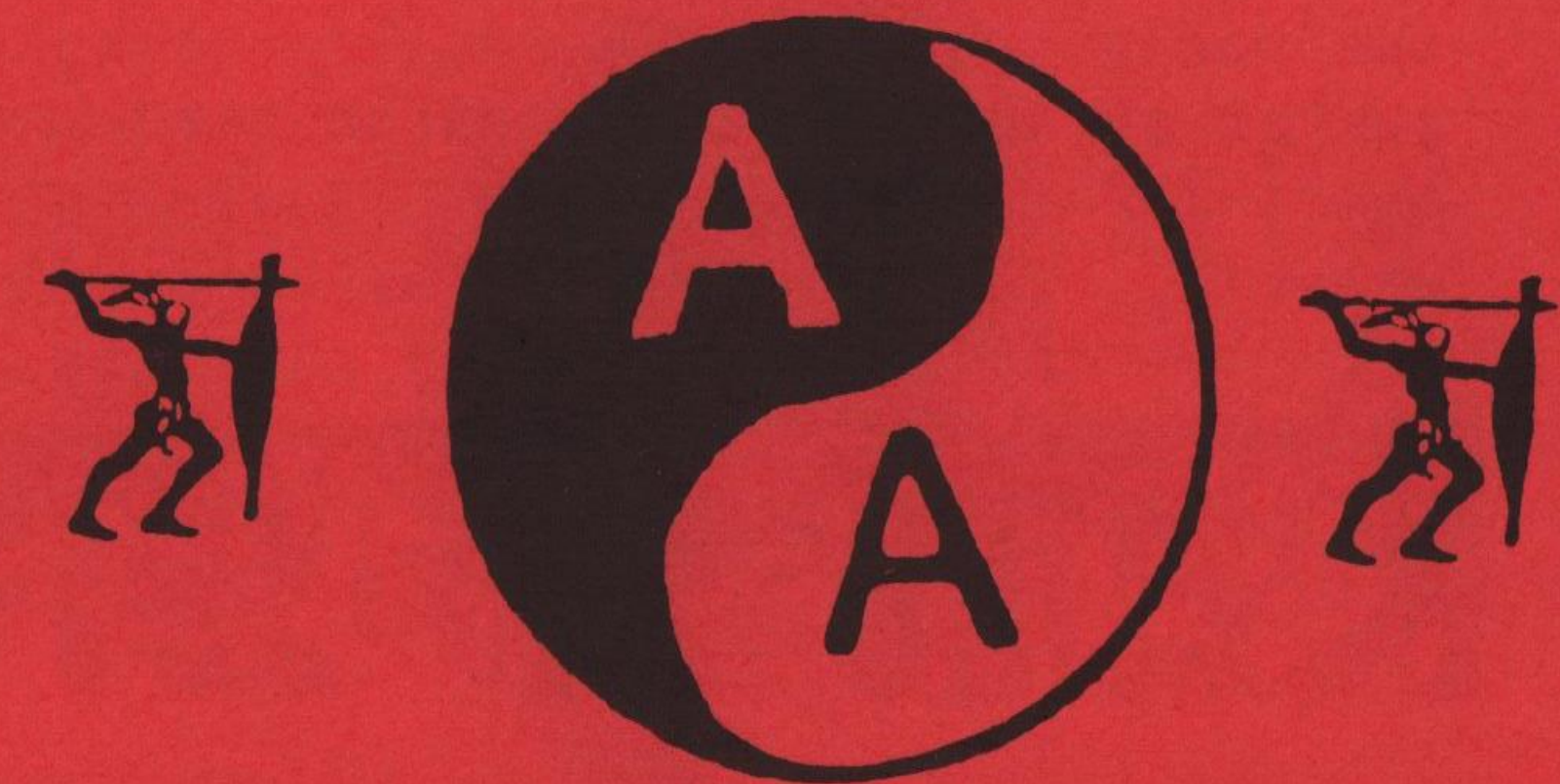
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SOUTH AFRICA TODAY

The system of institutionalised racism called apartheid has no parallel anywhere in the world. For many decades the policy of apartheid has preserved economic and political privilege for that small minority of South Africans who have white skins. So while 4 - 5 million whites enjoy a standard of living comparable to any country in the world, the 25 - 26 million blacks suffer an incomparably harsh, hard-and-short-life. Apartheid laws control all aspects of the lives of black people ...where and with whom they may live..



..where and in what sort of job they may work. Essentially, the laws aim to achieve two things, firstly, to turn all blacks into units of cheap labour - at the beck and call of white industry and secondly to remove all those "unnecessary appendages" (children, women, the old and unemployed) to the barren homelands where they are left to die. The apartheid regime has found it necessary to build a giant military system in order to enforce it's hated laws. Consequently, black South Africans are subject to violence every minute of their lives.

RESISTANCE to APARTHEID

South Africa's ability to sustain such a level of aggression, against it's own citizens and increasingly against the Front Line States is due entirely to external military, economic and political links. At the forefront of this collaboration is Britain. It is British Banks - particularly Barclay's which provide capital for the oppression of the majority. It is British companies which invest in the South African economy - providing the regime with much needed confidence - the necessary tax revenues and at the same time applying

all the apartheid laws to their employees. They pay starvation wages, deny their workers rights to organise. British sports people and entertainers are always visiting South Africa - boosting the moral of the white regime

Events in Southern Africa are building up to a crisis which could drag the rest of the world into South Africa's crisis. Britain should cut it's links with South Africa and lend support to the Liberation Struggle.

BRITAIN'S SHAME!

Resistance to apartheid has a long and vigorous history. The founding of the African National Congress in 1912 marked the beginning of a truly democratic popular and unifying force. For the first fifty years, the people involved themselves in every form of non-violent protest. They were given torture, mass detentions, evictions, imprisonment and death. In the wake of the Sharpville Massacre, the A.N.C. and other organisations were banned and their leaders jailed. In the seventies, the workers and the students began to feel their

strength, and the A.N.C. had added the armed struggle to the overall fight. Recently, 12,000 people representing over 400 different organisations came together to form the United Democratic Front - indicating an ever stronger will to rid South Africa of apartheid. People are united around the fight against the sham constitutional reform and the inhuman removal of communities to the desert homelands. The U.D.F. has adopted the Freedom Charter - a vision of a united, non-racial South Africa - drawn up at the historic Congress of the People in 1952.



BENEFIT FOR NAMIBIA

Protest against Apartheid and South Africa's illegal occupation of Namibia

Proceeds for medical kits for SWAPO

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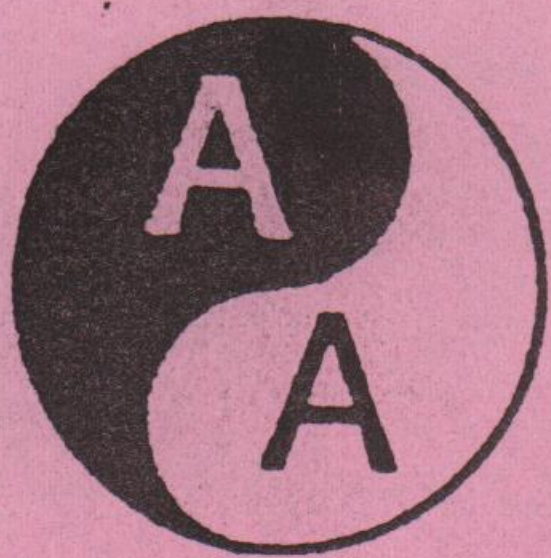


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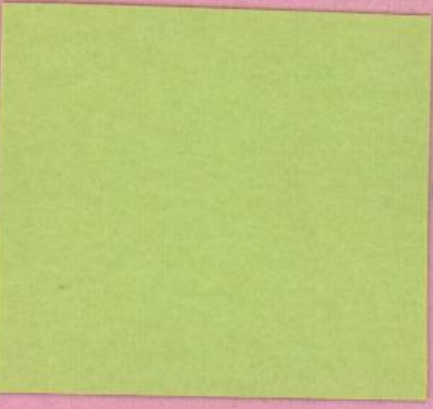
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ANTI-APARTHEID TRADE UNION AND LABOUR MOVEMENT CONFERENCE

SATURDAY 11th APRIL 9.30a.m. - 4.30p.m.

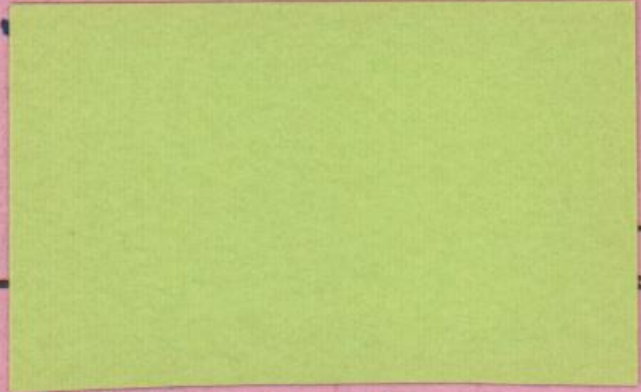
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CENTRE, NOTTINGHAM

Dear Friend,

Please find overleaf details of the Anti-Apartheid Trade Union and Labour Movement Conference to be held on Saturday 11th April at the International Community Centre, 61b Mansfield Road, Nottingham.

I hope you can elect delegates to this Conference from your organisation. The delegate fee is £2.50 per delegate and is payable to Nottingham Anti-Apartheid. To assist us in the organisation of the Conference could you please let us know who your delegates will be two week prior to 11th April.

Yours fraternally,



SECRETARY

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME(s)

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ORGANISATION

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE OF £..... ENCLOSED. WE ALSO ENCLOSE A DONATION £..... TOWARDS THE COST OF THE CONFERENCE. PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO NOTTINGHAM ANTI-APARTHEID.

WORKSHOP PREFERENCE

PLEASE TICK IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ARE REQUIRED:

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The programme for the Conference will be as follows:

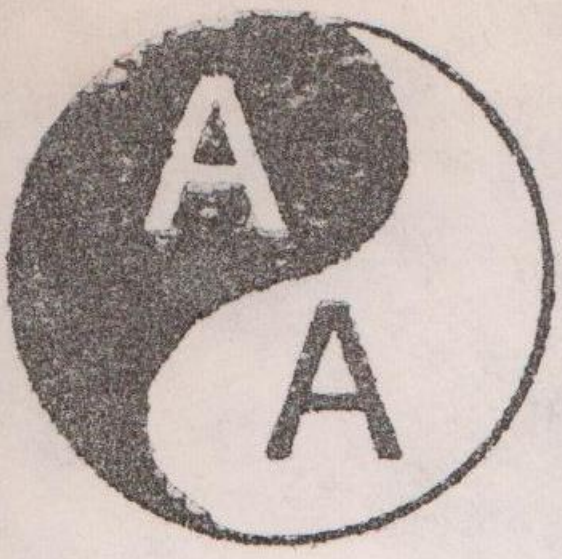
- 9.30 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. Registration
- 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. The South African union struggle and the kind of solidarity action that is looked for from British trade unionists
- Speaker: a representative from SACTU or a COSATU affiliated union.
- Jeff Reviell (NUR) from Rail Against Apartheid
Jack Jones (NUM) from the Anti-Apartheid Trade Union Committee
- 12.30 p.m. - 2.00 p.m. LUNCH
- 2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. WORKSHOPS ON Consumer Boycott
Shell Campaign
Coal Imports
Manifesto for Sanctions
Textile Industry
Engineering Industry
Local Government Workers
Material Aid
- 3.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. Report back on Workshops

Over the past two years the apartheid system which has for so long dominated the whole of Southern Africa has started to crumble. During the past 12 months over 1000 people have been murdered by the apartheid regime. Many thousands have been injured, detained, imprisoned and tortured, particularly since the imposition of the state of emergency. Despite all this repression, the people of South Africa and Namibia have succeeded in mounting a massive challenge to apartheid.

In the forefront of these struggles have been the African National Congress (ANC) the South West Peoples Organisation (SWAPO), and the South African Congress of Trades Unions (SACTU). The formation in 1983 of the United Democratic Front (UDF) has strengthened the organisation of South Africans struggling for their freedom. The workers united through the independent trade unions, particularly their new trade union federation COSATU, have increasingly challenged the might of the South African state.

Internationally, a growing movement is responding to the appeal of these organisations for sanctions to isolate the apartheid regime. In Britain, 250,000 people joined the Anti-Apartheid Movement's march last June in solidarity with the struggle. Yet the present government continues to give a lifeline to apartheid. Now more than ever the labour movement must respond to demands being placed upon it by the liberation movement in South Africa and Namibia. Already workers from Britain and Ireland have taken courageous action in solidarity with the people of South Africa.

Nottingham Anti-Apartheid East London, in collaboration with local trade unionists, are organising a one-day conference in April. It will provide briefing information on the fight against apartheid and will focus on considering how our solidarity work can be stepped up.



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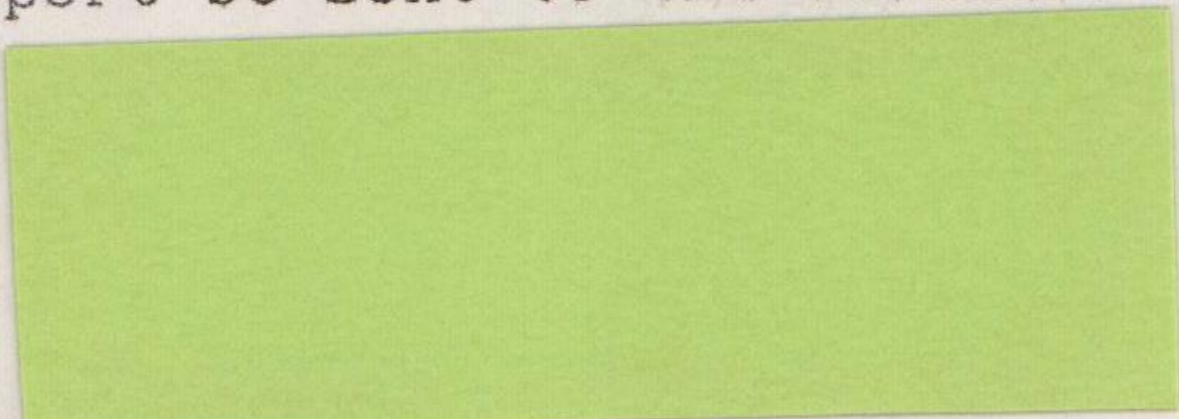
for freedom in southern africa

Nottingham c/o , Victoria Centre, Nottm.

