

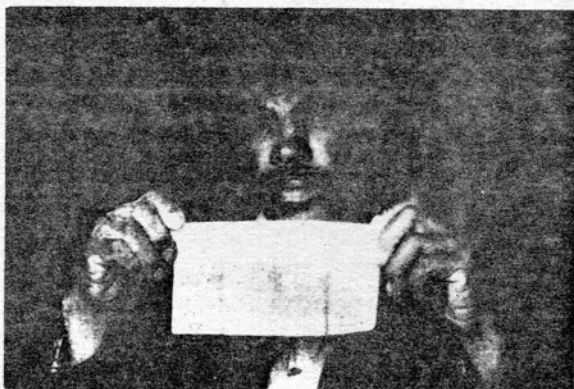
An appeal to British trade unionists:

FIGHT APARTHEID

This worker is paid poverty wages

He is denied all basic rights

He works in apartheid South Africa



Apartheid is unique. It is a system of legal, institutionalised racism. There is enforced segregation in all walks of life — education, health, housing, employment, land.

In South Africa the white minority (16.6 per cent) is determined to maintain its position of power and privilege at any cost. Black South Africans are forced to live in semi-slavery:

- their movement is controlled by the notorious Pass Laws
- the 'Colour Bar' denies them access to most skilled work
- they have no effective right to strike
- their trade unions are not legally recognised
- all legal and peaceful opposition to apartheid has been crushed
- trade unionists have been banned, imprisoned, hanged and even tortured to death.

13-21 MARCH 1978

INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF TRADE UNION ACTION AGAINST
APARTHEID

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British trade unionists have a special responsibility to act. South Africa was colonised by Britain – and it was the British Government which granted political power to the white minority in 1910. British companies have a massive stake – 60 per cent of all foreign investment – in South Africa's apartheid economy. Britain is South Africa's major trading partner. Britain's record is one of blatant collaboration with the apartheid regime.

Black South Africans have called for the isolation of South Africa. Numerous countries, organisations and individuals boycott South Africa but moves to enforce mandatory sanctions at the United Nations have been blocked by Britain and a handful of other Western countries. So unless British trade unionists and other opponents of apartheid act, Britain will be drawn more and more into defending the status quo – apartheid.

ACT NOW! Make sure you and your fellow trade unionists

- support the TUC-backed International Week of Trade Union Action against Apartheid
- demand that the Government
 - legislates to enforce the arms embargo
 - halts the flow of investment and capital to South Africa
 - supports UN economic sanctions against South Africa
- investigate your employer's links with South Africa and act to sever them
- boycott South African products
- ensure that all labour movement organisations in which you are involved withdraw any investments in South Africa
- adopt an imprisoned South African trade unionist or other opponent of apartheid
- refuse to work on orders of military and related equipment for South Africa
- raise money for the South African Congress of Trade Unions (SACTU)
- invite AAM or SACTU speakers to your union branch etc

If you are committed to the ongoing struggle for freedom in South Africa, join the Anti-Apartheid Movement and make sure your union, locally and nationally, affiliates.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Minimum annual fees: Individuals £5 (Apprentices £3); local and regional trade union bodies £5; national trade unions – sliding scale (details from AAM)

I/we wish to join the Anti-Apartheid Movement and enclose £.....

Name.....
(Individual or organisation)

Address.....

..... Tel no.....

(Cheques/POs payable to the Anti-Apartheid Movement)

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