

SOUTH AFRICA FREEDOM DAY - 26 JUNE

The Freedom Charter was signed on this day in 1955, providing a blueprint for a future non-racial society in South Africa. It is a day that has, throughout the years, marked the reaffirmation of the struggle against apartheid.

This day also marks fifteen years of work in Britain by the Anti-Apartheid Movement. Founded on 26 June 1959, it was called into being by the late Chief Albert Lutuli -President of the African National Congress (South Africa) - and others in South Africa, to work for the boycott and isolation of that unique system of racist exploitation. The Movement's work covers Southern Africa and Guine Bissau, and its objectives are:

- to inform people in Britain and abroad of the facts of the situation in these territories;
- to expose the nature and extent of British links with the white minority regimes and to work for the ending of these links which serve to perpetuate the status que in Southern Africa; and
- to win support for the people throughout the African sub-continent struggling for their freedom.

Today we welcome the new democratic Portugal, but the effect of the political change on the African colonies of Mozambique and Angola and the independent state of Guine Bissau is as yet unclear. We call for independence for Mozambique and Angola, and for the recognition of Guine Bissau; for the severing of British links with apartheid South Africa; for British recognition of UN and World Court decisions that South Africa's continuing occupation of Namibia is illegal and for its immediate withdrawal from the territory; for a settlement in Rhodesia based only on majority democratic rule; and for support for the liberation struggle throughout Southern Africa.

Information on the different territories of Southern Africa and on Guine Bissau will be available at stalls on SUNDAY 30 JUNE at the FREEDOM CONVENTION at Camden Lock, and there will be stalls illustrating the campaigns in Britain.

Programme for the Day - 30 June

From 12.30 pm : Examples of the stalls, which will be manned by well-known campaigners in the different areas, such as Hugh Lewin, Peter Hain and others:

- * Which companies invest in white oppression and why no black trade unions? * How much do they really pay black workers?
- * What are the conditions of political prisoners in Southern Africa? And what are the laws that dictate their detention and imprisonment under the most brutal conditions?
- * What is the background and the present position on the consumer boycott, sports boycott? And on emigration to Southern Africa?
- * The background to the Portugese colonial wars and the liberation struggle of the African people in Mozambique, Angola, Guine Bissau; and the present position since the coup in Portugal.
- * How does the Anti-Apartheid Movement work nationally and locally?

African art stall. Street theatre.

The latest films from Southern Africa will be shown from 12.30 pm.

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A representative of the United Nations will be coming over especially to receive the potition calling for the RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS IN SOUTH AFRICA, for which we are now collecting eignatures.

At 4.30 pm : Films and stalls will be resumed until 6.00 pm.

Entry to the Convention is free.

Participating organisations include: AAM / IDAF / CFMAG / NUS_/ SANROC / SATIS / UNYSA / SCM / MMS.