Dear Friend,

Since the beginning of July 12 women workers at Dunnes Stores, Dublin, have been on strike in support of a colleague who had been suspended for refusing to handle South African goods in line with the policy of her union, the Irish Distributive and Administrative Trade Union.

Nottingham Anti-Apartheid is writing to local trade unions to ask that messages of support be sent to the strikers

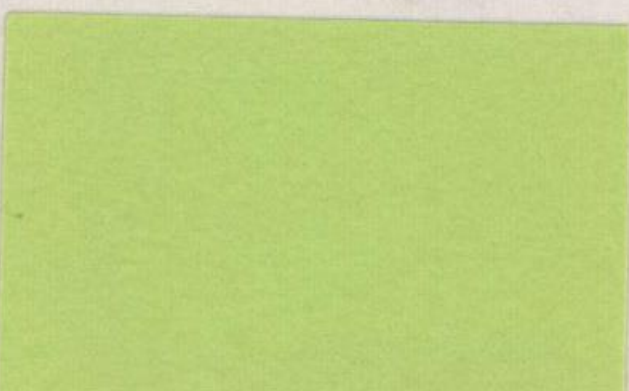

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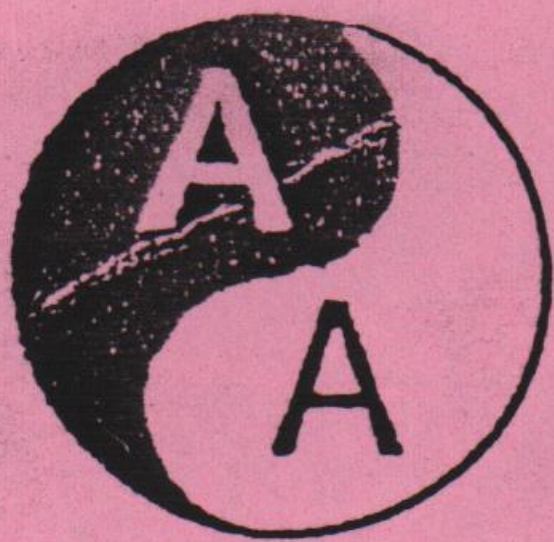
and that appeals to the employers to reinstate the workers be sent to:

Ben Dunne,
Chairman of Dunne Stores Group,
19 Great Georges Street,
Dublin 2,
Ireland.

with copies to IDATU.

Yours fraternally,


(SECRETARY)



Anti- Apartheid Movement

Nottingham

BOX 6 118 MANSFIELD ROAD
NOTTINGHAM

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for freedom in Southern Africa

8th February, 1988

Dear Comrades

Nottingham Anti-Apartheid Movement is organising a speaking tour for the South West Africa Peoples Organisation (SWAPO) of Namibia to get the truth through to British workers about what is happening in Namibia. SWAPO is recognised by the United Nations as 'The Sole authentic representative of the Namibian people'.

Many people may now be aware of the brutal Apartheid system, and what it means for South Africa's black majority, but South Africa brutality isn't confined to its own border. For the last 20 years, Apartheid South Africa has subjected its neighbour Namibia to the most intense military occupation in the world. 100,000 troops maintain Namibia as the last colony in Africa. Under a blanket censorship, Apartheid South Africa carries out all the same brutalities against the Namibian people as it does against its own majority. Whilst exploiting the Labour and National Wealth of Namibia for its own benefit, South Africa uses the country as a base to launch attacks against the legitimate government of Angola.

In the face of massive repression the Namibian people are fighting back. Led by SWAPO and the Peoples Liberation Army of Namibia, PLAN, the Namibian people are waging a political and armed struggle against South Africa's illegal occupation.

Workers, through the newly re-launched National Union of Namibian Workers and its many affiliates, are, in spite of the puppet administrations attempts to oppress them, increasingly identifying with unions that take up political questions including that of independence. Such as the case with the newly formed Namibian Public Workers Union, NAPWU.

And only recently, hundreds of Namibians conscripted into the South African army have deserted rather than fight against the people of Angola.

The British Government bears a major responsibility for the continued occupation of Namibia. Whilst Britain remains as a signatory to United Nations Resolution 435, which calls for a total withdrawal of South African Troops and the establishment up of an independent Namibia, it does nothing to achieve this. On the contrary the British Government encourages British firms to profit from South Africa's illegal occupation.

Without the massive loans received from British banks, oil supplied by Shell, 'defence' equipment from Plessey and investment from companies such as Rio Tinto Zinc, South Africa would not be able to sustain the occupation of Namibia.

In the words of Andimba Tono Ja Towo, General Secretary of SWAPO, "While the Namibian story is one of the long-standing and burning issues of our time it has regrettably not received the kind of media coverage it deserves".

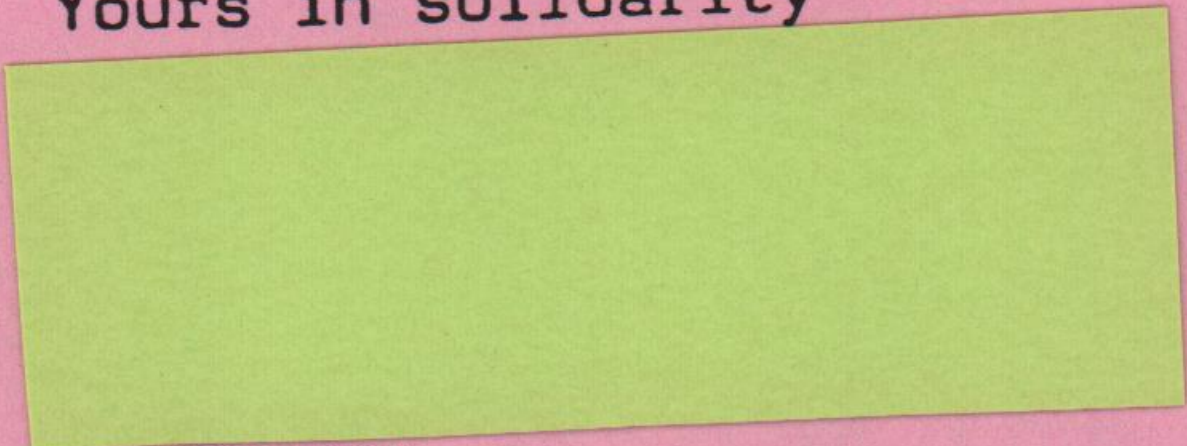
The British Government and media have no interest in cutting through this veil of silence. If you would like a speaker for your next meeting to find out what your union can do, then please fill in the slip overleaf.

SWAPO will be available all through March and April.

Hear SWAPO Speak!

END APARTHEID COLONIALISM IN NAMIBIA!

Yours in solidarity



SECRETARY

Yes, we would like a SWAPO speaker for our Union meeting.

UNION BRANCH

SECRETARY'S NAME

SECRETARY'S ADDRESS

.....

UNION MEETING DATE/TIME

UNION MEETING PLACE

.....

EXPECTED SIZE OF MEETING

RETURN TO: Nottingham AA
 P.O. Box 6
 118 Workshop
 118 Mansfield Road
 Nottingham

R O A D S T O F R E E D O M

NOTTINGHAM TO DERBY MONDAY JUNE 16TH

Dear Colleague,

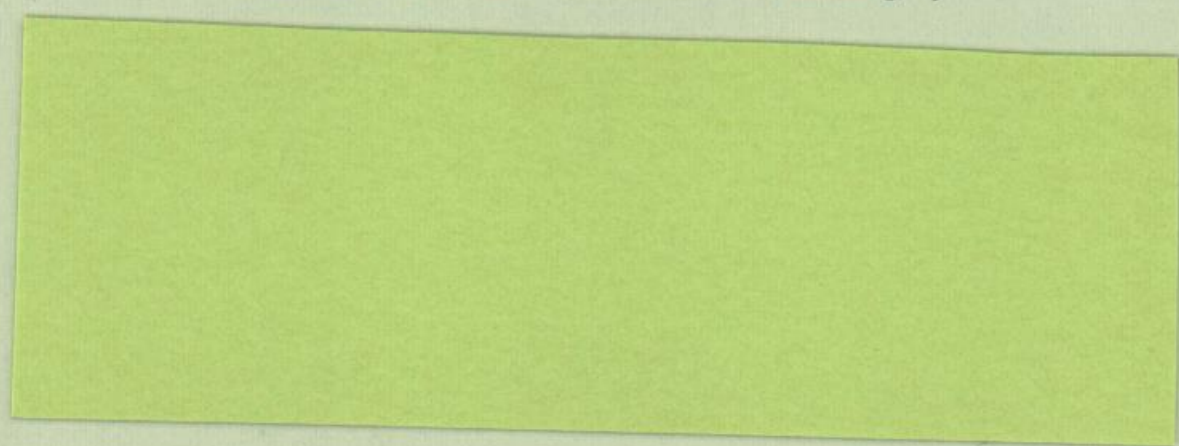
Monday 16th June is the day when the Nottingham to Derby leg of the 'Roads to Freedom' gets underway. The day itself is of special significance being the 10th anniversary of the Soweto uprising and as you will have seen in the news commemorations have been banned in south Africa itself. All the more reason then to go all out to make the walk on the 16th an outstanding success.

Those on the walk should assemble on the Market Square at 9.30a.m. ready to set off at 10.00a.m. We shall be taking a route through Beeston and to Long Eaton where we will have a break for lunch. In Long Eaton itself we will distribute leaflets aimed at building support for the Anti-Apartheid Freedom March on June 28th. From there we will go via Spondon and into Derby where a social/meeting has been arranged for us. For those who wish to stay in Derby for the whole evening (hopefully most of us) a coach has been booked to bring us back which will leave at 10.00p.m.

Prior to the June 16th walk, a number of events have been organised in connection with 'Roads to Freedom'.

- Saturday June 14th - Welcome walkers from Mansfield into Nottingham. 3.30p.m. Market Square.
- Saturday June 14th - Anti-Apartheid Social 8.00 'til late Bluebell Hill Community Centre, St. Ann's
- Sunday June 15th - Anti-Apartheid Movement Soweto Walk
- Monday June 16th - Nottingham to Derby 'Roads to Freedom'

Yours fraternally,



How you can take part

- ★ Walk or cycle on one of the stages.
- ★ Sponsor participants and/or help collect sponsorship.
- ★ Meet the walkers and riders at evening events along the route. (See 7 DAYS, the Communist Party paper, and local publicity for details)
- ★ Come, and bring others to the Anti-Apartheid Movement's 'MARCH FOR FREEDOM' in London on Saturday, 28 June 1986.

Coaches are organised by AA groups from all over Britain. For details contact The Anti-Apartheid Movement, telephone 01-387 7966

What to do

Fill in and send off the coupon below to the address for the stage in which you wish to take part, and/or to collect sponsorship. Mark your envelope 'Roads to Freedom'.

If you are walking or cycling

We will inform you of the stage starting point, distance, time of departure and approximate arrival time, and give you the name and telephone number of the stage convenor. Your convenor will sign your sponsorship form(s) confirming the number of miles you have completed.



If you are getting sponsorship

Send the money to the organising address for your stage or to 16 St John Street, London ECM 4AY

FOR ALL STAGES BETWEEN:

- Treherbert to Bristol** Dave Richards, 4 Tudor St, Cardiff CF1 8RF (0222 25111)
Bristol to Reading Ian Jackson, 10 Lawford St, Bristol BS2 0DH (0272 558726)
Reading to Southall Bob Newland, 219 The Broadway, Southall, Middx (01-574 5827)
Liverpool to Stoke Arthur Adlen, 48 Princess St, Manchester M1 6HR (061-228 7998)
Stoke to Corby Tony McNally, 25 Essex St, Birmingham B5 4TR (021-692 1765)
Chesterfield to Coventry Jeff Staniforth, 26 Newcastle Chambers, Angel Row, Nottingham NG1 6HQ (0602 74 876)
Corby to Watford and **Cambridge to Luton** Muriel Green, 8 Crawley Green Rd, Luton LU1 3LP (0582 26729)
Norwich to Waltham Forest Dennis Walsh, 335 Ley St, Ilford, Essex 1B1 4AA (01-478 2948)
Southall, Watford, Waltham Forest to London Linda Arch, First Floor, 224-236 Walworth Rd, London SE17 1JE (01-708 1204)
Brighton to London Jeff Rodrigues, 6 Clarendon Place, Kemptown, Brighton BN2 1JD (0273 673 971)

Roads to Freedom

 = walking section
 = cycling section



June 15
Nottingham Anti-Apartheid Movement's Annual Soweto Walk

June 15
Bristol Anti-Apartheid Movement's Annual Soweto Walk

June 27
A Capital Welcome
Events in North, East and South London
 June 28
Anti-Apartheid Movement
NATIONAL MARCH FOR FREEDOM
12 noon, Hyde Park
via Whitehall to Clapham Common Festival

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. (if any) _____

I wish to take part in **ROADS TO FREEDOM** by:

Walking/cycling between _____ and _____ on _____ (date)

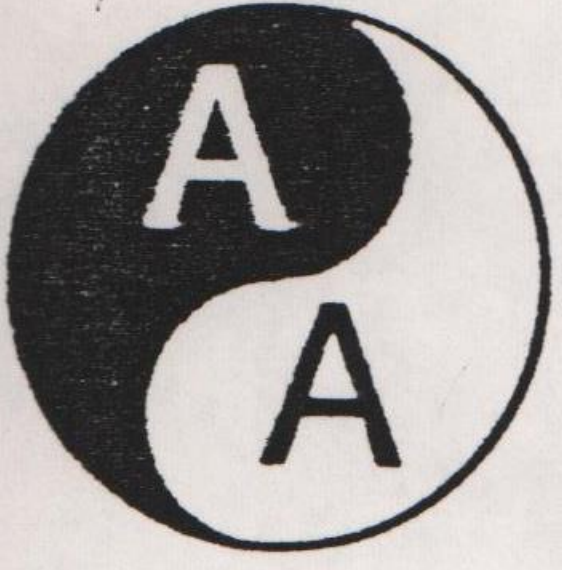
Getting sponsorship for the stage between _____ and _____ on _____ (date)

Please send me details of the evening event in _____ on _____ (date)

Please send me _____ posters (cost 25p, or 5 for £1.00 + 25p postage).

