

ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA' RALLY IN HYDE PARK SUNDAY 21 MARCH 3PM

(near Speakers Corner)

11th anniversary of Sharpeville Massacre

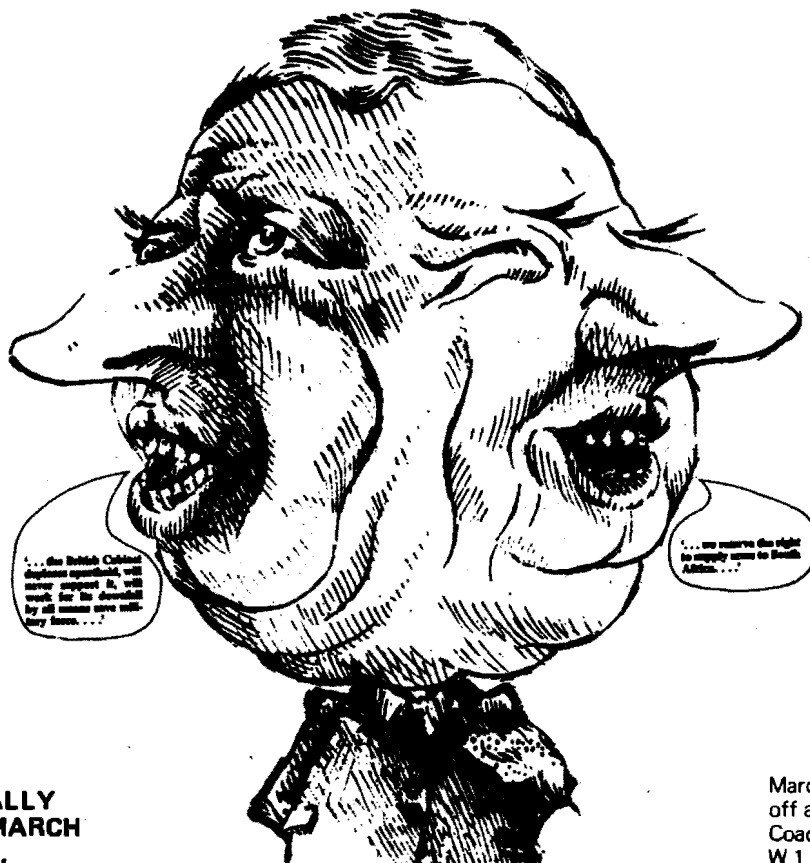
Speakers include:

Ambrose Reeves
Bishop of Johannesburg at the time of Sharpeville

Stan Newens
Chairman of Liberation
Joan Lestor MP

and Graham Chapman (from Monty Python's Flying Circus)
and others on Conservative and Labour Governments'
policies and practices on arms to apartheid South Africa

Organised by the ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT in conjunction with UNSA and LIBERATION



STOP THE WASP

MARCH AND RALLY
SATURDAY 20 MARCH
at HAYES, Middx.

March gathers at Botwell Green, Central Hayes, and moves
off at 2.30 pm
Coaches from outside AAM Office, 89 Charlotte Street,
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On 21 March 1960 a crowd of African men, women and children assembled in peaceful protest against the notorious 'Pass Laws'. Without warning, the police suddenly fired into the crowd killing 69 people and wounding 180. Many were shot in the back as they fled from this assault. News of the massacre rang throughout the world and shocked international opinion into a greater awareness of the horrors of apartheid South Africa.

More than 600,000 people are arrested each year under the 'Pass Laws'. These laws require every African over the age of 16 to carry a Pass at all times — recording identity, permitted place of residence, record of employment and payment of taxes. If it cannot be produced on demand, arrest follows. Families are broken up, innocent civilians terrorised: all this in the name of influx control.

And in the years since Sharpeville, apartheid has become far more savage, both in the laws that have been enacted and in their application. Those who speak out against apartheid can now be detained indefinitely under the Terrorism Act (passed in 1967) and suffer the horrors of torture and protracted interrogation. Under the Bureau of State Security (BOSS), established in 1969, there is little chance of exposing such cruelty and injustice either in the courts or in the press.

Recently there have been press reports of a sweep of arrests under the Terrorism Act; the sentencing of Winnie Mandela to a year's imprisonment for breaking a 'banning order' (the banning order decrees that she is not to see more than one person at a time and she was in fact visited by two — her sister and her sister's child); the arrest of the Dean of Johannesburg, now on bail awaiting trial; the refusal to allow Robert Sobukwe and Shanti Naidoo to leave the magisterial districts to which they are confined in order to avail themselves of exit permits which they were granted to leave South Africa; and the police shooting into a crowd of 40,000 Coloured people gathered in protest against an increase in bus fares and against the Group Areas Act which has deprived many of their homes and livelihoods.

Yet resistance to apartheid continues. Throughout Southern Africa the people are arming themselves to fight for their freedom and they are heartened by demonstrations overseas in support of their cause and against any collaboration with apartheid.

With the announcement in the House of Commons of the sale of the Westland Wasp helicopter to apartheid South Africa, the British Government confirms its support for the status quo within that country.

We in Britain have a major task ahead of us to stop this collaboration with apartheid.