

A NATIONAL
INFORMATION
TOUR



22 APRIL
TO
17 MAY
1989

Professional experts concerned with the care and protection of children in Southern Africa will be speaking out on the impact of the policies of apartheid on young people today in South and Southern Africa.

Organised by the Bishop Ambrose Reeves Trust in co-operation with the SATIS Committee on Children

People throughout the world have been moved by the horrifying accounts of the treatment of children by the authorities in apartheid South Africa. For many, the impact of the policies of apartheid on children was first brought home by the reports of detention and even torture of children as young as 8 years old under the State of Emergency.

But the consequences for young people are much greater. Apartheid affects the education, the health care, and all other basic services which are designed to provide for the well-being and protection of children. And the impact of the policies of apartheid reach way beyond South Africa's borders. Children suffer directly and indirectly the effects of apartheid in Namibia and throughout the countries of the region — particularly in Angola and Mozambique.

But with the apartheid regime resorting to more and more draconian controls over media reporting it is even more vital that the world knows the truth about the treatment meted out to children in the name of apartheid.

In September 1987 in Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe, an International Conference was convened under the auspices of the Bishop Ambrose Reeves Trust (BART) on the theme 'Children, Repression and the Law in Apartheid South Africa'. It played a unique role in highlighting the plight of children in South and Southern Africa. Its significance was acknowledged by the Heads of Government of the Commonwealth at their Vancouver Summit the following month. The Commonwealth as a result of the Conference's findings, called upon *'the Pretoria regime to immediately open all its places of detention to regular international inspection and to provide an effective legal framework to guarantee to children the special protection to which their vulnerability entitles them.'* However to this day this appeal has gone unanswered.

The Harare Conference has stimulated an unprecedented movement across the world to mobilise action to defend and protect the children who are victims of apartheid. As a contribution to these efforts BART is organising — in conjunction with the SATIS Committee on Children — two national information tours on the theme Children & Apartheid. One in the late spring of 1989 and the other in the autumn.

The purpose of the National Information Tour is simple — to ensure that people across the length and breadth of Britain know the facts. The specific objects are:

- **to highlight** the plight of children in Southern Africa, in particular the nature of apartheid repression, and its effects on neighbouring Namibia and the Front Line States.
- **to publicise** the efforts made to protect and provide care and education in the Front Line States and elsewhere, in order to counter South Africa's policies.
- **to mobilise** support for the children of Southern Africa.

The first National Information Tour will cover the north of England and Scotland from the end of April for a month. There will be three keynote speakers from South Africa, Namibia and Mozambique with expert knowledge of the issues at stake. They will be accompanied in Britain by others involved in the issues including the human rights lawyer **Geoffrey Bindman; Jane Coker; Ethel de Keyser; Cllr Mike Pye; MPs Bob Hughes, Joan Lester and Janey Buchan MEP; paediatrician Dr Pamela Zinkin; journalist Victoria Brittain** (who with Abdul S Minty edited *Children of Resistance*) and **Glenys Kinnock.**

At the weekend there will be one-day seminars which will be held in Manchester, Sheffield, Edinburgh and Aberdeen. During the rest of the tour there will be meetings, visits to schools, colleges, universities, youth organisations, women's organisations, religious organisations, trade union centres and community centres.