Please send me _____ 'Roads to Freedom' T-Shirts (XL, L, M, S) (£4.50 + 50p postage).

(Make cheques payable to CPGB)

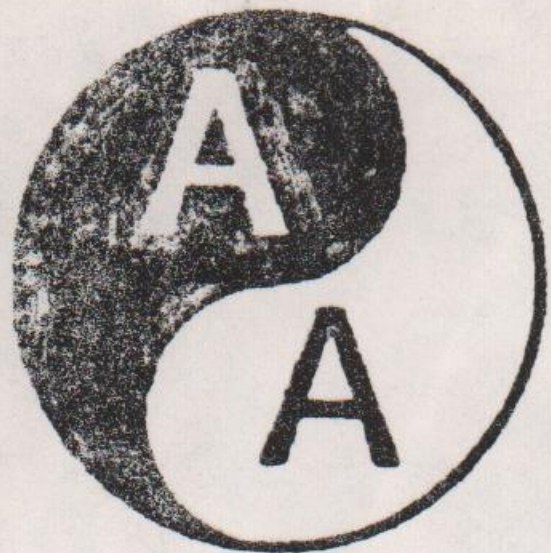


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SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Please note that the next monthly meeting will be a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING to elect delegates to the national A.G.M. in January and will be held on MONDAY 3rd NOVEMBER (7.30pm) at the COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL OFFICE, 67 LOWER PARLIAMENT STREET, NOTTINGHAM.

This meeting should not be confused with the arrangements for our own local A.G.M., formal notification of which is also included in this mailing.

The agenda for the S.G.M. will be:-

- (a) Discussion on the trade union movement in South Africa
- (b) Committee Report
- (c) Election of delegates to the national A.G.M.

NAMIBIA DEMONSTRATION

MATERIAL AID COLLECTION: Members attention is drawn to the request that all people attending the demonstration bring an item or items of material aid for the collection. Organisations are asked to make a collection of items amongst their own members prior to the demonstration and to bring this collection along on the day. A container will be available in Market Square for the collection.

MORNING ACTIVITIES: A number of activities are planned for the morning (9.30-11.30am) prior to the march assembly in Market Square. These include leafletting/picketing of Tescos (Victoria Centre), Shell Garage (Mansfield Rd) and Barclay Bank (High St) and a material aid collection outside of Boots (Broad Marsh). We would encourage all members to take part in one of these activities.

HELPERS: A large number of people will be needed to assist in organisation on the day. If you are able to help with stewarding etc. please contact () or ()

AAM SPECIAL FINANCIAL APPEAL

The movement's financial position is desperate. A deficit of over £40,000 was incurred as a result of the Freedom March/Festival which added to the previous financial year's deficit of £17,000. Since June the situation has deteriorated further, threatening future campaigning activity. The movement has to raise £50,000 in the next month to overcome its cash-flow crisis. We are asking all members and affiliated organisations to respond to this appeal. An appeal form is enclosed in the mailing.

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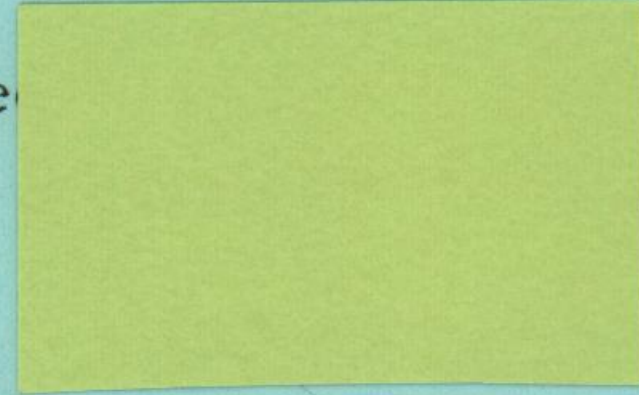
ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT - NOTTINGHAM

MOTIONS

Motion 1

This A.G.M. instructs the Committee to convene a sub-committee on Namibia to co-ordinate solidarity work on this issue.

Propose



Motion 2

1. This A.G.M. recognises the importance of actively involving Trade Unions at a local level in the A.A.M. This is indispensable in the boycott campaign and implementing "Peoples Sanctions", and in the widest possible distribution of anti-apartheid propaganda.
2. A.G.M. therefore resolves to set up a Trade Union sub-committee. This sub-committee shall be open to delegates from affiliated Trade Union branches, ^{trades councils} and to individual A.A.M. members active in the Trade Union Movement.
3. The function of the sub-committee shall be:
 - (a) To inform Trade Unionists about apartheid, and the solidarity movement in Britain
 - (b) To encourage Trade Union Action against apartheid wherever possible
 - (c) To campaign for the implementation of T.U.C. policy on apartheid, and for the strengthening of Labour Party policy on apartheid.
4. The sub-committee shall be convened by a member of the Committee.
Regular reports shall be taken by the Committee from the sub-committee.
5. As a first step in initiating the sub-committee, the A.G.M. instructs the Committee to write directly to all possible Trade Union branches inviting delegates to an initial meeting of the sub-committee and, where appropriate, urging affiliation to the A.A.M.

labour movement conference to provide basis for sub-committee, etc.

Propose



Carried unanimously.

Motion 3

This A.G.M. recognises

1. The leading role played by young people in the struggle against apartheid in South Africa and Namibia.
2. The potential that exists for the A.A.M. to recruit large numbers of youth to the solidarity movement in Britain.

This A.G.M. therefore resolves:

- 1) To set up a Youth sub-committee. This sub-committee shall be open to delegates from affiliated youth organisations, including student organisations, and to individual members.
2. That the function of this sub-committee shall be
 - (a) To inform young people about apartheid, and the solidarity movement in Britain
 - (b) To encourage action around A.A.M. campaigns in schools, colleges, etc.
 - (c) To organise events specifically aimed at recruiting young people to the A.A.M.
3. That the sub-committee shall be convened by a member of the Committee, and that regular reports shall be taken from the sub-committee to the Committee.

*Amendment to delete
black organisations lost*

*Motion carried with
3 abstentions as
amended by*

As a first step in initiating the Youth sub-committee, A.G.M. instructs the Committee to write to black youth organisations, student organisations, and Trade Union and Labour Party youth sections inviting delegates to an initial meeting of the sub-committee and, where appropriate, urging affiliation to A.A.M.

political party.

Proposed

Motion 4

This A.G.M. recognises

1. That the A.A.M. must call on all political parties to include implementation of full mandatory sanctions against South Africa and Namibia as manifesto policy, and that this is of special importance given the likelihood of a general election being called in the next year.
2. That the Labour Party is an integral part of the Labour Movement and is committed nationally and locally to fighting apartheid.

This A.G.M. therefore resolves:

1. To work in conjunction with all sections of the local Labour Party campaigning for the implementation of full mandatory sanctions by the next Labour Government.
2. To involve the Labour Party centrally in all A.A.M. initiatives aimed at the Labour Movement.

Carried unan.

Proposed

Motion 5

1. Nottingham A.A.M. recognises the importance of reaching out to the black community as a major source of support for the struggle against apartheid in Southern Africa.
2. We also recognise that the black community in Britain will choose to organise themselves according to their needs in overcoming racial discrimination, and we welcome the opportunity to work with any black organisation which opposes apartheid in Southern Africa, and encourage their affiliation to Nottingham A.A.M. and National A.A.M.
3. We recognise the role that the Labour Party Black Section can play both in mobilising members of the black community and in their input into the labour movement.
4. To further develop our work among the black community, this A.G.M. resolves that the Committee should immediately approach Nottingham East Labour Party Black Section for discussion on (a) possible future joint initiatives to protest apartheid and work to break all links between Britain and South Africa, and (b) how to build support for A.A.M., its work and initiatives among the local black community.

Amendment including other black organisations carried & motion

Submitted by Notts Socialist Action Supporters Group

Motion 6

1. As stated in the Constitution, the A.G.M. is the policy making body of the Group. The Committee is responsible for implementing the policy in the day-to-day running of the Group.
2. Therefore, where substantial disagreement exists within the Committee on the interpretation of Group or national A.A.M. policy, a Special General Meeting must be called in place of the next ordinary members meeting to resolve the issue.
3. No member of the Committee shall speak publicly on behalf of the A.A.M. on the issue before the Special General Meeting.

Carried (4 against 7 abs.)

Proposed



Motion 7

A.A.M. and the Black Community

This A.G.M. recognises that successful opposition to the apartheid regime is intimately bound up with challenging the racist assumptions prevalent in British society.

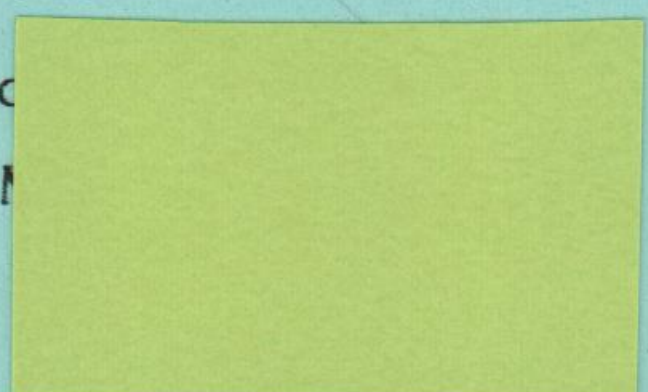
Similarly, this A.G.M. recognises the urgent need to involve the organisations of the Black community in Nottingham in the work of the A.A.M.

In order to facilitate this the new Committee is instructed to:

- 1) request urgent meetings with Black organisations in the City to discuss the work of A.A.M. *Black Sections*
- 2) to take all necessary steps to ensure that those organisations affiliate to the local A.A.M.
- 3) to give whatever assistance that may be requested to those organisations that take up the issue of Southern Africa in their own right.

Amendment lost. Motion carried.

Proposed



Motion 8

This A.G.M. resolves to maintain close contact with groups such as the SWAPO Womens Solidarity Campaign, the Namibia Support Group and SWAPO itself and to make a small group of people responsible for contacting groups and regularly corresponding with them and reporting back regularly to the rest of our local group.

We must not allow the Namibian struggle to fade into the background once more now that the week of action on Namibia is over.

Proposed by

Carried unanimously



Motion 9

This A.G.M. recognises:

1. The advance of the struggle in Namibia of the people, under the leadership of SWAPO, which has taken place in the last year.
2. The importance of the struggle in Namibia as it effects the situation in Southern Africa as a whole.
3. The importance of including Namibia in demands for sanctions against the apartheid regime. Sanctions against South Africa cannot be effective while Namibia can still operate as a staging post for apartheid's trade.

A.G.M. therefore resolves:

1. To ensure that the demand for sanctions against Namibia is tied into any demand for sanctions against the apartheid regime.
2. To increase propaganda campaigning on the situation, political and legal, in Namibia.
3. To see as a priority campaigns such as the SWAPO Women's Council Material Aid Campaign.

Carried unanimously

Proposed



CAMPAIGN FOR
DEMOCRACY IN
SOUTH AFRICA

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ALL PROCEEDS TO THE A.N.C. IN
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Organised by Nottingham Anti-Apartheid

The Long March Bulletin

This is the campaign bulletin of the NUMSA Campaign against BTR. It will be issued from time to time during the campaign to inform supporters of the BTR strikers about developments in South Africa in and around the strike, and developments in Britain on progress in the campaign.

The bulletin is distributed, firstly, to people who saw the play on its Autumn 87 tour, and offered their help or asked to be kept informed. There is no charge for the bulletin, but of course contributions are welcome: NUMSA will need a lot of financial support to conduct an effective campaign in Britain, and maintain at the same time funds for the strikers' families.

The BTR Campaign: Stage 2

Our aim: To spread the word ever more widely in Britain, that BTR means **Blood, Tears and Repression.**

This message spread far and wide stands to help many other workers too not only the strikers in South Africa. Financial analysts reckon that BTR plans to spend £3 billion in the next 5 years buying up other companies. Employees of companies about to be gobbled up by BTR deserve to know that BTR means trouble - redundancies, harsher working conditions, attacks on their union organisation. Through intensive organisation, Pilkington's workers in Britain resisted a BTR buyout of their company last year. So it can be done!

Our immediate target: £10,000 by Christmas

£5,000 for the strikers' families as they celebrate their *third* Christmas on strike; £5 per family will provide a decent Christmas meal

£5,000 for the campaign fund to spread word about the struggle and BTR's role

Please fill in and return the enclosed contribution form.

What's next? Stage 3 in the campaign is targetted action against BTR interests in the UK. Already offers have been made by health service and car workers to take action against BTR products supplied to their sectors. Regional or area meetings of campaign supporters are planned in the near future to focus energies on key targets. Details about this will follow in the next issue of the bulletin. But success in Stage 3 will depend on widespread support, developed now:

Please ensure that the resolution on page 3 of this bulletin is supported by every appropriate organisation.

Please put me on The Long March Bulletin mailing list.

Name

Address

..... Tel No.

Other relevant information (e.g. union branch, AA etc.)

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SAWCO
Sarmcol Workers Co-operative

The Long March Bulletin

Number 1
November 1987



NUMSA Campaign against BTR - Stage One Successfully achieved!

On 1 November, the 8 SAWCO players returned safely to South Africa and home to their families. Although they will now be faced by all the privations of their 2 1/2 year old strike situation, they rejoin the other 900 strikers fresh with the news of their highly successful 2-month tour of Britain.

Their play, *The Long March*, sponsored by the TUC and widely supported by the local trades councils and anti-apartheid movement, was performed (to full houses in 80% of the venues) at London (Hackney), Mansfield, Blackpool, Liverpool, Manchester, Derby, Leicester, Nottingham, Coventry, Birmingham, Southampton, Brighton, Cardiff, Bristol, Leeds, Sheffield, Huddersfield, Hull, York, Barnsley, Glasgow, Stirling, Edinburgh, Durham, Newcastle, Cambridge, Colchester, Ipswich, Peterborough, Newmarket, Norwich and London (Brixton).

Thousands of people saw the play, and all audiences without exception responded enthusiastically - often emotionally - to the unique spectacle of black strikers from South Africa telling their own story in dramatic form, with humour, vigour and passion. After all tour expenses had been cleared, well over £10,000 had been raised, plus many thousands of pounds more via the sale of SAWCO T-shirts and posters.

