

TIME TO ACT!



There has never been a more important time to act against apartheid.

In South Africa:



Picture by Tim Jarvis

Banners in Solidarity with SWAPO and ANC on June 28th

Over 2000 dead in two years;
8501 officially detained since June 12th - possibly half as many again in reality;
New levels of terrifying brutality and repression
- Babies teargassed
- Children shot
- Trade unionists disappearing"
- Political activists assassinated

In Namibia:

110,000 South African troops illegally in occupation;
A war raging in the northern part of the country between SWAPO and South African troops;
A state of emergency declared 7 years ago still in force.



Picture by Jez Coulson/IFL

Ron Todd (TGWU) David Williams (COHSE) Brenda Dean (SOGAT 82) on the vigil outside August's Commonwealth Conference.

In Angola

Botswana

Lesotho

Mozambique

Swaziland

Zambia

Zimbabwe:

A sustained systematic campaign of destabilisation, terrorism and sabotage, by economic and military means;

And in Britain:

A growing campaign for comprehensive mandatory sanctions, with the Prime Minister and her government totally ignoring public opinion in this country, cruelly disregarding the wishes of people oppressed by apartheid and shaming Britain in the eyes of the world in failing to support moves for comprehensive mandatory sanctions against South Africa at

- the United Nations
- the European Community
- the Commonwealth

What can we do to respond to the appeal from the peoples of South Africa and Namibia to isolate apartheid?

36 national trade unions are affiliated to the Anti-Apartheid Movement. They are: AEU, ASLEF, ACTT, APEX, ASTMS, BFAWU, BIFU, BETA, CPSA, CSU, COHSE, FBU, FTAT, GMBATU, IRSF, IPCS, MU, NALGO, NATFHE, NCU, NGA, NUM, NUPE, NUR, NUS, NUTGW, NUT, SCPS, SOGAT 82, STE, TASS, TGWU, UCW, UCATT and USDAW.

If the government won't act against apartheid, then the people of Britain must, and no sector is more important than the trade union movement.

Since the 1985 TUC Congress, with its policy of support for "people's sanctions", there has been a dramatic increase in Anti-Apartheid activity: Two mass demonstrations, the latest being the massive "March for Freedom" with 250,000 participants, local authority action up and down the country, a mass lobby of parliament, and, action around the Commonwealth summit in London. The last two of these events have featured AAM co-operation with the TUC and a number of other bodies.

Trade unionists have taken action over the heads of government: Southampton dockers preventing an illegal export of arms going to South Africa, NUPE workers at Portsmouth boycotting apartheid goods, NUS members in the Shetlands and Orkneys doing the same and IPCS staff at the British Libraries refusing to process South African requests.

But now people in Southern Africa are counting on us more than ever. So what can you do?

Ideas for action

- * Boycott the products of apartheid - look at the label;
- * Don't bank with Barclays, the main bank of apartheid;
- * Don't invest in apartheid - withdraw investments and pension funds from South African or apartheid connected companies;
- * No lifelines for apartheid - Find out what apartheid connections your workplace has - and then fight to expose and break those links;
- * Lobby your MP to support comprehensive sanctions against apartheid, and for the Government to implement those measures to which it has already agreed;
- * Boycott Shell products;
- * Mobilise for the Namibia Week of Action, October 27th to November 2nd.

This is just a start. The list of activities is very long. And in opposing apartheid and supporting the cause of freedom in Southern Africa, you will be joining the 8000 national members, 30000 local and student members, 140 local groups, 36 national trade unions (representing 93% of the TUC's membership) and over 600 branches and trades councils already in membership of the Anti-Apartheid Movement.

Don't hesitate - join today

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Joint membership (2 people at same address)	£12
Individuals £9 Students £5.50 Unwaged	£3.50
Trade Union Branches £12 Regional Councils	£30

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