

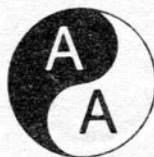


A one-day event to alert public opinion to the threat of the 'apartheid bomb', to mobilise opposition to all forms of nuclear collaboration with South Africa and to stop the importing of uranium from Namibia and South Africa

**Saturday 31st October '81**

**University of London Union  
Malet St, London WC1**

**10-45-5-30**



Organised by the Anti-Apartheid Movement  
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as a contribution to 'Steps for Survival'  
and the United Nations Disarmament Week



**'South Africans now able to produce a bomb'**  
(*The Times*, London, 30 April 1981)

**\* Does South Africa have the bomb?**

Yes.

It has the scientific capability — the technology, 'know-how' and personnel. It has the resources — it mines large quantities of uranium in Namibia and South Africa, and has a secret enrichment plant. And it persistently refuses to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Most experts believe South Africa already has a small arsenal of nuclear weapons.

**\* Can South Africa deliver the bomb?**

Yes.

It has advanced military aircraft and missiles. It is also developing an artillery system for firing low-yield nuclear shells.

**\* What is the evidence?**

In August 1977 US and USSR satellites detected a nuclear test site in the Kalahari desert. Western leaders appealed to South Africa not to explode its nuclear device, and no explosion was reported then. However, in September 1979 a US satellite detected a double flash off the South African coast — the unmistakable evidence of a nuclear explosion. The CIA also reported a South African naval operation in that area at the same time.

**\* Is there a real danger of a nuclear holocaust?**

Yes.

The South African Deputy Defence Minister himself stated in September 1980 that 'it would be very stupid not to use it if nuclear weapons were needed as the last resort to defend oneself'.

The apartheid system by its nature does not respect black lives — it has been designated a 'crime against humanity'. South Africa is already involved in a series of 'secret wars' against neighbouring African states which culminated in the invasion and occupation of southern Angola in August 1981. It has 100,000 troops illegally occupying the international territory of Namibia.

Daily, as the resistance of the South African and Namibian people grows, the Pretoria regime becomes more desperate and increases its reliance on the use of force in order to threaten and terrorise all opponents of apartheid. Many leaders of the ruling Nationalist Party were interned during the war for pro-Nazi activities and the apartheid regime has repeatedly warned independent African states that continued resistance to apartheid will create 'a catastrophe too ghastly to contemplate'.

The regime is determined to uphold apartheid, even if it involves the use of a nuclear bomb; it is not difficult to believe that it would, in desperation and 'as a last resort', unleash a nuclear holocaust.



▶ 'Southern Africa: Apartheid and the Bomb' is designed to inform and mobilise with sessions to provide up-to-date information from specialists and workshops to plan action.

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▶ **Sessions:**

'Nuclear South Africa'

'The Uranium Trade'

'The Apartheid Bomb: its strategic significance'

▶ **Workshops:** Company Action – Academic and scientific links – Anti-recruitment campaign – Uranium, including the Campaign against the Namibian Uranium Contract – International links – General campaigning

Plus films, displays, etc.

Registration 10.15 am: Opening 10.45 am sharp

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