After the last performance of the tour in Brixton, the SAWCO players said goodbye to London-based friends at a Lambeth Town Hall social, but their sincere message of thanks was meant for all the people in Britain who had seen the play and helped to make the tour such a success:

**The play was step one of our campaign against BTR.
We thank you all, comrades, for your support.
Now we are returning home to continue our struggle,
and we hope you will continue to support us.
Please, spread our message to everyone in Britain -
that BTR stands for
BLOOD, TEARS and REPRESSION".**





INDUSTRIAL COURT JUDGES AGAINST MAWU IN BTR CASE

There has been a flood of news coverage and management propaganda on the industrial court's judgment in MAWU's case against BTR Sarmcol. Workers and supporters must not be confused or misled to believe that this biased judgment can bring an end to this bitter struggle for workers' rights.

jecting the Union case, claiming that BTR acted 'responsibly', keeping 'the union members' jobs open to them', while the Union was insensitive to the economic losses to the company. Not a word is said of the hardships and harassment suffered by the 1000 workers dismissed by BTR.

THE COURT JUDGEMENT

The union raised problems of bias when the court was established, again during the case, so the rejection of MAWU's case is no surprise. But this judgement goes much further than re-

The judgement also suggests:

- * The Sarmcol workers were misled by idealistic young union officials
- * The form of collective democracy practised by this union cannot be tolerated in present day South Africa.
- * The company had no intention to smash the Union

Union reply

- * The strikers general meeting has completely rejected this insult to them and the Union
- * This leaves us in no doubt about the role of the court as another arm of apartheid, intent on crushing democracy — especially workers democracy
- * Not even Sarmcol management could pretend they didn't want to smash the Union — as their witness admitted: the dismissals were partly to smash the Union

During the case there was clear evidence regarding:

- management collaboration with security police
- cover-up in company reports on working conditions covered by the EEC code
- management discussions on different ways to victimise union leaders and other facts embarrassing to BTR.

!! **NONE** of these things were mentioned in the court's judgement!!

Does the court support this kind of behaviour by BTR?

The Union and its lawyers have prepared a detailed criticism of the judgement which will be sent to comrade unions, to the press, international bodies, management and to the court itself.

We address our comrades who have supported the strikers and also those

IT IS A LONG MARCH! IT IS A LONG MARCH!
WE WILL NEVER GIVE UP!

THE WAY FORWARD
The Union and Sarmcol strikers have committed themselves to continue their struggle on all fronts:

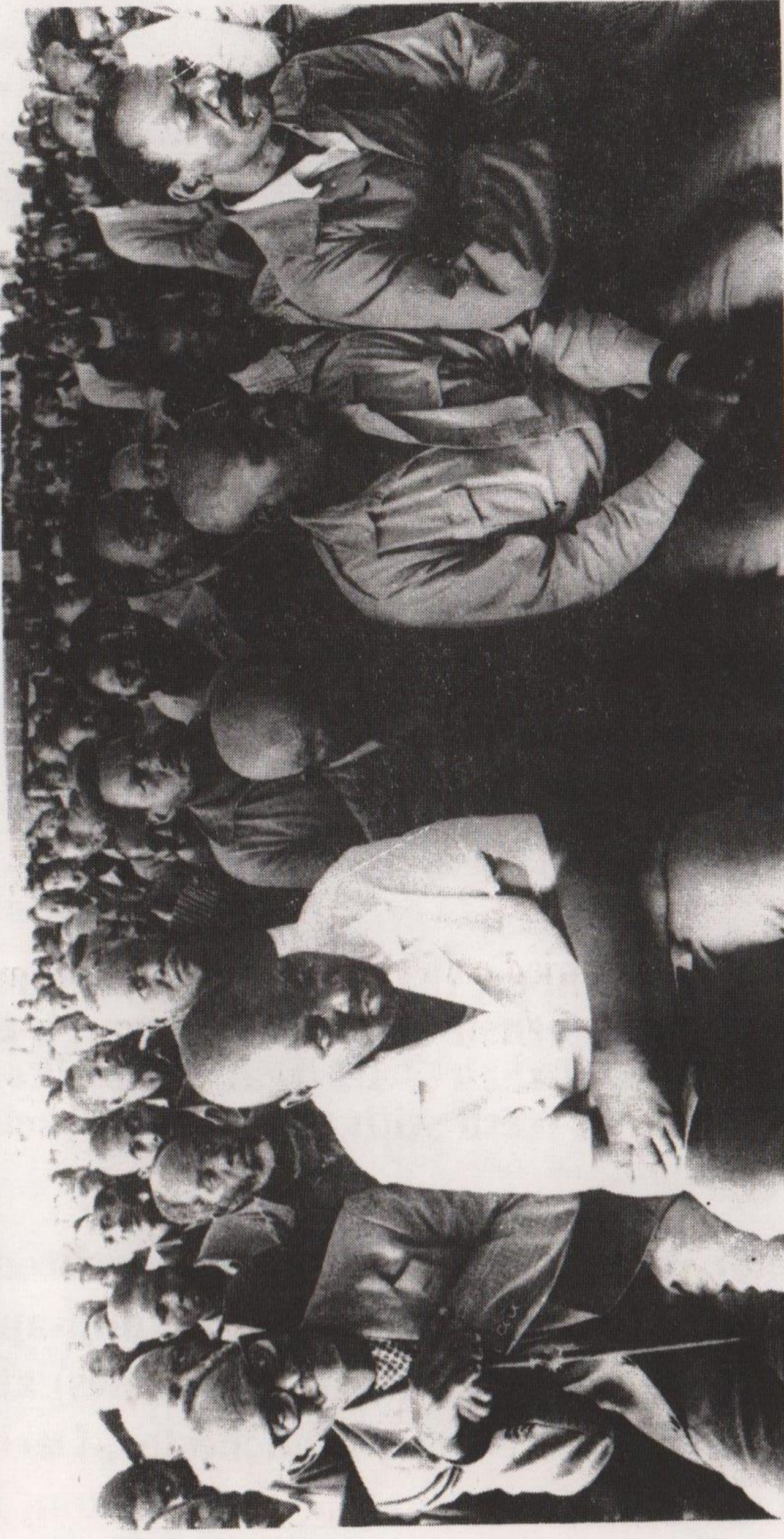
- international and local publicity and exposure of BTR as a vicious exploiter and union basher who is protected by apartheid. This campaign is called **Blood Tears and Repression.**

influenced the judgement.

MAWU is now in NUMSA the metal union in COSATU. BTR and other exploiters must now face NUMSA in the fight for workers rights.

Fighters for democracy must judge what is said, but also look what dirt is hidden under management's carpet.

NO MORE BLOOD TEARS AND REPRESSION



FORWARD WITH THE STRUGGLE FOR WORKERS' RIGHTS AND A DEMOCRATIC SOUTH AFRICA

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25.09.87

Model Resolution

This
(union/branch/council/ward/group etc., as appropriate)

Noting that

1. Top-ten British company BTR is responsible for the longest-running industrial dispute in South African history, and has earned the title from the South African labour movement of **"worst foreign company in South Africa"**;
2. The 900 surviving strikers have, as of September 1987, following 2 1/2 years of strike action, affirmed their determination to continue their struggle against BTR and repeated their demand **"Negotiate with our union or get out of South Africa!"**;
3. The strikers' union, the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (NUMSA), has pledged its continued support for the strike and announced an international campaign against BTR under the slogan **"Blood, Tears and Repression"**;
4. This campaign has the wholehearted support of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU);

and noting also that

the BTR strikers' play **The Long March**, sponsored for its Autumn 1987 tour of the UK by the TUC, has successfully launched the NUMSA campaign against BTR all over Britain,

Resolves as follows:

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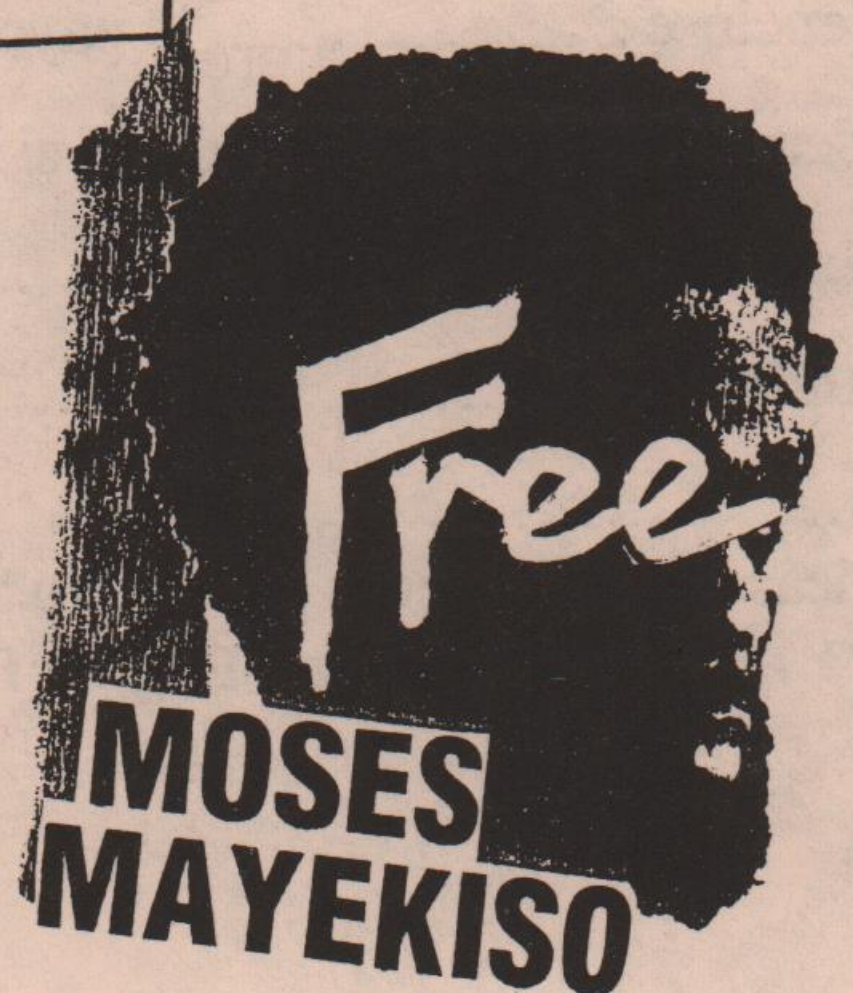
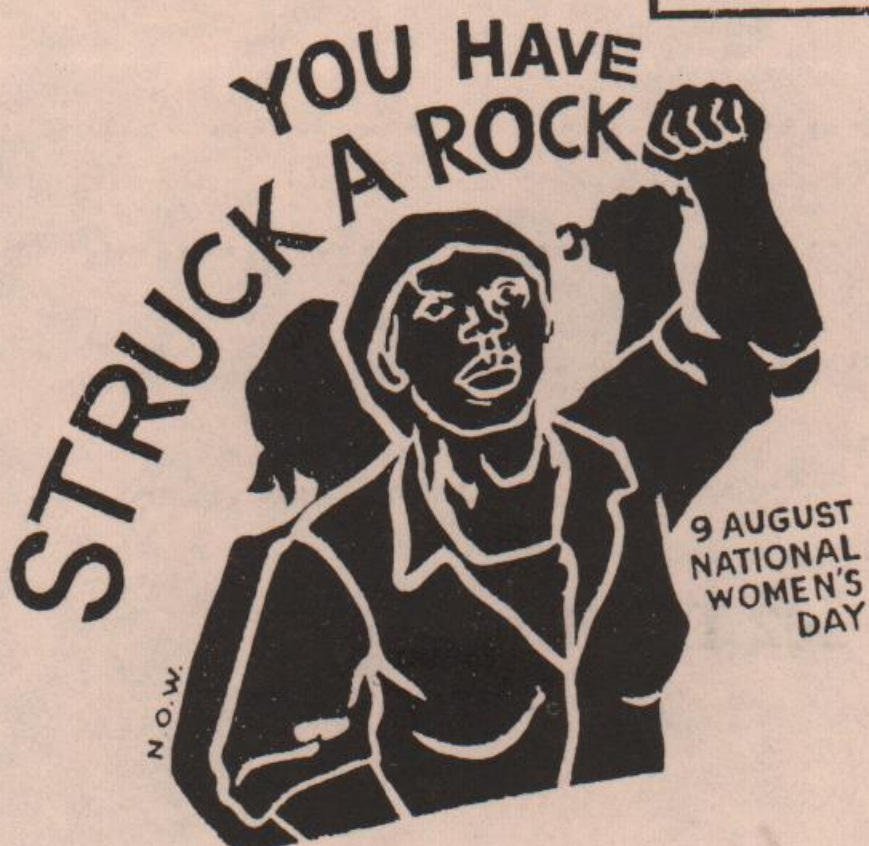
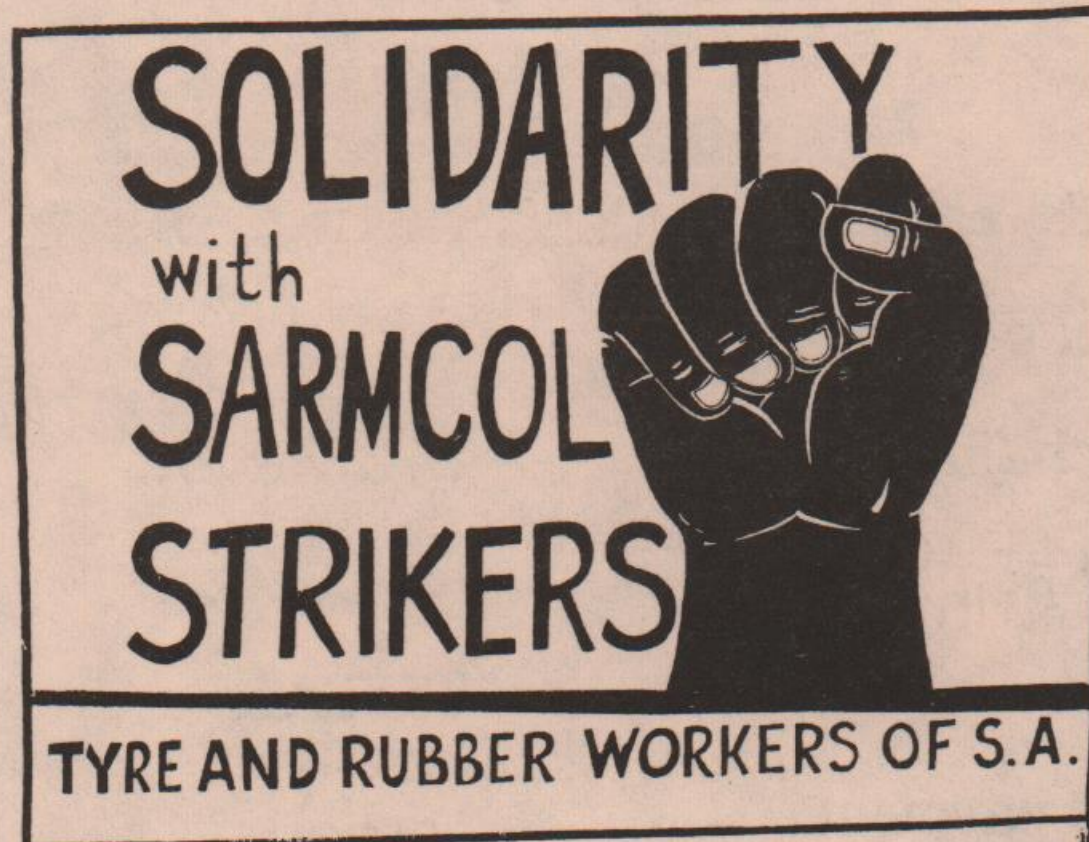
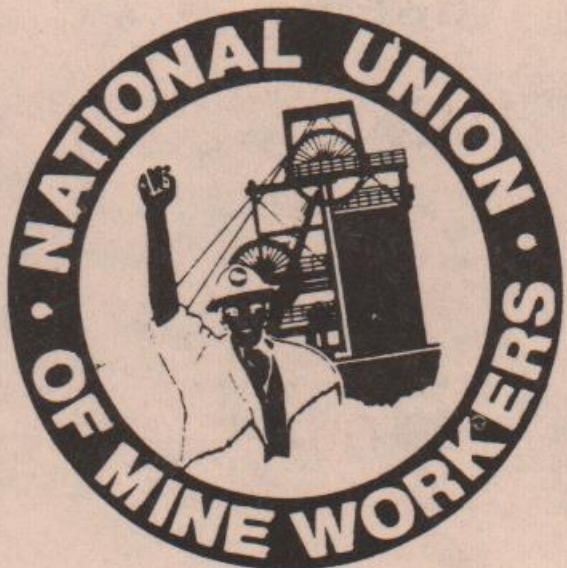
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- 30 Wales*