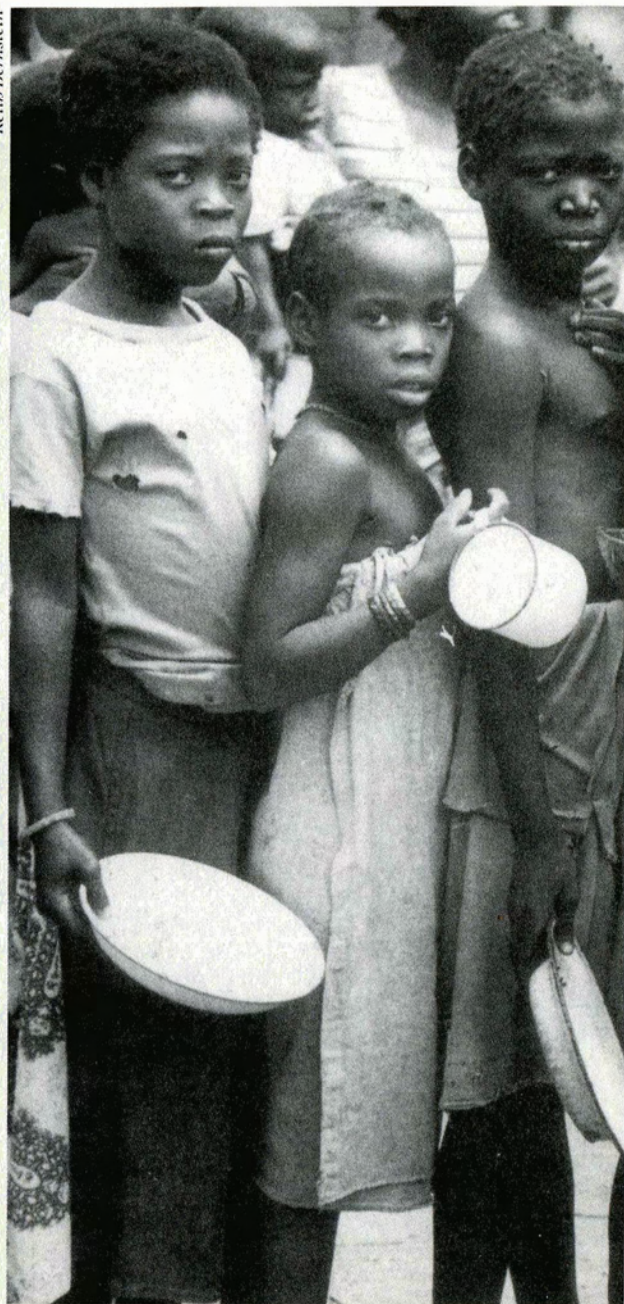
The tour is being funded by money received by BART from the Mandela Concert at Wembley Stadium in June 1988. This raised some £600,000 for projects for children in Southern Africa. It is hoped that this Information Tour will serve to generate even more funds for such projects.

The Bishop Ambrose Reeves Trust (BART) is a registered education charity with the main objective of promoting and disseminating knowledge and understanding of the theory and practice of apartheid. It finances a range of information and research projects.

The SATIS Committee on Children — originally known as the Harare Working Group was founded by the British participants at the Harare Conference. It campaigns to 'Free the Children from Apartheid'.

Southern Africa The Imprisoned Society (SATIS) exists to co-ordinate and promote campaigns against repression in South Africa and Namibia.

Keith Bornstein



Children in Mozambique are deliberate targets of terror attacks by the South African-backed MNR

APRIL 22 Sat **Manchester**
 One Day Seminar**
 St Peter's Chaplaincy

25 Tue **Liverpool**

26 Weds **Leeds**

27 Thu **Huddersfield**

28 Fri **York**

29 Sat **Sheffield**
 One Day Seminar**
 The Town Hall

MAY 2 Tue **Bradford**

3 Wed **Durham**

4 Thu **Newcastle**

6 Sat **Edinburgh**
 One Day Seminar**
 The Assembly Hall, The Mound

9 Tue **Fife**

10 Wed **St Andrew's**

11 Thu **Dundee**

12 Sat **Aberdeen**
 One Day Seminar**
 University Students Union, Broad Street

15 Mon **Stirling**

16 Tue **Ayr**

17 Wed **Glasgow**

**Indicates One Day Seminars 11am—4pm on the plight of children in South and Southern Africa.

Admission to the seminar will be:

£5.00 per individual representing an organisation

£3.00 per individual, waged/£1.50 unwaged

Cost will include Background Paper

There will be no charge for public meetings

The Information Tour will also consist of a series of public meetings at women's organisations, religious organisations, trade union centres, schools, colleges, universities, community centres.

For further information on what is happening in your area or any aspect of the tour, please contact Joni McDougall, Shailan Shah or Paul Brannen on 01-387 7966

Please send me:

- Further information on what is happening in my area which is _____
- Information on the work of the **SATIS** Committee on Children
- Further information on **BART**
- Further information on the **Anti-Apartheid Movement**
- Information on hire/purchase of **Any Child is My Child**, a video of the Harare Conference

For further information on children and apartheid, we also have the following publications:

- **Children of Resistance**
Statements from the Harare Conference
Edited by Victoria Brittain and Abdul S Minty
- **Free the Children From Apartheid Poster**
- **Children, Apartheid & Repression in Southern Africa**
Background papers to conference held in London, April 1988
- **Children, Apartheid & Repression in Namibia**
Background papers to seminar held in London, October 1988
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Background working paper for the Harare Conference

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