

“No British Arms for South Africa”

End all arms supplies to South Africa

Britain's embargo is only partial

On November 25, 1964, the Prime Minister announced that “No further export licences would be issued but the **existing contracts would be honoured** with the exception that sporting guns and ammunition would be stopped forthwith”.

What are these existing contracts?

Spare parts

They include supplies of spare parts and equipment for the maintenance of those parts of South Africa's military machine—aircraft, helicopters, tanks, military vehicles, etc., supplied by Britain in the past. In fact, some of these contracts will last as long as ten years.

The Buccaneer contract

Britain is honouring the contract for the supply of 18 Buccaneer low-level strike aircraft. The *Financial Times* said on November 17, 1964, “there is no doubt that the Buccaneer could be used for internal security as well as for naval defence”.

Military training

Britain is not only supplying the Buccaneers to Verwoerd, it is training the S. African pilots who will eventually fly these aircraft.

These existing contracts help bolster apartheid and strengthen Verwoerd

The United Nations and arms contracts

Existing British contracts violate the Security Council's resolutions of August 7, 1963, December 4, 1963, and June 18, 1964. In the latter the Security Council reaffirms its previous calls upon the member states to “cease forthwith the sale and shipment to South Africa of arms, ammunition of all types, military vehicles and **equipment and materials for the manufacture and maintenance of arms and ammunition in South Africa**”.

The United States has interpreted these Security Council resolutions as absolving her from the obligation to supply both spare parts for the weapons already sold and other materials that could be used in the South African arms industry.

Our Government should do the same.

A moral issue

On March 17, 1963, at an Anti-Apartheid Rally, Mr. Harold Wilson, then leader of the Opposition went on record as saying, "Let me repeat where the Labour Party stands on this issue. Under Hugh Gaitskell's leadership we condemned the supply of arms to South Africa as long as apartheid continues. That is the policy of the Labour Party today. **It will be the policy of the Labour Party when we are called upon to form the Government of this country . . .** I say to Mr. Macmillan today, 'Act now and stop this bloody traffic in the weapons of oppression . . .'" Mr. Wilson publicly pledged "This is a moral issue and we are prepared to fight on this moral issue".

This is still a moral issue : We must not supply arms for apartheid.

We urge H.M. Government to :

- Ban all military co-operation with the South African government
- Impose a total ban on the supply of arms to South Africa as called for by the U.N. security council

The Anti-Apartheid Movement asks you to

- Write to your M.P. and to the Foreign Office, London, S.W.1
- Organise meetings and demonstrations supporting the "No arms for South Africa" campaign
- Order postcards available from AAM to send to the Prime Minister (Speakers, literature and other assistance available from AAM at 89 Charlotte Street, London, W.1 LAN 5311)

Keep these dates in mind

February 22 - 25

Send AAM postcards to the Prime Minister. (Order them now from AAM)

March 8

Mass lobby of Parliament

March 9 - 24

Arrange to see your own M.P. between these dates

March 21

Sharpeville commemoration (fuller details later)

June 21

Dramatic presentation, Central Hall, SW1

June 27

Anti-Apartheid Rally, Trafalgar Square, S.W.1

For further information about the campaign write to AAM at 89 Charlotte Street, London, W.1