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- 2,3 Bristol.
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- 7 Huddersfield.
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- 9 York.
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SYNOPSIS OF "THE LONG MARCH"

The play is in two languages, English and Zulu, but it is never difficult to understand for those who do not speak Zulu because the actions of the play speak as loudly as the words. What follows is an outline of the scenes or "sketches" which make up the play.

1. Opening song "We'll go on strike".
2. Narrator explains the background to working at Sarmcol: forced off the land, forced from one township to another, and generations of union resistance amidst ongoing oppression.
3. Working in Sarmcol under the regime of "big boss" J. Sampson.
4. The strike - J. Sampson's surprise!
5. International telecommunications results in dismissal of the strikers.
6. Scabs are hired from the ranks of the starving unemployed, and in the inevitable conflict that follows police intervene on the side of BTR.
7. The community boycott of the white owned shops, initiated by the strikers, leads white shop owners to plead with Sampson to relent - in vain!
8. BTR Chairman Owen Green takes Mrs. Thatcher to task for her "tiny" concessions to the Commonwealth initiative to end Apartheid. Having lost R8 million in the Sarmcol strike, Green tells Maggie: "Dammit, you are getting soft!"
9. The strikers organise union and church meetings in Mpophomeni, but all the meetings are banned there and the police move in.
10. Outlawed in Howick, the strikers move their protest campaign to the city of Pietermaritzburg, blockading the centre with 10 buses and pamphletting the black community - with varying response!
11. The strikers organise a one-day stayaway (a regional general strike). Again, there is a mixed response from the community at first.
12. But on the day the bosses are the only ones at work: as intended they exert pressure to stop all this strike business, but BTR Sarmcol's ears are closed.
13. Police intervention to crush the community resistance is foiled by youth who build barricades in the black townships.
14. The long strike means no rents are being paid, no bills settled. But the women are united in the resistance and turn back the repossession men. They struggle on, surviving on meagre union food parcels.
15. The Sarmcol Workers Co-op, where the strikers make T-shirts for progressive organisations like COSATU, and sing at work because *they* control production and profits.
16. The strikers' union takes Sarmcol to the industrial court and busses 900 strikers into the court proceedings each day: the workers see the legal battle (on which judgement is still pending).
17. The "Amabutho" (Inkatha supporters) move in on Mpophomeni, terrorising the community and murdering strike leadership, including Simon Ngubane, author of the play.
18. The funeral of murdered comrades becomes a statement of "No surrender".
19. The Narrator explains that "The Long March" will continue until it reaches Pretoria.
20. "We are still on strike" - after two and a half years: closing song

THE LONG MARCH

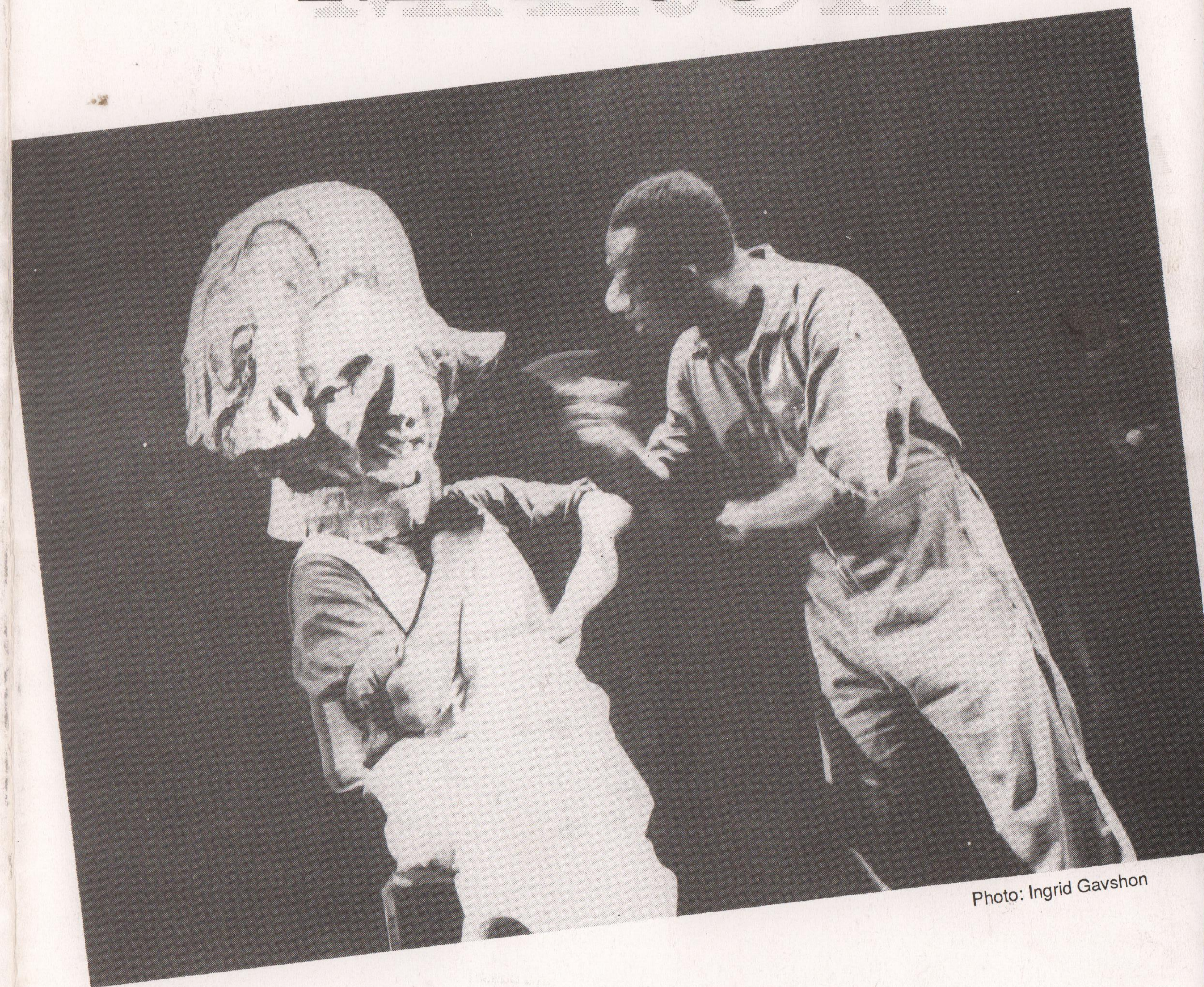


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THE PLAYERS

CLEMENT MNGUNI: (First narrator etc.)

37 years old, has worked for Sarmcol for 15 years as a fire control officer.

Clement has 5 children and has lived at Mpophomeni since 1974. He joined MAWU in 1982, and is a founder member of the play cast. As is the case with most of the players, he has no previous acting experience. Clement is also a keen soccer fan.

JOPHA MTSHALI: (J. Sampson etc.)

Also 37, Jopha has 8 children and has worked 20 years at Sarmcol as a machine operator. He joined MAWU in 1982, the same year he moved from Kwa Zinzele to Mpophomeni. In the play from the start, his theatrical duties mean he no longer has time to take part in the regional soccer cup, in which he was a team captain.

MADALA NGUBANE: (Sir Owen Green etc.)

Worked at Sarmcol 1974 to 1985 as teamaker in the canteen.

Joined MAWU in 1982. A distant relative of the play's author Simon Ngubane, Madala has been in the play from the start. He is 36 years old, plans to get married "after the strike" and has "batchelor-style" interests.

BONGANI MCHUNU: (The unhappy shopkeeper, distressed housewife etc.)

Was a canteen cashier at Sarmcol where he worked for 14 years. He is 33 and has 2 children aged 13 and 5. He came into the play to replace the murdered author. He has lived in Mpophomeni for 7 years and is a keen right winger – in football terms, that is.

NELSON MVELASE: (Mrs. Thatcher etc.)

31 years old, working at Sarmcol for 5 years before the strike. He came into the play at the same time as Bongani when a decision was made to expand the cast to 7 to allow for illness or other reasons for absence. Nelson has done "Gumboot" dancing since his school days, is a 'soul' music fan, and enjoys reading, from James Hadley Chase to Shakespeare.

THOMAS SHELEMBE: (The court case witness etc.)

Thomas is 37, has 3 children, and lives in the tiny Kwa Mevana township (a "black spot" right next to "white" Howick). He has worked at Sarmcol since 1966 and was a fitter earning £35 per week. (The same job done by a white is worth over £600 per month!). A founder member of the play, he is a keen boxing fan, and plays the guitar too.

ISAIAH NZIMANDE: (2nd Narrator etc.)

26 years old, resident at Mpophomeni 9 years and employed at Sarmcol 5 years as an operator where his wage was about £25 a week before overtime. Isaiah has been in the play from the start, and has also been doing training as a amateur boxer.

PETE MKHIZE

Pete is the play's promoter and co-ordinator, elected as such in October 1985.

He joined MAWU in 1982, and worked for 24 years at Sarmcol up to the position of senior clerk where his wage was about £35 per week. Pete has 7 children ranging from a 14 year old to one who is already married. In his time a Jazz group organiser, he also plays saxophone and guitar.

WHAT IS BTR?

Although BTR is one of the 10 biggest companies in Britain, very few people have even heard of it.

Recently BTR captured the headlines when its bid to take over Pilkington's Glass so horrified the Pilkington's employees that they pushed their unions and local politicians to join hands with Pilkington's management to fight the BTR move. What worried the Pilkington's employees was BTR's reputation as a company that cares only for profit – no matter what the social cost. They feared a BTR takeover meant massive job losses, and even for those who did not lose their jobs, a profoundly anti-union company.

In Britain BTR's sacking of the 300 J.E. Hangers (Artificial Limb) workers at Roehampton last year followed the company's summary termination of the new employees' pension agreements when they took over Dunlop 3 years ago. Outside Britain, marathon strikes have flowed from BTR's anti-union stances in Trinidad and in South Africa. In short, BTR's "Industrial Relations" record has been the first victim of the profit-at-any-cost policy. But what does BTR make? The company is so highly diversified that its lists of subsidiary companies fill pages and pages of "Who owns whom". And a look behind the anonymous "BTR" curtain reveals a range of companies well-known themselves, or providing components and products for well-known brands.

For example:

The new Jaguar XJ6 has over 50 BTR-made components. BR's "Network" commuter trains run on BTR "Silentbloc" suspension. Heathrow Airport's Terminal 4 travolators were supplied by BTR's Dunlop Engineering. At Dublin, Amsterdam and Toronto airports the matting in the airport entrances was supplied by BTR's "Nuway".

BTR has numerous contracts to supply the military, including components for Sikorsky helicopters, and rubberised overboots for infantrymen.

In the sports world, BTR's Dunlop/Slazenger subsidiary has contracts with Steffi Graf, Viv Richards, Jimmy Connors, Carling Bassett, world champion squash player Ross Norman, the entire England World Hockey Cup team, Seve Ballesteros, and the national Japanese athletic team who run on BTR's "Sorbothane" shockstoppers.

"Dunlopillo" mattresses and "Rest Assured" bedding and furniture are from the BTR stable, and so is "Pretty Polly" tights.

On the industrial side, BTR's "Dunlop Automobile" supplies wheels to Ford and GM, and is the sole supplier to Nissan UK. Escort and Sierra drivers are sitting on BTR seats. BTR's "Newey and Eyre" service the line robots making the Rover 800. BTR's "DCE Group" is the largest manufacturer in Europe of industrial dust collectors.

In the electronics world "BTR Permal" makes Satellite TV dishes. BTR's "Anker" cash registers are familiar in most chain stores while BTR's "Wallis" products are well known on the shelves of DIY stores.

In Construction "Pilkington Tiles" (from BTR) are widely used in University and municipal swimming pools. "Palmer Scaffolding" has contracts with BSC, and "Charlton Leslie" with BP. "Tilcon" road surfaces are used for speedways and draw on a range of BTR owned quarries, concrete and asphalt plants.

