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BIRMINGHAM ANTI-APARTHEID



The Council House

Victoria Square
Birmingham

19th September 1987

(registration at 9.30am)

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Southern Africa

A LABOUR MOVEMENT CONFERENCE

is an opportunity to find out the facts about the apartheid system of South Africa.

Apartheid, for the black majority in South Africa means

- No freedom to vote
- No freedom to travel
- No freedom of speech
- No freedom of the press
- No freedom of assembly, no peace or justice in the land of their birth

Apartheid is legalised racism

Apartheid for the Namibian people means

- Over 100,000 troops illegally occupying their country
- Martial law affecting 1½ million people
- Armed South African forces torturing and terrorising the country's people

The situation in South Africa is crucial. Thousands of anti-apartheid activists, trade unionists, community leaders, even children have been detained under Botha's second state of emergency. The 1987 whites-only election results endorse Botha's intention to organise increased repression.

The British Government has remained one of Botha's best allies by refusing to implement mandatory sanctions and to isolate apartheid. British companies account for 40% of the total foreign investment in the country — some £6 billion. Many well-known West Midlands firms have connections with Southern Africa.

The working people of Southern Africa have made it clear that they are prepared to suffer and accept that it might mean sacrifices. They have asked British working people to heed their call for solidarity and to work for sanctions. This conference is a step in that direction.

The aims of the Conference are:

- to stimulate support for the Liberation Movements of Southern Africa and Namibia
- to promote the non-racial trade union COSATU and its affiliates through its representative SACTU
- to create organised links between the Labour Movement and the Anti-Apartheid Movement
- to bring to your attention the campaigns of the AAM
 - to free political prisoners
 - to make contact with the new trade union movement
 - organise material aid
 - to impose people's sanctions

NATIONAL ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT DEMONSTRATION FOR SANCTIONS

Saturday 24th October

Please send details and publicity materials
for this event to

Name/organisation

Address

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We are interested in affiliating to the Anti-Apartheid Movement. Please tick

APPLICATION FOR CREDENTIALS

Organisation
Secretary
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Enclosed delegation fees at £4 each (cheques made payable to Birmingham AAM) £

Enclosed donation to offset costs of printing, publicity and postage £

Name(s) of delegates (maximum four)

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Please attach addresses to which delegates' information should be sent.
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Please tear off and return to "Southern Africa Labour Movement Conference" Birmingham AAM c/o 7 Frederick Street, Hockley, Birmingham, B1 3HE

Speakers invited from

- ★ African National Congress
- ★ South African Congress of Trade Unions
- ★ South West African People's Organisation
- ★ Clare Short MP for Ladywood
- ★ Rail Against Apartheid
- ★ Women Against Pit Closures
- ★ Geraldine Egan, Birmingham Trades Council

Workshops include

- ★ Building solidarity with South African Trades Unions
- ★ Free All Political Prisoners and Detainees
- ★ "No fuel for Apartheid"
- ★ Building the Boycott Campaign
- ★ Building an Apartheid Free Zone

AND in addition

separate sessions for the following sections

Shopworkers, transport workers, teachers, shop floor and building workers, health workers, public sector workers, mining and engineering, Labour Party activists and black activists.

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