

# DOES MARKS & SPENCER SUPPORT APARTHEID?

We believe it does – by stocking South African products in its stores.

We have asked MARKS & SPENCER Management to withdraw all South African goods and to stock alternatives easily available from other sources.

WE HAVE HAD NO SATISFACTORY REPLY.

The British government, too, is failing to support the oppressed peoples of Southern Africa. Witness its refusal to impose meaningful sanctions – despite the call to do so by the majority of people in South Africa, as well as the Commonwealth leaders.

It is up to us, the shopping public of Great Britain, to impose our own sanctions by persuading commercial organisations like MARKS & SPENCER not to collaborate with apartheid.

The Co-op, British Home Stores, Littlewoods, Hepworths (Next), Argos and Harris Queensway have all decided to end all contracts for South African goods and to ban them from their shelves.

## WHY NOT MARKS & SPENCER?

We have a petition calling on MARKS & SPENCER to withdraw all apartheid products. We invite you to sign it.

## SIGN THE PETITION TODAY.

Manchester Anti-Apartheid, 2-4 Oxford Road, Manchester

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# DON'T BUY SOUTH AFRICAN GOODS



## DON'T BUY APARTHEID

This is the message coming loud and clear from black South Africans and Namibians. They are appealing to people all over the world to **boycott the products of apartheid.**

What is apartheid? It is the unique system of racial tyranny practised in South Africa. And the racist regime in South Africa has exported this evil system to Namibia which South Africa illegally occupies in defiance of international law.

Apartheid means power, privilege and wealth for the white minority. It means poverty, humiliation and exploitation for the black majority. Above all it means that the black majority are denied all fundamental political and human rights in their own country.

**But why the boycott?** Most importantly because black leaders in South Africa and Namibia have repeatedly called for the boycott. The isolation of apartheid South Africa is the most practical non-violent way for the international community to support their struggle for freedom. By boycotting South African and Namibian products, we are denying the apartheid regime much needed foreign exchange which it needs to arm and fuel the apartheid war machine.

**Won't the boycott hurt blacks most? NO!** It will above all hit the profits of those who benefit from apartheid. But blacks accept it may mean some sacrifice. Today black South Africans themselves are organising boycotts. They see the boycott as one of the weapons in their struggle for freedom.

**But isn't apartheid being phased out? NO!** There is much talk of 'reform' but there has been no fundamental change in the system of apartheid which is being enforced more and more brutally. Even the minor 'reforms' about which there is much talk are the result of resistance inside South Africa and international pressure.

**But will the boycott work? YES!** It is working. There is widespread support for the boycott and a growing number of retail chains have banned South African and Namibian products or begun looking for alternatives. **But the pressure must be kept up.**

I want to help fight against apartheid. My donation is for £ .....

I would like to join Manchester Anti-Apartheid in its city centre campaigning or

I would like to join one of the local groups in the Greater Manchester area (Chorlton, Longsight/Levenshulme, Salford, Stockport, North Manchester or start your own).

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