On the mines, "BTR Belting" supplied 18 miles of belt to British Coal's Selby mine. In the North Sea on the oil rigs, "Dunlop Oil and Marine" supplies all the major companies. And even in the nuclear power industry, BTR is present: "Charlton Metal Testing" has contract with British Nuclear Fuels, Sellafield.

To conclude:

The shadowy "BTR" is clearly behind many household names. As the BTR workers in South Africa struggle into the 3rd year of their strike, the question must be asked: Where is BTR *consumer*-vulnerable?

THE PLAY AND THE CAMPAIGN

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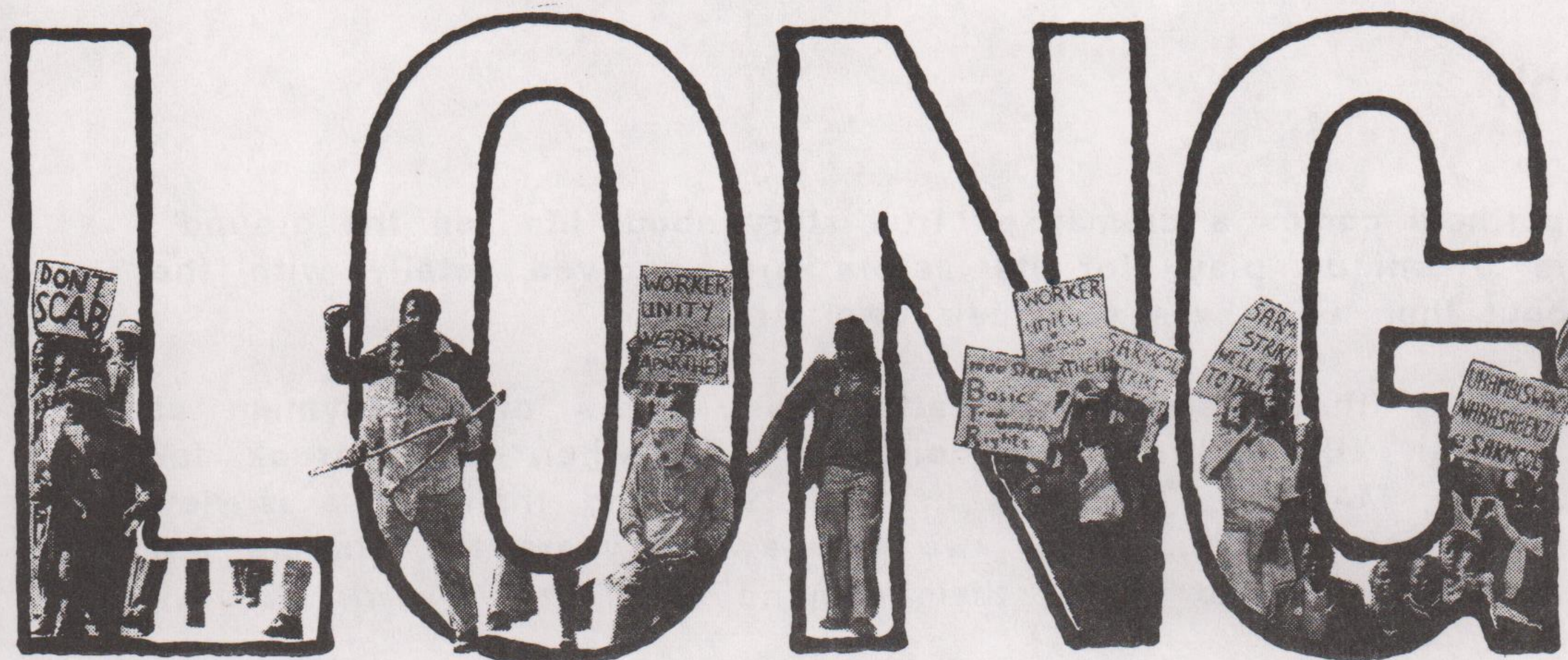
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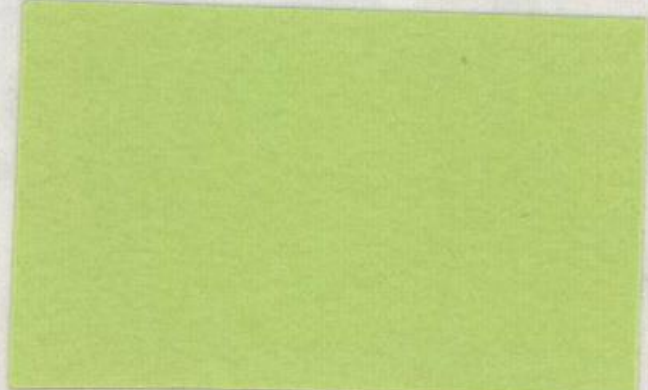
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A story out of a different mould

One group of South African workers have refused to take dismissal and victimisation quietly—they've made a play out of it. Edward Vulliamy reports on The Long March

AN UNWELCOME delegation will arrive at the London headquarters of the multinational British Tyre & Rubber Company next Monday to present its president, Sir Owen Green, with a complimentary ticket for the first night of a play at the Hackney Empire theatre.

The play is *The Long March* — a stage chronicle of the bitter, violent strike and lock-out at BTR's Sarmcol plant in Natal, South Africa, which has gone on since May 1985. The delegation delivering the mocking gift will be the play's cast, who are not a theatre company, or a troupe of professional actors, but strikers from Sarmcol, sacked by BTR and subsequently brutalised by vigilantes and the police after they tried to join a trade union. None had acted before.

Their show is extraordinary, firstly because of its origins — drama sessions organised among the striking workforce by one of their number, Simon Ngubane, a shop steward keen on acting. His idea was to tell



Striking Sarmcol workers-turned actors re-enact a scene from their experience

the story of the strike across South Africa, not with a series of political speeches, but with a piece of stage action.

Ngubane was killed last Christmas by vigilantes hired to attack the townships of the Sarmcol strikers. His family — and those of three colleagues, also killed — were the only people allowed to attend the funeral, surrounded by ranks of riot police.

Even within the world of didactic political theatre (and there has been plenty of it from South Africa) *The Long March* is different and special.

Most plays that unapologetically advance a specific, current cause are acted by people

who are recreating and imitating political action that has gone before them. In this case, though, the performance is by those who initiated that political action in the most dangerous of circumstances.

The actors learned their lines not from words on paper, but from their own memories of strife and the excitement of battle.

The play had no script, but was compiled by small groups who recalled particular events and simply acted them out, strikers either playing themselves or mimicking their adversaries. The whole was then "workshopped" into shape during one week, and premiered to a crowd of their

families in the township of Mpophomeni.

The result is a strange mixture of pantomime, sorrow, a certain charm, and depths of angry conviction that would be hard to find in professional actors.

The play is in Britain as part of a rolling tour by the strikers and their union leaders and supporters.

The Sarmcol strike of 1985 followed the crushing of successive attempts to form an organised union at BTR since the 1950s. Most of the plant's employees were Zulu tenant labourers who came from white farms and settled in the nearby town of Zenzele, before being forcibly moved to the black

township, Mpophomeni.

From 1974, the Metal and Allied Workers Union had attempted to negotiate an agreement with the company to increase the low wages and ease harsh working conditions — their efforts punctuated by go-slows, demonstrations and stoppages.

In April 1985, the workers went on strike against the failure to gain a settlement and recognition of their union. The workforce of 950 was fired, and "blackleg" labour brought in to run the plant.

There followed boycotts, an industrial court hearing and attacks on Mpophomeni by armed vigilantes, during which some of the strike organisers,

including Ngubane's play narrating these events was being performed in factories and townships across South Africa, and now — without its instigator — it completes a long march to BTR's native city of London, and to Hackney.

The play is half spoken and half chanted; half in Zulu and half in English.

The play proper is a comic-strip history of the strike and two very different moods infuse this narrative.

One is sheer, and delightful, pantomime, which usually comes when the white bruddies are on stage, marked out by white ping-pong ball noses. The BTR bosses — the swanking local manager, the nervy South African chief executive and Sir Owen himself — hold farcical phone conversations down toy plastic telephones.

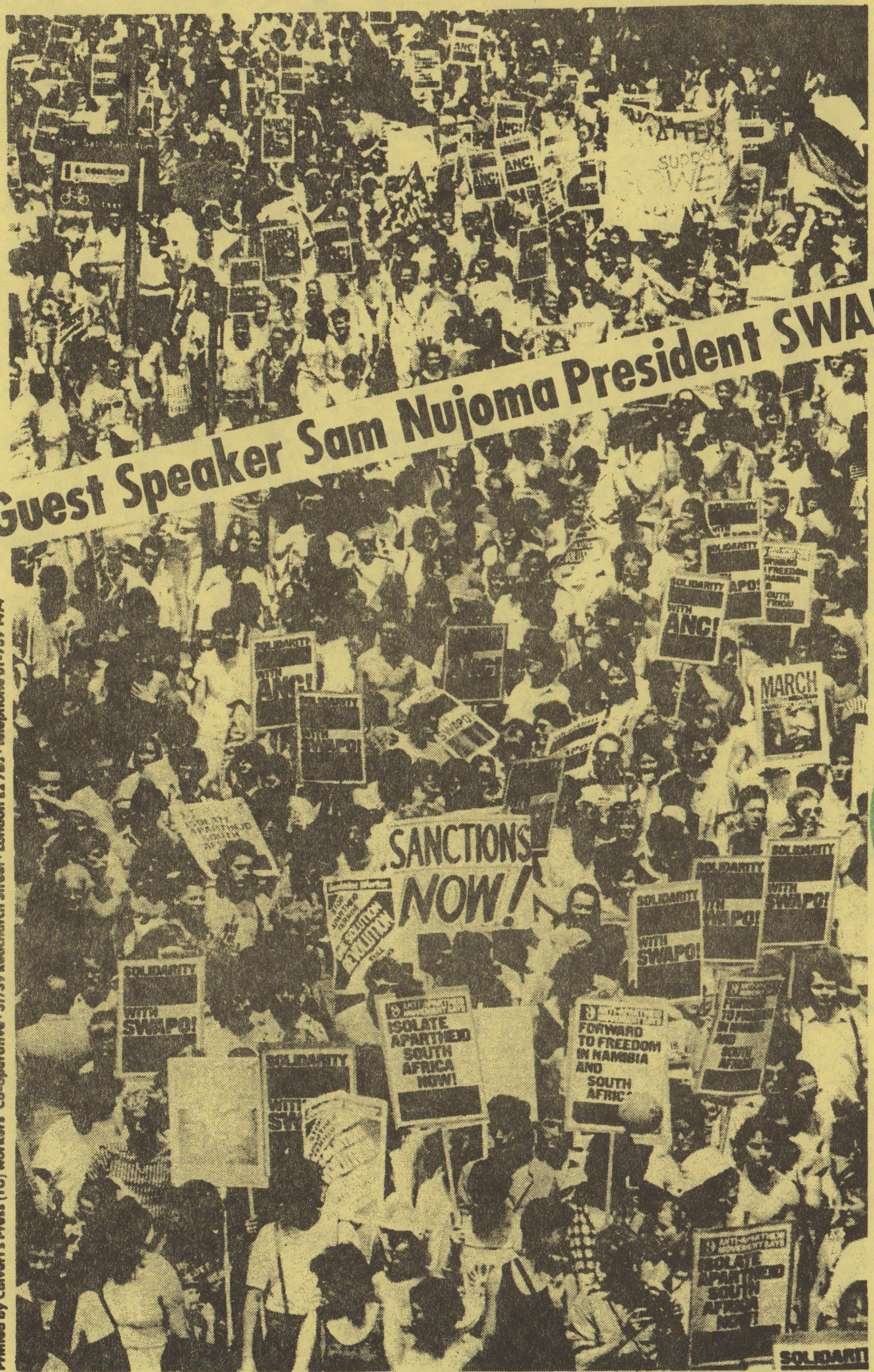
This is in sharp contrast to the other mood — the earnest severity of a sung Zulu prayer after a rally is attacked and the mechanical, inhuman production line at the plant.

The impact of the piece is not in the slogans, but in the scenes and feelings that give birth to them, and in the strikers' almost poignant confidence in eventual triumph.

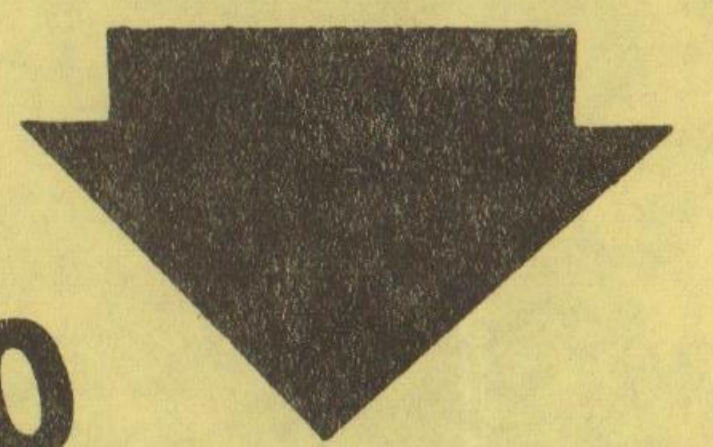
Whatever its dramatic merits and shortcomings, this play affords a taste at first hand of the poison of the apartheid system, and a vivid glimpse at a single episode in the history of British contribution to that system.

"*The Long March*" by the Sarmcol Workers Co-operative of South Africa opens at the Hackney Empire, Mare Street, next Tuesday, September 15, for a week's run before touring the country for seven weeks. Tour details from Leicester (0533) 712011.

