

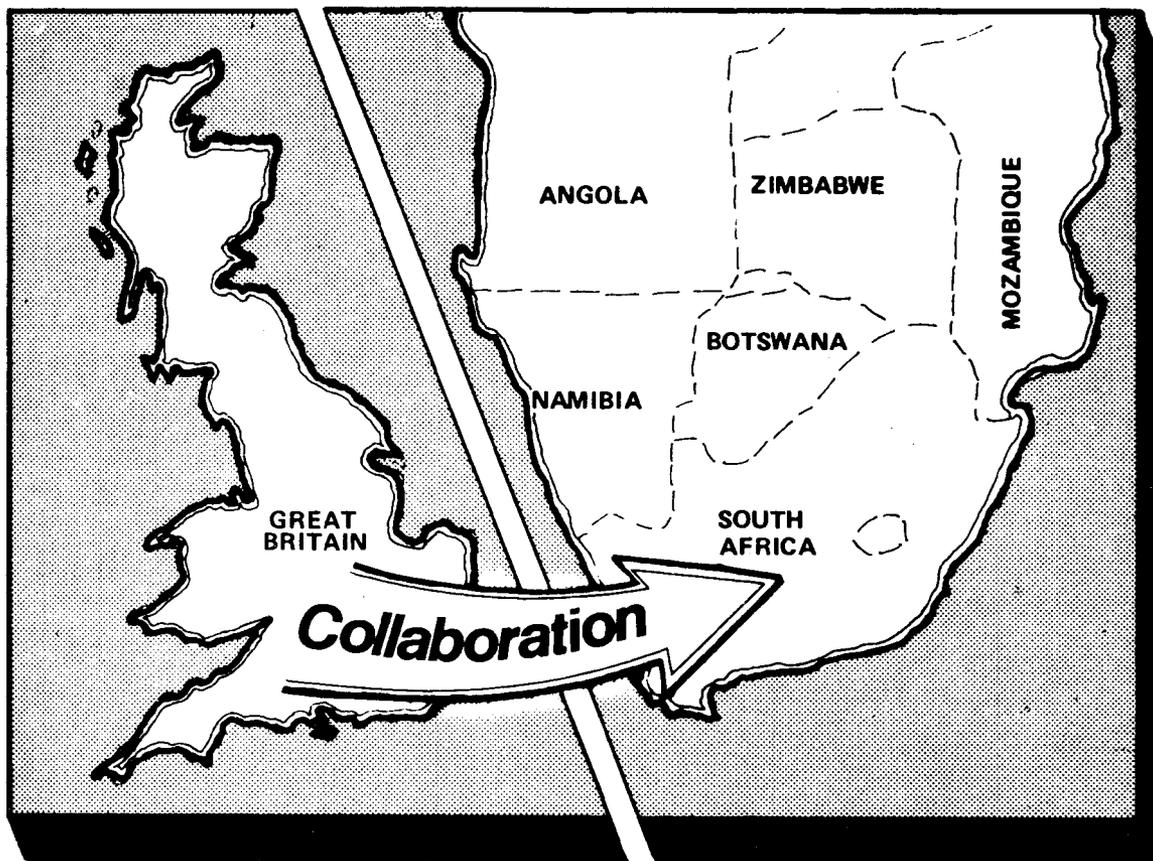


Anti-Apartheid Movement

Southern Africa and the British Trades Union and Labour Movement

ONE DAY DELEGATE CONFERENCE. Registration Fee for delegates: £1

Saturday 6th November 10.45am-5.30pm
Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, W1



*The unprecedented events in South Africa this year have shown that the black
A key role in this new resistance to apartheid has been played by the black workers
August and September. There is an urgent need for the British trade union and*

In South Africa, African workers have no effective right to strike. Their trade unions have no negotiating rights, their leaders are detained and imprisoned, and the non-racial South African Congress of Trade Unions (SACTU) has been forced underground. Excluded from many jobs by law, the African workers are paid poverty wages by the same firms that employ many British workers.

Yet, even when investment is falling here, British-based multinationals and other companies, including nationalised concerns, continue to invest in South Africa. They provide military and police equipment that is used to oppress the African workers. They cooperate with South Africa's racial laws. Their presence, investment and trade provide them with increased profits, while playing a crucial role in maintaining and strengthening the apartheid system.

The British Labour Movement's role

The British Labour Movement has a tradition of support for the people of Southern Africa and in 1975 the TUC called for an end to all British investment in South Africa. This call was reiterated at the 1976 Congress which called on the Government to impose a freeze on all new investment in South Africa.

But more must be done. South Africa is relying more and more on its traditional allies, with Britain in the forefront, as the African people struggle for their freedom. This makes the role of the trade union and labour movement in this country central to any attempt to isolate South Africa and support the demands of the African workers and, for attempts to increase solidarity with African workers to be effective, it is vital that there is an informed discussion in the trade union and labour movement.

The Conference

So, in organising this Conference the Anti-Apartheid Movement hopes to attract as representative a gathering as possible of delegates from all levels of the trade union and labour movement, in order that Britain's economic links with South Africa may be fully discussed. We hope that this will lead to greater political pressure for a ban on further flows of British capital and investment in apartheid South Africa and that the unity of the British labour movement and South Africa's workers will advance in support of the cause of freedom in Southern Africa.

people are prepared to oppose apartheid with renewed courage and determination. Workers of South Africa with their massive strikes in Soweto and Cape Town in aid labour movement to intensify its support for the black workers of South Africa.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

- 10.45 am *Plenary Session:* consisting of introductory speeches by Michael O'Leary, President, International Labour Organisation
John Gaetsewe, General Secretary, South African Congress of Trade Unions
Ruth First, economist and co-author of "The South African Connection"
- 12.15 pm *Commission Session:* for which the Conference will divide into three commissions, which will continue after the lunch break
- 3.30 pm *Plenary Session:* consisting of report-backs from the commissions, to be followed by discussion and debate.

Participants in the commissions and final plenary session include:

Tim Webb, National Officer, ASTMS
John Forrester, Deputy General Secretary, AUEW-TASS
John Miller, National Secretary, TGWU Rubber, Oils & Chemicals
Bob Hughes, AUEW-sponsored MP, Vice-Chairman AAM
Abdul Minty, Hon Secretary AAM

- 5.15 pm Concluding remarks by the Chairman

A full agenda and conference papers will be sent to delegates on receipt of registration form

Limited lunch facilities are available

REGISTRATION

To: Chris Child, Trade Union Secretary, AAM, 89 Charlotte Street,
London W1P 2DQ

Organisation.....

The above organisation has appointed the following delegate(s) to the
AAM Conference on 6 November 1976 "Southern Africa and the
British Trade Union and Labour Movement"

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I enclosed cheque/PO for (£1 per delegate)

Signed.....(Secretary)

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Credentials and conference papers will be sent direct to delegates.

The Anti-Apartheid Movement campaigns for freedom for all the people of Southern Africa from white minority domination and supports the African liberation struggle.

To this end, the Anti-Apartheid Movement works in all political parties, trade unions, religious groups, universities, colleges, schools and with the general public for an end to all forms of collaboration with the racist minority regimes of Southern Africa, and for support for those struggling for freedom and self-determination.

Affiliation to the Movement is open to individuals (£3, £2 for apprentices/students, 50p for pensioners), local organisations (£3), regional organisations (£5) and national organisations (£10).

The AAM has a trade union committee on which are represented many of the 20 Unions which are affiliated to the Movement.

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