

UW DROP THE HOLDINGS! RSB CHALLENGES UW TO A DEBATE!

On Thursday, May 5th, the Revolutionary Student Brigade and the African Liberation Support Committee challenged the University to have the nerve to get up and debate in front of the students and defend their murderous policy of investing in robbery and racism in southern Africa. We challenge Eddie Young and his boys to defend their investments of millions of dollars in large corporations like GM and IBM that prop up white minority rule in southern Africa.

Almost every day the newspapers brings reports of the struggle in southern Africa growing stronger-- over the past week thousands of students have demonstrated in Soweto to protest rent increases imposed by the minority government. At the same time here in the U.S. more and more people have seen that the fight of the African people is a just one and have come forward to oppose the continuing attempts of the U.S. to keep the struggle down. As a part of this growing movement students at U.W. have rallied together to oppose the University's holdings. This was clearly demonstrated in the WSA election when over 2/3 of those participating voted that the U.W. should drop its holdings now. In April a group of students went to confront the Board of Regents saying students stand side by side with the fight of blacks in southern Africa and we have nothing in common with the U.S. corporations and the U.W. fatcats that oppress the people of southern Africa.

The response of the University to this was a statement that is not only an insult to our intelligence but an attack on the African people. The essence of their statement was that they approved the continued plunder of southern Africa by the large corporations. Their justification: "American owned industrial firms operating in South Africa provide employment for substantial numbers of people, including blacks, which would otherwise be unemployed... A reduction or elimination of U.S. corporate investment in South Africa would probably extend the life of the apartheid system rather than accelerate its removal."

This is a pretty thin cover for the U.S. role in southern Africa. What kind of employment is slaving away in a factory for under 50¢ an hour? And would the regents be so kind as to explain how, the U.S. corporations which have propped up the South African regime since 1960 because they saw their chance to grab superprofits out of the sweat and labor of the African people, are going to accelerate the removal of white minority rule? In fact, the Regents and their public relations propagandists couldn't have been more blatant if they tried to tell us that slavery in the U.S. had been a good thing because it meant full employment for Blacks!

This line of lies the U.W. tried to put over on us is right in keeping with the phoney garbage their rich friends in the government have been spewing out. The chief spokesmen for their class, Jimmy Carter and Andrew Young are constantly busy running off at the mouth about freedom and human rights in front of the T.V. cameras.

But, as the old cliché goes, actions speak louder than words. The rich class that old J.C. & co. represents have been responsible for ten million unemployed and wars not fought in our interest like Vietnam. And what better proof that the rich aren't out to end minority rule in southern Africa than 400 years of oppression of Black people in this country!

What Jimmy & co. are really sweating about is how to preserve the \$1.6 billion that U.S. corporations have invested in southern Africa. All their fancy human rights rap represents is their desperate need to sell their schemes to the American and African people as the real nature of their African involvement gets more exposed.

Its more certain every day that they're frantically trying to maintain their hold on southern Africa. The people have been rising up in an unprecedented way the past year to boot the U.S. and their lackeys out. The contention between the U.S. and their imperialist archrivals, the Soviet Union, is growing sharper as the Soviets, pretending to be socialist and in favor of liberation, make greater inroads into Africa. But as the African people grow stronger in their struggle, so does their determination not to replace one set of imperialist slavemasters for another.

We in this country won't be fooled by the Carter/Young plans any more than the African people are, or any more than we are by the Board of Regents statement. People of all nationalities in this country are standing up to say that we stand shoulder to shoulder with the freedom fighters of southern Africa in their struggle. A victory for the African people is a major break in the chain of oppression that the rich who rule use to enslave millions. And we can help break that chain.

We can battle them here at the U.W., inch for inch around their holdings in southern Africa. And we can join thousands of other, Black and white, to march on the White House May 28th, African Liberation Day. As we take up these battles we'll be saying loud and clear that we want the U.S. out of southern Africa now and VICTORY TO THE AFRICAN PEOPLE!

REVOLUTIONARY STUDENT BRIGADE & AFRICAN LIBERATION DAY COALITION

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