

SUPPORT THE ZIMBABWE FREEDOM STRUGGLE !

The Zimbabwean people have a right of self-determination - a right to decide their own future. We can help them by exposing racist lies in newspapers and on TV. But we can also actively campaign to stop British companies and the Labour government propping up the Smith regime, or attempting to install a black puppet government.

Support these demands:

1. Support the Freedom Fighters

The main force operating in Zimbabwe for majority rule is the liberation army. The victory of the armed struggle now in progress should be seen as a crucial element in the liberation of the country, rather than attempts to negotiate with Smith's regime. All such attempts under the auspices of British governments have been overwhelmingly rejected by the Zimbabwean population. Since the Labour government has always claimed to support majority rule it should demonstrate that it recognises the guerillas as freedom fighters, not as insurgents or terrorists.

2. No British government deals with Smith or Vorster

Vorster has no constructive role to play in bringing about majority rule in Zimbabwe, contrary to the image put over in the British media. As the most ruthless oppressor of black people in Southern Africa he has no interests in common with those struggling for liberation in Zimbabwe.

3. Stop recruitment of British mercenaries for Smith's army

4. Automatic asylum for whites and Asians who refuse military service in Smith's army and for all other Zimbabwean political refugees

5. No attempt to buy out Rhodesian settlers

6. Compensation for the peoples of the neighbouring countries who have suffered as a result of their support for the Zimbabwean struggle

7. Complete economic sanctions against Rhodesia and its South African ally

No more Labour government excuses for companies like British Petroleum (BP), BP and Shell to stop fuelling Rhodesia's war machine.

8. Full Trade Union rights for Zimbabwean workers

All means of solidarity and support should be taken up by British Trade Unions to aid the struggle of Zimbabwean workers for the rights of organisation, free speech and assembly within the workplace.

9. No military 'peace-keeping' intervention which infringes the Zimbabwean people's right to self-determination.

The organisations listed below have met to arrange a Week of Action on Zimbabwe from 9-14 May(see overleaf). From discussion the above nine demands emerged as campaigning points. They do not necessarily represent official policy of all organisations involved.

ZIMBABWE AD-HOC CAMPAIGN

Africa Students Union, Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation, Ethiopian Students Union(UK), Greenwich Anti-Apartheid, International Marxist Group, Institute of Race Relations, National Union of Zimbabwe Students, North East London Zimbabwe Aid, Northampton Southern Africa Group, Review of African Political Economy, Returned Volunteer Action, South East London Zimbabwe Aid, Southern Africa Solidarity Campaign, Student Christian Movement, Third World First, Young Liberals, World Development Movement, Zimbabwe Medical Aid.

SUPPORT THE ZIMBABWE WEEK OF ACTION

The present situation in the struggle to free Zimbabwe requires an increased response from activists in Britain. One major forum for such action is being created through plans for a Zimbabwe Week scheduled for 9-14 May. A number of organisations have agreed to take part and have established a co-ordinating group to promote activities. It is hoped that organisations will arrange joint activities on a local and national basis.

LOCAL MEETINGS:

Orders for speakers, literature and leaflets can be made through the Zimbabwe Ad Hoc Campaign telephone 01-607 1270. It is also likely that a Zimbabwe Drama Group will be available for performances of poetry, drama and song on the history of the struggle. Films and a pamphlet "Mozambique/Zimbabwe - One Struggle" price 20p. are available from Mozambique Solidarity Action, c/o MAGIC, 12 Little Newport Street, London WC2.

At present arrangements include:

THURSDAY 12 MAY:

Public Meeting. Organised by the Anti-Apartheid Movement. Westminster Hall. Details from A.A.M., 89 Charlotte Street, London W1.

FRIDAY 13 MAY:

Local pickets of administrative centres of Shell/BP whose oil has fuelled the illegal Smith regime. Shell/BP centres at: LONDON ABERDEEN BELFAST BIRMINGHAM BRISTOL CARDIFF GLASGOW IPSWICH LEEDS MANCHESTER NEWCASTLE SOUTHAMPTON SURBITON WATFORD

SATURDAY 14 MAY:

TO A FREE ZIMBABWE: Drama, poems, songs, films, literature, poster/photographic display, material aid projects, a Zimbabwe forum, food, coffee, social. From 2:00 p.m. Small entrance fee. Venue to be announced; contact Zimbabwe Ad Hoc Campaign.

Watch for advertisements giving fuller details.

For background material for the Shell/BP picket, posters advertising events and

FOR ALL FURTHER DETAILS PHONE 01-607 1270 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. OR

WRITE TO ZIMBABWE AD HOC CAMPAIGN c/o 247 Pentonville Road, London N.1.

When you have contacted other organisations in your area, please get in touch to tell us what activities you can arrange. Donations to help cover campaign costs c/o the above address would also be appreciated. Cheques, PO's payable to ZIMBABWE CAMPAIGN.