

**Where would Britain's
balance of payments be
without them?**



The government should give the 69 black South Africans murdered at Sharpeville in 1960 a posthumous Queen's Award for encouraging exports.

Since that date, a worried white South Africa has been knocking on Britain's door asking for military aid like never before. Millions of pounds worth of guns, bullets, planes, and the like, have left this country to help enforce the apartheid system.

(A system in which Britain has a capital investment of £1,500 millions. South Africa is also our third largest export customer.)

You would think that a United Nations arms embargo didn't exist. And, in practice, it doesn't.

Labour's election manifesto said that they will continue to support this embargo. Yet, as The Times pointed out on 25 May this year, "... the Labour government still struggles to increase the export of some types of arms to South Africa."

Some struggle.

The government simply sits by and allows this country to supply South Africa with:

Training facilities for soldiers and policemen.

Nuclear help.

Naval cooperation under the Simons-town agreement.

Capital to build arms factories.

Spare parts for weapons.

Radar equipment.

And, during 1964-65, 16 Buccaneer aircraft. (Now being used against the African resistance movement in Rhodesia.)

So much for Labour's election promise to continue to support an embargo they've been ingeniously sidestepping for six years.

The Conservatives, on the other hand, will abandon the embargo altogether, and strengthen the Simonstown agreement even further.

(Not surprising. 32 Conservative MP's are directors of companies with subsidiaries in South Africa.

Again THE TIMES on 10 October last year, "it is hard to avoid the suspicion that the Conservative party is . . . mortgaged to the obviously partisan attitudes of those people who have investments in South Africa.")

Whatever the results of the election, British military help will continue to flow to white South Africa.

It seems sad to us that, presented with the two largest alternatives at an election, your vote is also a vote for Britain to continue to underwrite apartheid.

Hopefully, we may one day have a government pledged *genuinely* to oppose white South Africa.

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