

Doesn't the Fur Industry have enough on its conscience without entering into illegal trading?

The SWAKARA industry in Namibia (South West Africa) is exporting skins illegally.

It is illegal to sell them in Britain, it is illegal for you to buy them.

Both member and non-member countries of the U.N. have been instructed to abstain from entering into all forms of economic relationship and dealings with South Africa, on behalf of Namibia.

In 1966 the U.N. General Assembly withdrew from South Africa the mandate over Namibia.

Again in 1970 the Security Council passed a resolution calling on South Africa to withdraw its administration.

In 1971 the International Court of Justice, in an advisory opinion to the Security Council, declared "South Africa is under obligation to withdraw its administration from Namibia immediately."

The Mandate dictates that South Africa's administration must ensure the moral well being and social progress of the peoples of Namibia.

This has been totally ignored.

The South African regime has exploited the labour of the Namibian people, and denied them all human rights.

They cannot vote. They cannot live where they work. They cannot move freely from one part of the country to another.

They are denied the right to equal education with whites. They are denied equal job opportunities.

They do not have the right to strike, or to organise together for collective bargaining.

These are only some of the injustices heaped out by the racist South Africans.

Half of the land in Namibia is owned by whites. The Africans who outnumber them 7 to 1 occupy one quarter. The government owns the rest.

African workers on Karakul farms are expected to survive on wages averaging £10 a month. The conditions they are forced to work under are among the worst in Namibia.

This is where nearly half the world's supply of Karakul comes from. In 1971 Namibia exported 3.5 million pelts.

The only people to profit from this were SWAKARA and the three London based companies which have exclusive marketing contracts.

You too can profit from the conditions the racist administration in South Africa forces Namibians to work under.

You can defy the United Nations, and the World Court.

You can take an active part in the illegal sale of Karakul pelts from Namibia.

But with world opinion already opposed to any dealings with the South African regime, together with all the unfavourable publicity the Fur Industry gets itself already, it would seem pretty unnecessary to remind you what the consequences would be.