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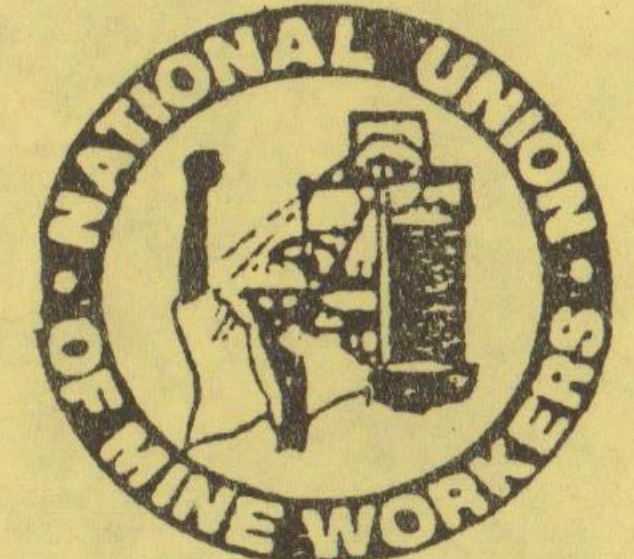
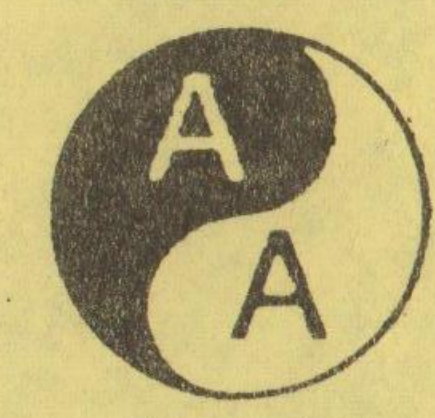
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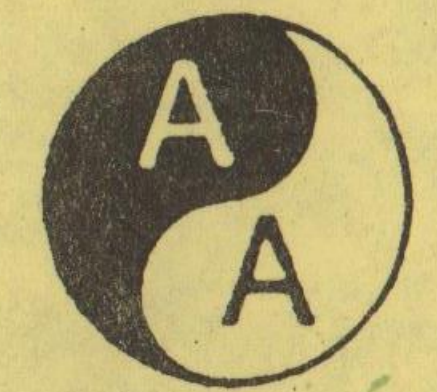
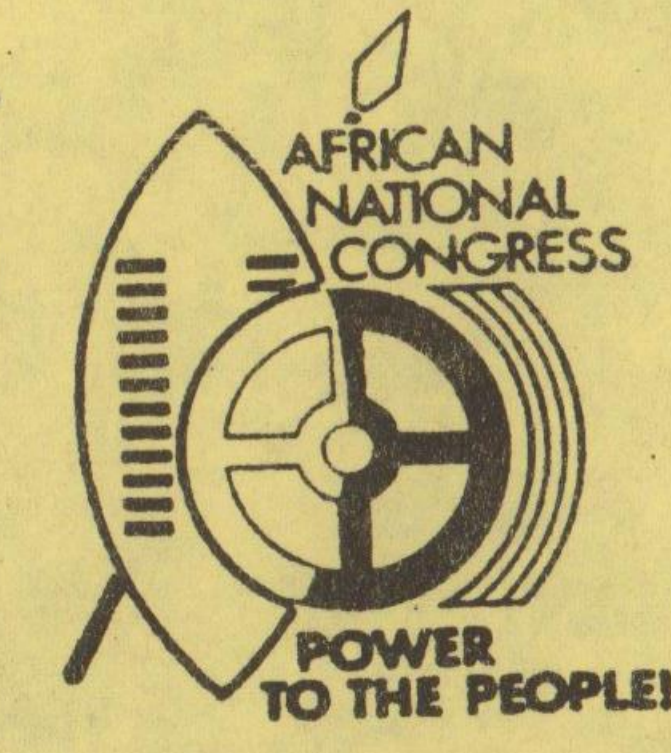
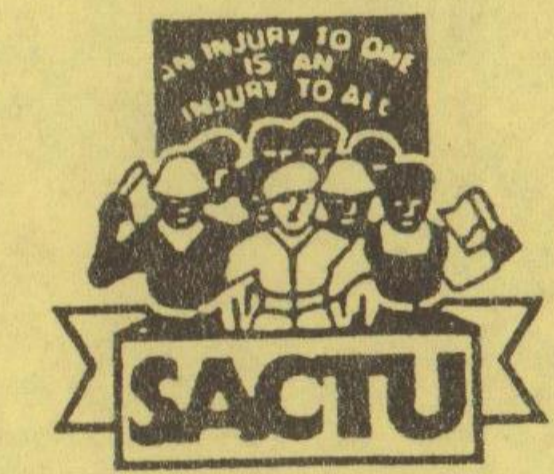
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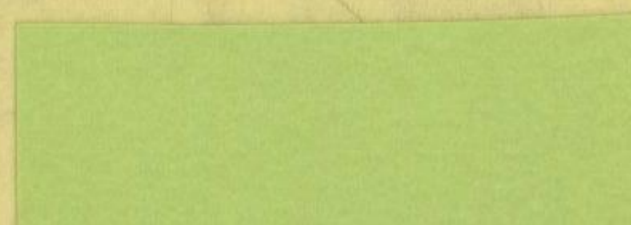
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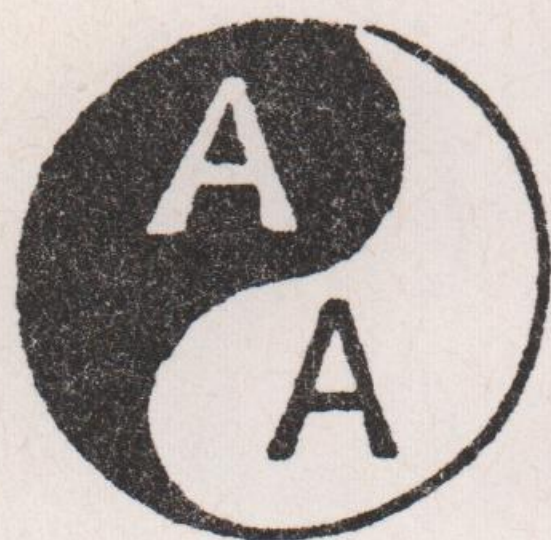
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Anti-Apartheid Movement

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for freedom in Southern Africa

Dear Member

- 4 MAR 1991

Please note urgently:

CONFERENCE: "SOUTH AFRICA 1991:
WHAT PROSPECTS FOR FREEDOM"

at Castle Community Rooms, Welford Road, Leicester.
on Saturday 9th March, 1-5 p.m.

Speakers from ANC and Anti-Apartheid, and discussion of campaign priorities including direct links between groups in East Midlands and East Transvaal. It is essential that we campaign now, to ensure world opinion does not back a constitutional fix imposed by the National Party. A peaceful solution can only be achieved by discussion with the ANC, and many of the prerequisites for negotiation are being ignored by the SA government. This conference is the essential start point for this campaign. Phone [redacted] for directions, or if you can offer, or need, transport.

MEETING: Monday 11th March at Transport & General Workers' Union,
259 Mansfield Road, at 7.30 p.m.

AGENDA:

1. Twinning with an East Transvaal group.
2. Other campaign priorities from Leicester Conference.
3. Organizing 1991 Sponsored Walk * Volunteers please.
4. Future socials & fundraising.
5. Any other business.

RAFFLE: Sell over £100 worth of tickets, and win (1) a Viva Mandela t-shirt, and (2) entry in the £500 prize draw!

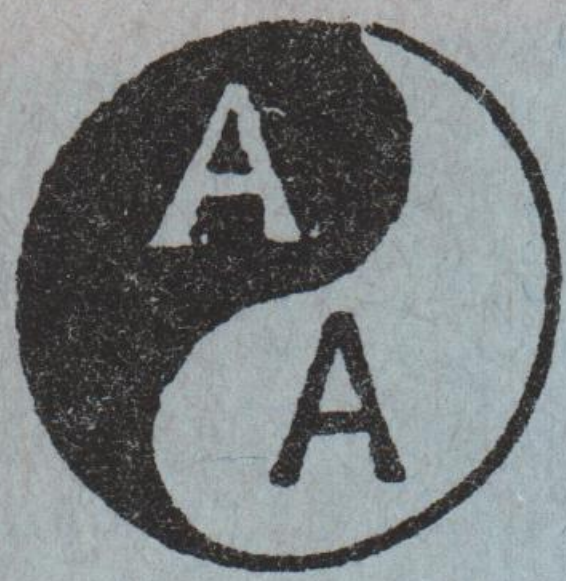
For tickets, phone Raffle Hotline [redacted]. To register for prize draw, fill in form on your raffle book cover and mark "for Nottingham AAM local group". This way, 50% of your collection should come to us.

If you can not sell £100 worth tickets, please return your tickets to us before 16th May 1991: we will forward counterfoils, and keep 50% of the money.

Any queries, phone [redacted]

Yours faithfully

[redacted]
Secretary



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18th January 1992

Dear Members,

First, **HAPPY NEW YEAR** to you all. The year ahead promises to be one of great changes in South Africa, let us work together to try and ensure that those changes are as positive and long-lasting as possible.

The AGM of Nottingham Anti-Apartheid was postponed until **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10th 1992** at the Transport and General Workers Union on Mansfield Road. (Anyone who cannot attend but wishes to be involved or take up a post should write a.s.a.p to the above address.)

Agenda:

- 1) Chairperson's report for 1991. Please find enclosed.
- 2) Treasurer's report.
- 3) Election of Officers. The following positions need to be filled:
Chairperson - Secretary - Media Representative - 12 committee members
- 4) The Year Ahead
 - a) The Eastern Transvaal twining and the future
 - b) National Campaign priorities
 - c) Setting up a specialist bank account

7th December The Big Do : This was a tremendous success. We had a great turn out, the band was excellent, Danza Continua got everyone up and dancing, the food was yummy, the bar open for a long time, the caretakers at the ICC were very helpful... The success was such that after fairly large expenses we still made over £225!!! That provides much needed funds for the 'Campaign For Democracy'. Thank you to all of you who came and all of those who helped in the organisation and made it such a success. Those who didn't/ couldn't make it you missed a great night and so try and make it to the next one!

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR Sadly, I have to resign my post as Chair of Nottingham Anti-Apartheid due to increasingly heavy work commitments. I have been chair now for one year, 7 months and have enjoyed the challenge it has brought. I would rather continue, especially as things are looking increasingly hopeful and the 'Campaign For Democracy' is growing but it would be impossible at this stage. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported me and helped me. I also strongly recommend the post to anyone and we do need a new chairperson!

Diary Dates February 8th 1992 - Stall in St. Peter's Square to celebrate the 2nd anniversary of Nelson Mandela's release.

February 22nd - National Committee - any member is welcome to attend and we will pay travel expenses.

With all good wishes for 1992

outgoing chairperson

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 1991

[REDACTED]

The year of 1991 has been a busy and successful one for Nottingham Anti-apartheid and this despite having only a few active members at the moment.

The year began with a campaign against Ilkeston Co-op Travel Centre who were beginning to advertise and sell holidays to South Africa. The Co-op eventually agreed to stop advertising the holidays. Members were also involved in a picket against a visit by the South African ambassador to Leicester in the middle of February.

Leicester was also the place where a conference 'South Africa 1991, What Prospects for Freedom?' was held. Members attended and the East Midlands - East Transvaal Twinning and Direct Support link was set up. Speakers from National AA and the ANC spoke about the urgent situation in South Africa and the need for continuing support. [REDACTED] became the area co-ordinator for the twinning.

April and May saw the group planning and organising activities to raise funds for the Twinning and Direct Links project. There were bookstalls throughout the spring and early summer. Signatures were collected to send with a letter to Linda Chalker about the political prisoners on hunger strike, she actually replied to the group.

In June our first real fund-raising event for the East Transvaal was held, the annual sponsored walk in Derbyshire. We raised over £400 which was sent straight to the ANC groups in the Transvaal.

In July as part of the Angel Gallery's exhibition 'Art From South Africa' we invited a speaker from the ANC and the meeting was well attended and those who came enjoyed a private viewing of the exhibition.

The group planned and set up 'The Campaign For Democracy' through which Trade Unions, Churches and Individuals will be asked to affiliate and to pledge their support for the establishment of democracy in South Africa. We also hosted the Freedom Bus and raised over £120.

December saw a fitting end to an active year of achievements when we had the 'Anti-Apartheid Big Do' at the ICC with the Laughing Deck-Chairs playing and Danza Conitina getting us all moving. It was a very successful event and we raised over £225.

So may 1992 be as eventful and successful and may we finally see democracy established in South Africa and freedom for all.

[REDACTED]

Chairperson, January '92

NOTTINGHAM ANTI APARTHEID MOVEMENT

26.2.92

Dear Fellow Member,

MEMBERSHIP FEES

This is to remind you that membership fees are due for 1992.

The Anti-Apartheid Movement still has a vital role to play in the fight for **genuine democracy in South Africa**. The apartheid society remains, only the legislation has been changed!

Violence continues unabated, spurred by the Security Forces, Inkatha and white supremists.

Your membership gives both moral and financial support to our aims. If you have not already done so, please renew your membership by completing the form below.

Thanking you, in anticipation of your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Treasurer.

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NOTTM.A.A.M. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 1992

NAME (BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE) _____

ADDRESS _____

I enclose £4 waged/£2 unwaged/£6 Joint (delete where necessary.) Date _____

I also enclose a donation of _____.

Please return to The Treasurer, AAM P.O. Box 6, 118 Mansfield Road, Nottingham. NG1 3HL.



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for freedom in Southern Africa

27th March 1992

Dear Friends,

The overwhelming "YES" vote in the 'Referendum' showed a surprising majority of white South Africans accepting that change is inevitable and necessary. We must now press for rapid progress toward democracy through the CODESA talks, starting with an Interim Government and elected Constituent Assembly.

However, de Klerk has already shown us that progress is still not irreversible, by using the vote as a mandate to take a hard line in the talks. So again we see that trade and investment sanctions must be kept until an Interim Government is in place; any relaxation will aid de Klerk in his plan to create a spurious democracy in a state still divided by apartheid.

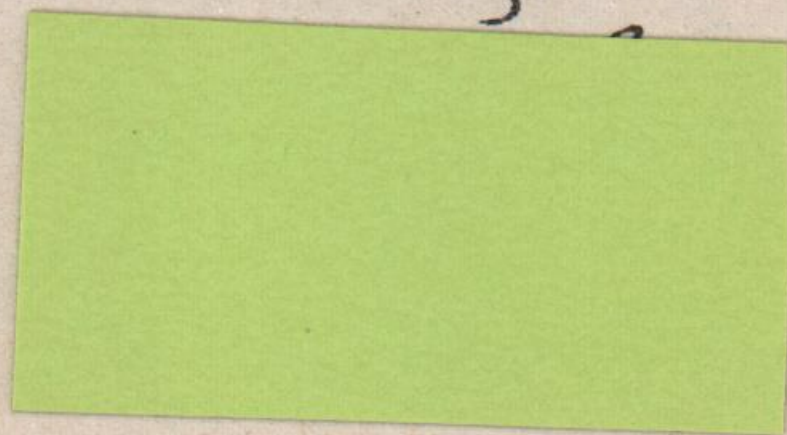
To this end, we have collected many "votes for democracy" in Nottingham, and these will be added to the national vote. I have also written to all 21 Labour, Liberal Democrat and Tory candidates in our area, asking them to endorse the 9-point 'Manifesto for democracy in South Africa'. I hope to get at least 15 positive replies (including Tory Jim Lester).

