

Southern Africa- the imprisoned society



RTZ/ NAMIBIA



THREE MEMBERS OF the African National Congress, South Africa's leading liberation movement, are awaiting the result of an appeal against death sentences imposed for 'high treason'.

We are holding a public meeting on 15th September to consider the whole issue of political prisoners in South Africa (see enclosed leaflet).

We are also planning to take a coach or minibus to London on Saturday 18th to demonstrate outside South Africa House.

Can you support either or both of these events? We also need help in the week before the meeting to distribute leaflets from door-to-door. Contact 421209 for details.



NELSON MANDELA, the leader of the ANC who has been in South Africa's notorious Robben Island gaol since 1964, has been moved to a prison near Cape Town. The London Observer says this move may have been made in order to lessen his influence among other prisoners. He and other gaoled ANC leaders had been organising a large-scale educational scheme.

THIS YEAR'S **SOWETO WALK** was supported by 75 people and raised over £1,000 for the AAM and the ANC school in Tanzania. **THANKS EVERYONE.**

CRAIG GIBSON, Managing Director of the illegal RTZ Rossing uranium mine in Namibia, is to take up a post with RTZ Bristol in September.

RTZ is leading the way for other UK companies who are cashing in on Namibia's wealth. This is in defiance of the United Nations and the International Court of Justice. The stolen uranium supplies over half of the UK's needs.

WEEK OF ACTION

November 1-8 will see a week of national and international action against companies trading with South African-occupied Namibia. We will be supporting this week of action here in Bristol.

Shortly before the week, ex-Rossing worker Arthur Pickering will be speaking in Bristol (details to follow).

BRISTOL ANTI-APARTHEID is holding a series of educational meetings to bring members up to date with developments in Southern Africa, and the AAM response. The meetings will be quite informal, and the first topic, Namibia, will be introduced by a local group member.

This will be at **The Plough** (upstairs) Sevier Street, St. Werburghs on ~~Wednesday~~ 4th October at 8pm.

All members and supporters welcome.

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE supported the call for solidarity with 500 sacked Rowntree's workers in July. Bristol AA supporters decorated a float for the St. Paul's Carnival procession and ran a stall in the afternoon. Local MP Arthur Palmer was among the many people who signed a declaration of support for the sacked workers, and for the recognition of their union SAAWU.

The workers are all employees of Wilson-Rowntree, a subsidiary of the York-based chocolate firm. And on July 3rd there was a huge protest meeting outside the company's head office in York. This meeting was addressed by, among others, representatives of the trade unions inside the York factory.

There will be a National Conference of trade union delegates in London on November 27th. Any union branch is entitled to send a delegate to this conference, and further details can be obtained from AAM, 89 Charlotte St., London W1P 2DQ.

THIS YEAR'S Annual General Meeting will be held on December 3rd. All members will be notified in a later newsletter.

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DIARY OF EVENTS: AUTUMN 1982

9~~10~~ September Leafletting (meet Horley Rd. 7pm)
10 September Committee meeting
15 September Public meeting on Political Prisoners
St. Werburghs Centre, Horley Rd.,
Bristol 2, 7-30pm.
18 September Coach to London (South Africa House)
4 October Group meeting on Namibia, 8pm: The
Plough, Sevier St., St. Werburghs.
12 October Committee meeting
22 October Arthur Pickering, ex-Rossing worker,
speaking in Bristol (details later).
24 October National Anti-Apartheid Movement AGM
1-8 November National week of action against
British companies in Namibia.
13 November Bristol AA stall and collection in
Broadmead (help needed).
17 November Group meeting (details as 4 October)
27 November National Trade Union Conference.
3 December Bristol AA AGM (details to follow)

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