

STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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A Message from Chairman H. Rap Brown

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Black communities throughout the United States:

Our brothers and sisters in South Africa have launched an armed revolutionary struggle against the fascists, illegal white governments of Rhodesia and South Africa. In Rhodesia some 250,000 whites are suppressing the rights of 4 million blacks. In South Africa for over fifty years some 2 million whites have brutally suppressed the right of self-determination of the African majority. But the revolutionary armed struggle has begun and we shall win.

The hour has come when we must support our blood brothers. We cannot sit back and wait until the United States has sent troops to Rhodesia and South Africa. Already in South Africa it is the heavy investment of United States capital that makes this regime stay in power.

You must help!

You must help now!

We cannot wait!

What you must do!

1. Educate yourself about the nature of the involvement of the United States and other Western Powers in helping to maintain racism, colonialism and apartheid in South Africa. Organize yourselves as a Committee of One to educate your neighbors about the nature of the struggle and what they must do now to help the armed struggle in South Africa. Brothers, we cannot wait, for the struggle will be long and bitter and we must begin to help now.
2. Collect and send money immediately to: Oliver Tambo, President, African National Congress, P.O. Box 2239, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. You must send money quickly.
3. Collect and send medical supplies to President Tambo at the same address. Do it now!
4. Remember that the struggle against racism, colonialism and apartheid is an indivisible struggle. Armed revolutionary action is occurring throughout Southern Africa — Mozambique, Angola, South Africa and South West Africa. This issue will soon be brought before the Security Council of the United Nations and even the General Assembly. Do not stand aloof from the debates. Dress in your national African dress, go to the United Nations, hear and participate in the discussions. Too long we as Africans in the United States have failed to show solidarity with our African brothers on the continent. We the Overseas Africans must realize that we can do something and our presence at the United Nations is an expression of solidarity which is important for the morale of the brothers fighting the guerrilla war in Southern Africa.



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5. If you are in school, stay there and learn industrial skills that are needed in African countries and will be needed once the liberation of Southern Africa has been accomplished. If you are out of school, get back in and learn the sciences, learn engineering, learn medicine. Africa needs technical help and we must use this white man's schools to help our brothers in Africa. when they ask for us. We must be prepared. There is some meaning to our lives when we realize that we can today go back to Africa.
6. Support Snick. Send contributions to 100 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y., Rm 803. SNCC has voted to help the liberation struggle and it is going to help directly the liberation struggles occurring in all parts of Southern Africa. But SNCC has been under intense pressure and the whites in this country are trying to destroy it. They are going to even try harder now that we are actively supporting the liberations movements in Southern Africa. SNICK MUST NOT FALL. Send some money today! Also, we must support CORE.
7. Prepare yourself psychologically for the day when we may all have to go fight in South Africa, for the apartheid system is so vicious and is backed by all the Western Powers especially the United States that those of us who have been trained to fight in Vietnam, for example, and do not want to fight and live in this country may very soon have to form a BLACK INTERNATIONAL AND RETURN TO AFRICA TO FIGHT OR DIE FOR THE LIBERATION OF THE MOTHER COUNTRY. AFRICA IS OUR HOME.

ONE AFRICA, ONE PEOPLE