* TELL TSB : NO NEW LOANS (see leaflet)
Picket of Regional Shareholders' Meeting, St James Street (off Market Square), 10.30 - 11.30 am, Wednesday 8th April. Tell the sanctions-breakers what you think of them!

* MEETING to discuss * social event in early May
* Soweto Walk in the Peak District
* news from East Transvaal
* continuing the Campaign for Democracy

7.30 p.m. Monday 13th April
at Transport & General Workers Union, 259 Mansfield Road

Yours in solidarity



Nottingham ACTSA

Action for Southern Africa

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March 1996

Dear Former Anti Apartheid Supporter

NOTTINGHAM ACTSA

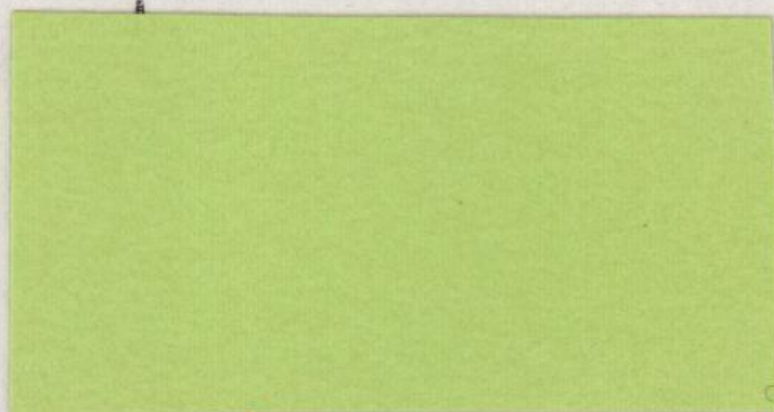
We are writing to all former local supporters in a final mailout to inform you that an active local group of Action for Southern Africa is in existence, and has now entered its second year. Our aim is to continue mobilising support for the people of Southern Africa through a number of new campaigns and initiatives that reflect the new situation in South Africa, and indeed the the whole sub continent. Following the national, provincial and local elections in South Africa, great strides have been made in achieving democratic freedom, but the struggle to translate this into tangible improvements in the lives of the majority is only just getting underway.

The local group is embarking on some ambitious initiatives to raise the profile of Southern Africa once again, and to generate new forms of practical support from concerned individuals and organisations here. We need more supporters to become more effective. If you would like to join, please send in the completed affiliation/subscription form enclosed.

We are presently updating all the old AAM mailing lists on to a new database, so if you would like to join or find out more, please respond promptly, as we will remove any names and addresses that we don't hear from by the end of March.

Thanks for your help.

Yours faithfully

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Secretary

How can you get involved

- **Make a donation to the Mayibuye School Fund**

All donations are welcome to help us reach our target of £1,000, for science and library resources at the school.

- **Join the Education Twinning Initiative**

Schools, colleges and other educational institutions are eligible. Nottingham ACTSA will find out from Mpumalanga Education Department if they can identify and put you in touch with a suitable partner. Pupil - pupil links, exchanges, class links, teacher links and whole school links with Mpumalanga are all being sought.

- **Join ACTSA**

Join Nottingham ACTSA and add your support to the reconstruction and development of Southern Africa.

Annual subscriptions are: individuals £15, joint £20, concessions £10

New members can join in the group's local campaigns, events, fundraising and socials. You can also become a national member. Local Authorities wanting to demonstrate support for Southern Africa can subscribe to Local Authority ACTSA.

For more information, fill in the tear off slip below and return to us at this address.

Nottingham ACTSA, Box 6, 118 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3HL

I am/we are interested in (please tick):

- Schools Twinning Initiative
- Joining Nottingham ACTSA, and enclose £.....
- Making a donation of £..... to the Mayibuye School Fund

(please make cheques payable to Nottingham ACTSA)

Name(s):

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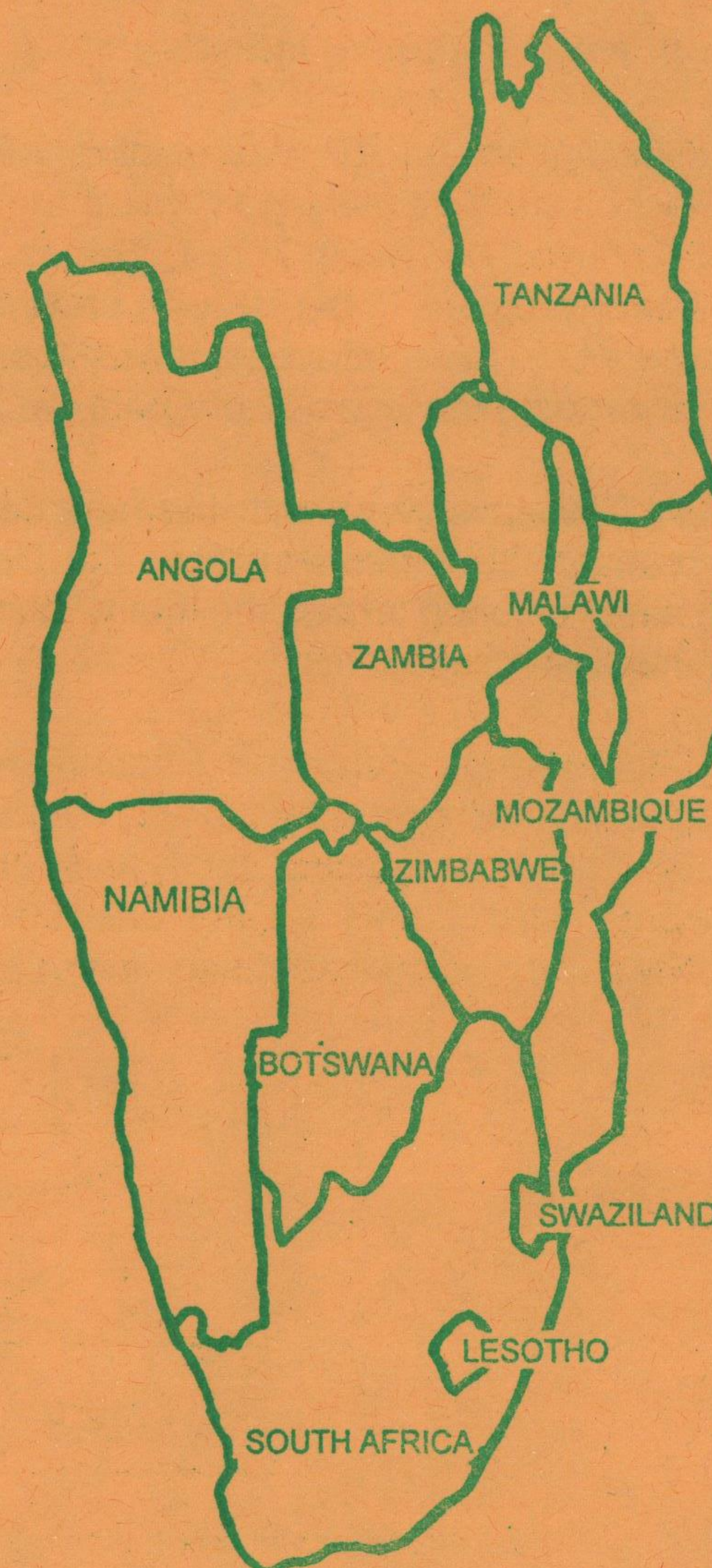
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Action for Southern Africa

The successor organisation to the Anti Apartheid Movement

schools twinning initiative

with Mpumalanga Province, South Africa



Action for Southern Africa (ACTSA)

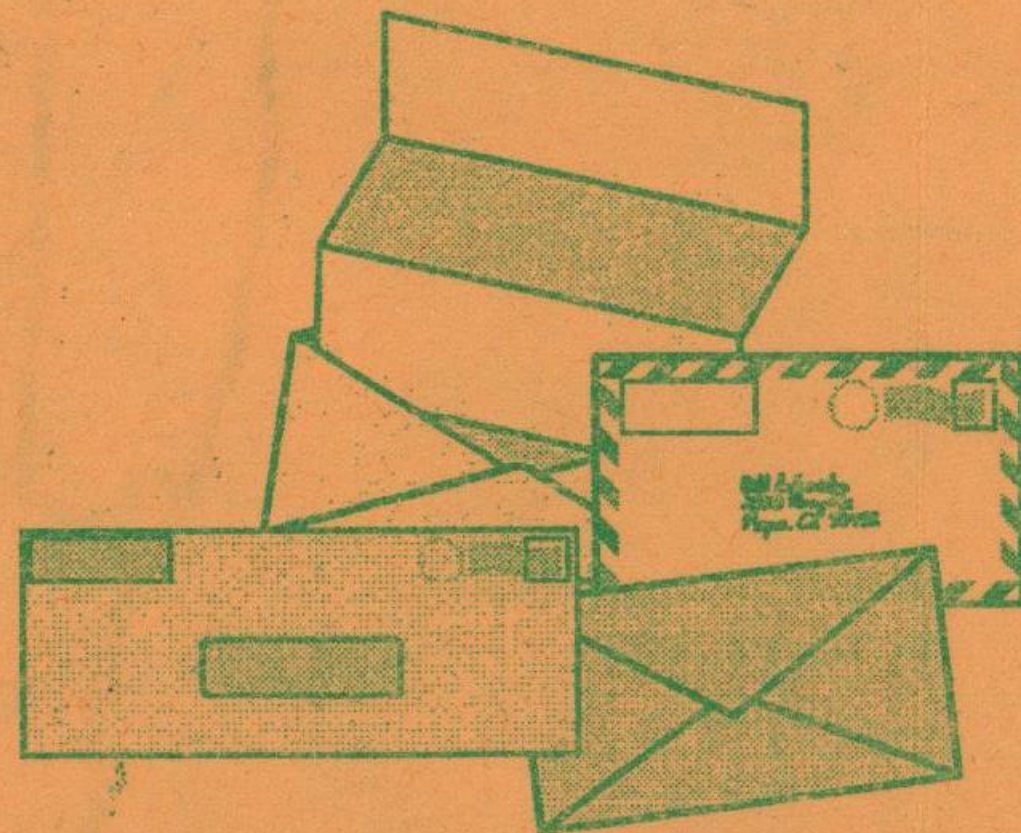
Following the elections in South Africa in 1994, a new struggle is now underway for jobs, decent housing, clean water, sanitation and electricity, health and education. Support from overseas is still vital, and ACTSA was set up to generate new forms of solidarity for people throughout Southern Africa who suffered as a result of Apartheid, and who are now rebuilding the region.

Schools Twinning Initiative

Nottingham ACTSA has established an initiative to link local schools with schools in Mpumalanga ('where the sun rises') Province (formerly Eastern Transvaal) in South Africa. This is part of a national ACTSA programme linking regions of the UK with provinces in South Africa, to build support for people in the rural areas, townships and squatter camps in their struggle to overcome the legacies of Apartheid.

ACTSA is working with the new democratic structures in South Africa to support the Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP), which aims to bring about the many changes required in areas like housing, health and education.

Mpumalanga Education Department are keen to develop links between pupils, teachers, schools, and others in education, to exchange information and promote learning about each other's situation. Mpumalanga is a huge area, stretching from the outskirts of Johannesburg to the border with Swaziland and Mozambique in the East. The provincial capital is Nelspruit.



School links can be as simple as exchanging letters from pupils...

Mayibuye School Fund

To demonstrate practical support, Nottingham ACTSA is committed to raising £1,000 in the next year for essential science equipment and library resources for one particular school: Mayibuye School, near Nelspruit.

The school has a population of over 1,800, with an average class size of 80. One class has over 120 pupils to one teacher. The school has no electricity and only has running water when the nearby river is high enough. There is no telephone, nor grass sports field. The only science equipment in the school is a small box containing a starter kit. The only books in the library are text books, and there are virtually no magazines.

Mayibuye School is in a formerly resettled area east of Nelspruit, when Apartheid policy dictated that black people had no place in the cities, and were forcibly removed to undeveloped outlying areas or homelands.

Education of black people was deliberately neglected under Apartheid, and reversing this is one of the new Government's priority areas under the Reconstruction and Development Programme. However, despite the political backing, public money is stretched very thinly, and many such schools have insufficient teachers and few resources to teach with.

Mpumalanga Education Department identified the school as one of several in particular need, and arranged the link with Nottingham ACTSA.



Nottingham ACTSA

ACTION FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA

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SUBSCRIBE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

- Nottingham ACTSA is the successor to Nottingham Anti Apartheid Movement, and was formed in January 1995. Many people think that now South Africa has a democratic government, that the problem of Apartheid is solved.
- Unfortunately, that's far from the case: Apartheid has left a dreadful legacy of inequality in all areas of life that will take many years to sort out. The Government's 5 Year Reconstruction and Development Programme is an ambitious plan to provide housing, jobs, water, electrification, etc. to millions of people in the Townships, Squatter Camps and former Homelands.
- ACTSA, nationally and locally is campaigning to support this process, and to raise awareness and active support for the people who are now struggling to overcome the legacy of Apartheid, throughout the whole of Southern Africa.
- Nottingham ACTSA is promoting a Regional Twinning Initiative that is building links between areas of the UK with the Provinces of South Africa. The Midlands is twinned with Mpumalanga Province (formerly Eastern Transvaal), and a Schools Twinning Initiative to link Notts schools with South African schools has been set up, with the support of the Ministry of Education in Mpumalanga.
- Nottingham ACTSA has also pledged to raise £1,000 for science and library resources for one particular school, Mayibuye School, near Nelspruit, which is particularly disadvantaged. The average class size is 80, and the school has no electricity or constant running water.
- Your subscription, affiliation and/or donation will help to make a difference.

Nottingham ACTSA Membership Subscriptions and Affiliations 1996

Please tick whichever category applies, and enclose a cheque made out to Nottingham ACTSA

Organisations: £12

Individuals: £6

Concessions: £4

Donation:

Name:

Organisation:

Address:

Phone:

Do you wish to receive details of monthly meetings?

Yes/No