

**ANTI-APARTHEID
MOVEMENT**



**NATIONAL
BOYCOTT
CONFERENCE**

**11am to
5.30pm**

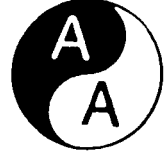
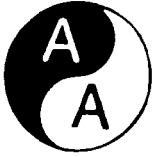
SAT 9th FEB '85

Camden Town Hall, Bidborough St., London NW1

REGISTRATION FORM

Please return this form, if possible before 28 January 1985, to:

The Anti-Apartheid Movement
'Boycott Conference'
13 Mandela Street
London NW1 0DW
Tel: 01-387 7966



NATIONAL BOYCOTT CONFERENCE SATURDAY 9 FEBRUARY 1985

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ADDRESS (for documentation, final agenda, etc)
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A creche will be available. If you wish to make use of this facility, please indicate the number of children, in the box provided.

If you have a disability, please tick the box and inform us of your name and any special facility you will require below:

NAME REQUIREMENT

If there is an additional discussion group/action workshop you would like to see on the agenda, please fill in below:
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I enclose with this form:

Registration Fees (£3 / £2 unwaged)	£.....
Cost of (no) Boycott Kits (£1 each)	£.....
Donation to the Anti-Apartheid Movement	£.....
TOTAL	£.....

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P R O G R A M M E

10.30 — 11.00	Registration
11.00 — 12.15	Opening Plenary Session
12.15 — 1.30	Discussion Groups to consider campaigns against imports from South Africa and Namibia: (A) Canned goods (B) Fruit and vegetables (C) Textiles (D) Wines and spirits (E) Ford P100s and other industrial products (F) Uranium (G) Gold, diamonds and other precious metals (H) Coal and other mining products
1.30 — 2.30	Lunch
2.30 — 3.45	Action Workshops (I) Local and public authority action (II) Consumer action (III) Trade union action (IV) Action on advertising and promotion (V) Civil service action (VI) Action in the transport sector (VII) Action in the co-operative movement
3.45 — 4.30	Plenary Session with reports back and plans for the Month of Boycott in March 1985
4.30 — 4.45	Coffee
4.45 — 5.30	Closing Plenary Session



- **HAVE WE MISSED SOMETHING?** If there is a subject for a discussion group or action workshop that you would like to be added to the agenda, please complete the appropriate space on the registration form — we will try to accommodate as many preferences as possible.
- Registration for the conference is £3.00 (£2.00 unwaged), which includes coffee during the afternoon session. A creche will be available; there is access for people with disabilities, and other special facilities will be made available on request. The conference will be open to individuals and representatives of organisations who support the aims of the Anti-Apartheid Movement.
- A Boycott Kit is available from the AAM (price £1), which includes extensive briefing material.

BOYCOTT PRODUCTS OF APARTHEID

The Anti-Apartheid Movement has convened this national conference to provide an opportunity for anti-apartheid activists and representatives of organisations to come together to plan and organise a massive campaign against imports from South Africa and Namibia.

It will examine the range of different products now being imported from both South African-occupied Namibia as well as apartheid South Africa itself, and where and how they are being distributed and sold in Britain. It will consider the possibilities for action by a wide variety of groups in the community.

The conference is the first major national event since the AAM relaunched the Boycott Campaign on 26 June 1984. It is designed to lay the basis for the Month of Boycott in March 1985.

The boycott was originally launched in 1959 in response to the appeal of Chief Albert Luthuli, President of the African National Congress and the first African to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. In the past 25 years there has been tremendous progress internationally with the great majority of nations imposing the boycott and all but a handful (including however, it must be stressed, all the major western powers) willing to apply United Nations mandatory economic sanctions should they be imposed. In Britain there has been progress, too. Public attitudes have changed. A recent Gallup poll for the *Daily Telegraph* revealed, for example, that in 1960 South African products tied eighth place as the most popular. Today they are the third most unpopular. Numerous institutions have imposed the boycott, including over 50 local authorities as well as three of the largest purchasing authorities in the country. The co-operative movement has taken action to curb the sale of products of apartheid, and most recently the Hepworth/Next group decided to terminate imports of textiles from South Africa following major AAM campaigns.

But Britain is one of South Africa's major trading partners, importing £827 million of goods from South Africa and Namibia during 1983. The British government refuses to take any effective action against apartheid South Africa, and so it is our task, in the words of the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize winner, Bishop Desmond Tutu, to

'help create a moral climate such that it will be impossible for any British government, Labour or Conservative, to collaborate with the perpetrators of apartheid.'

By boycotting products of apartheid we are casting a vote *against* British collaboration and *for* sanctions. The National Boycott Conference will provide a unique opportunity to intensify the campaign to isolate apartheid South Africa.